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China in South Asia

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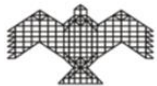
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**The Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies,
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala***in collaboration with***University of Madras & Pondicherry University**

08-09 July 2024

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala

08 JULY 2024, MONDAY**1030-1200 hrs: Inaugural Session****Welcome, Introduction &
Keynote Address**National Institute of
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University,***Prof Utham Kumar Jamadhagni***Head, Department of Defence and
Strategic Studies, University of Madras,
Chennai*

Inauguration of the Workshop

Dr C T Aravindakumar

Vice-Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala

1100-1130 hrs: Keynote Address

“China in South Asia: A Reality Check”

Lt Gen (retd) Dr S L Narasimhan, PVSM, AVSM, VSM

1130-1200 hrs: Q&A

1200-1230 hrs: Tea

1230-1330 hrs: Session I

Chinese Investments in Pakistan

A Case Study of CPEC-I

*Rohini Reenum
NIAS, Bengaluru*

A Case Study of Chinese Energy Projects

*Mugdha Chaturvedi
Pandit Deendayal Energy University,
Gujarat*

A Case Study of Gwadar

*Ken B Varghese
Madras Christian College, Tamil Nadu*

A Case Study of Afghanistan: Economy

Dhriti Mukherjee, NIAS

Discussant

*Sreelakshmi V
PhD Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi University,
Kerala*

Q&A

1330-1430 hrs: Lunch

1430-1545 hrs: Session-II Chinese Investments in Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh

A Case Study of Nepal

*Cris Fernando
St Joseph's University, Bengaluru*

A Case Study of Bhutan

*Govind Anoop
St Joseph's University, Bengaluru*

A Case Study of Bangladesh

*Ayan Datta
University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad*

Discussants

*Dr Nischal Pandey
Director of the Centre for South Asian
Studies*

&

*Mr Asish Banik
Deputy Director, Bangladesh Enterprise
Institute, Bangladesh*

1545-1615 hrs: Tea

1615-1730 hrs: Session-III Chinese Investments in Sri Lanka and the Maldives

A Case Study of Sri Lanka

*Vertiselvi Baskaran
NIAS, Bengaluru*

A Case Study of Sri Lanka

*Kavithasri M
Pondicherry University, Pondicherry*

A Case Study of Maldives

*Prithviraj Murugan
Central University of Kerala, Kerala*

Discussant

*Sreelakshmi V
PhD Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi University,
Kerala*

09 JULY 2024, TUESDAY

0900-1030 hrs: Session-IV
**China and India: Politics, Trade,
 Investments and Case Studies**

0900-1030 hrs

State of Politics

Femy Francis
 NIAS, Bengaluru

State of Trade and Investments

Sayeka Ghosh
 St Joseph's College, Bengaluru

A Case Study of Kerala

Anu Maria Joseph
 NIAS, Bengaluru
 &
 Neha Teresa George
 Madras Christian College, Tamil Nadu

A Case Study of Tamil Nadu

Padmashree Anandhan
 NIAS, Bengaluru

A Case Study of Gujarat

Ronakk Tijoriwala
 Pandit Deendayal Energy University,
 Gujarat

Discussant

Mohammed Suhail C
 PhD Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi University,
 Kerala

Q & A

1030-1100 hrs: Tea

About the participants

Anu Maria Joseph is a Research Associate at NIAS. She is the Assistant Editor of Conflict Weekly and Africa Monitor. Her areas of interest include peace and conflict issues in the Horn of Africa.

Ayan Datta is a Master's Student at the University of Hyderabad, Department of Political Science. His research interests are security studies and conflicts in the Middle East.

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About Partner Institutions

The Institute for Contemporary Chinese Studies (ICSS) was established by the Mahatma Gandhi University in 2011 under the UGC Area Studies Programme with a view to promoting teaching, research, and collaborative programmes on China and China-India studies in a comparative analytical mode that shall generate knowledge and information on these societies.



The Department of Defence and Strategic

Studies at the University of Madras aims to Capacity building among the younger generation in critical analysis of strategic and security issues and offers a forum for constant interaction between military professionals, and academics to develop a strategic culture



University of Madras

The UMISARC, Centre for South Asian

Studies at Pondicherry University aims to provide cutting-edge knowledge of South Asian an interdisciplinary perspective. Students are expected not only to develop a broad knowledge base to critically understand contentious issues concerning South Asia but also to offer a holistic perspective to address them and contribute towards promoting peace and cooperation in the region.



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