



1ST CONFERENCE ON

CHINA'S DOMESTIC GOVERNANCE

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1: FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2022

INAUGURAL SESSION
1330 - 1400 Hours

Remarks: Amb. Kishan S. Rana, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Emeritus Professor, DiploFoundation, Malta and Geneva.

Remarks: Yamini Aiyar, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.

SESSION I: SUBNATIONAL/LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN CHINA
1400 - 1545 Hours

Chair: Prof. Subrata K. Mitra, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg and Adjunct Professor, Dublin City University (DCU), Dublin.

Speakers:

Prof. Zhang Dong, Assistant Professor, Division of Social Science, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong.

Top-Down Accountability, Social Unrest, and Anti-Corruption in China

Dr. Ritu Agarwal, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

Agribusiness Companies and Peasant Differentiation in China: A Case Study of Dounan Flower Market, Chenggong County, Yunnan Province, China

Amb. Kishan S. Rana, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Emeritus Professor, DiploFoundation, Malta and Geneva.

Sub-State Delegation and Governance in China: Three Facets

Discussant: Dr. Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi; Associate Professor, Sociology and Anthropology, Ashoka University, Sonipat.

1545 – 1600 Hours: BREAK

SESSION II: DOMESTIC ECONOMY OF CHINA

1600 – 1745 Hours

Chair: Dr. Aravind Yelery, Senior Research Fellow, Peking University, Beijing/Shenzhen.

Speakers:

Prof. Shenghao Zhu, Professor, School of International Trade and Economics, University of International Business and Economics, Beijing.

Income and Wealth Disparity and China Dream

Prof. Kristy Tsun-Tzu Hsu, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taipei.

The Factor of Labour Productivity in China's Domestic Economic Governance and its Effects

Dr. Avinash Godbole, Associate Professor and Assistant Academic Dean, Jindal School of Arts & Humanities, Jindal Global University, Sonipat.

China's Domestic Economic Strategy since Covid

Discussant: Prof. Vamsi Vakulabharanam, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

1745 – 1800 Hours: BREAK

SESSION III: THE PARTY IN PRIMACY

1800 – 1945 Hours

Chair: Prof. Rodionov Aleksei, Senior Deputy Dean, Faculty of Asian and African Studies, St. Petersburg University, St. Petersburg.

Speakers:

Dr. Guo Wu, Associate Professor of History, Allegheny College, Pennsylvania.

“Historical Nihilism” or Historical Authentication: The Public Scepticism of the Party-State Narrative on “Heroes” in Early 21st Century China

Ms. Hannah Lund, freelance writer, critic and translator, Shanghai.

Othering the Stage: How Changing Macbeth Adaptations and Immersive Theatre Have Provided Inspiration and Spaces for Political Thought in China

Dr. Hemant Adlakha, Associate Professor, Chinese, Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS), School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies (SLL & CS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Vice-Chairperson and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; **Ms. Tanvi Negi**, Assistant Professor, Chinese, Doon University, Dehradun; Doctoral Candidate, CCSEAS, SLL & CS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; **Ms. Gargi Chaturvedi**, Doctoral Candidate, CCSEAS, SLL & CS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Literature under Xi Jinping

Discussant: Dr. Usha Chandran, Assistant Professor, Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

DAY 2: SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2022

SESSION IV: GOVERNANCE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN CHINA 1430 – 1615 Hours

Chair: Mr. Ravi Bhoothalingam, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Founder and Chairman, Manas Advisory, Gurgaon.

Speakers:

Prof. Chen Dongmin, Dean/Professor, School of Innovation & Entrepreneurship and Director, Office of Science & Technology Development, Peking University, Beijing.

Reshaping China’s Science & Technology and Innovation System in a Turbulent Time

Prof. Stéphanie Balme, Research Professor, Sciences Po, Dean of Sciences Po Undergraduate Studies (Collège Universitaire), Paris; Visiting Professor, Ashoka University, Sonapat and former Visiting Professor, Tsinghua University, Beijing and Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. (TBC)

Can an Isolated China Meet Her Scientific Dream?

Prof. V. S. Ramamurthy, Emeritus Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru.

Breaking the Glass Ceiling: China's Emergence as a Global Player in Science, Technology and Innovation

Discussant: Prof. Rakesh Basant, former Professor of Economics and JSW Professor of Innovation and Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.

1615 – 1630 Hours: BREAK

SESSION V: NEW TRENDS IN PLA AND ITS ROLE IN GOVERNANCE
1630 – 1815 Hours

Chair: Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Prakash Menon PVSM AVSM VSM, Director, Strategic Studies, The Takshashila Institution and Adjunct Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru; former Military Adviser, National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India.

Speakers:

Lt. Gen. S. L. Narasimhan PVSM AVSM* VSM, Member, National Security Advisory Board and Director General, Centre for Contemporary China Studies, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Central National Security Commission (TBC)

Prof. Arthur Ding, Professor Emeritus, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University, Taipei.

Consolidation of Power? Re-institutionalization?: People's Armed Police under Xi Jinping's Rein

Prof. Daniel C. Mattingly, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University, Connecticut.

How the Party Commands the Gun: The Foreign-Domestic Threat Dilemma in China

Discussant: Mr. Manoj Kewalramani, Chairperson of the Indo-Pacific Research Programme & Fellow-China Studies, The Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru; Senior Associate (Non-Resident), Freeman Chair in China Studies, Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), Washington D.C.

1815 – 1830 Hours: BREAK

SESSION VI: DOMESTIC IMPERATIVES OF CHINA'S FOREIGN POLICY
1830 – 2015 Hours

Chair: Prof. B. R. Deepak, Professor, Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Speakers:

Ms. Wenjing Gao, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Political Science, Carleton University, Ottawa.

Domestic Imperatives of China's Zero-COVID Policy: The Challenge of the "Great Affairs of State"

Dr. Rityusha Mani Tiwary, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi, Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; **Prof. Alka Acharya**, Honorary Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Chinese State Capitalism: Domestic Transformation and Foreign Policy Readjustments

Dr. Kalpit A. Mankikar, Fellow, Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation, Mumbai.

China's New Nationalism under Xi Jinping

Discussant: Dr. Ryan Hass, Senior Fellow and Michael H. Armacost Chair in Foreign Policy Program, Chen-Fu and Cecilia Yen Koo Chair in Taiwan Studies, The Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.

CONCLUDING SESSION
2015 – 2030 Hours

Closing Remarks: Prof. Alka Acharya, Honorary Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Remarks: Prof. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.

Note: Speakers in all sessions will have 20 minutes to make their presentations, while the Discussants will be allotted 10 minutes to respond. The Chair will take up to 5 minutes to make the opening and the concluding remarks. The remaining time will be for Q&A.

All timings are in IST (UTC+5:30)

CONCEPT NOTE

The governance debate in China has many elements, including: role of the Party, economic management, science and technology development, the civil-military relationship, sub-national governance, and the domestic impulses on foreign policy. The 1st [Conference on China's Domestic Governance](#) explores these, the challenges and the likely future trajectory. Subnational organization and management is vital to domestic governance.

Panel I. *Subnational/Local Governance in China* panel examines China's reform and innovations at the provinces, county and township levels. Preserving the stability of centralised power is a top priority. Despite Deng's 1979 reforms and opening up, plus outstanding growth over 40 years, China's economy faces new challenges. **Panel II. *Domestic Economy of China*** will examine that economic model's efficacy in managing supply, investment, debt, and excess capacity. Is it that new political impulses are impacting on business dynamism and growth? The Chinese Communist Party (CCP), completing 100 years in July 2021, is more dominant across society, politics, business, and everyday life. The CCP's next centennial milestones are in 2035 and 2049, when its legitimacy and role will again be at the forefront, along with the country's economic achievements and role in world affairs. **Panel III. *The Party in Primacy*** will examine the 'historic' adulation of Xi as the Party's 'core', and the 'guiding role' of his Thoughts for a New Era. Does that derive from strength or weakness? Innovation is widely held as the path to China's rejuvenation, which means that science, technology, and innovation (STI) will be crucial.

Panel IV. *Governance of Science, Technology and Innovation in China* focuses on the governance structure, and the other likely blockages. Another key dimension is the civil-military relationship in China. In the past two decades, the PLA's role in domestic affairs had reduced due to military reforms and trimming the PLA. Yet the PLA remains a vital element in the body politic. **Panel V. *New Trends in PLA and its Role in Governance*** focuses on the role of Central National Security Commission, PLA-Party-State Relations, 'Dual-Support' with the provincial/local governments and military-civil integration. China spends more on 'stability maintenance', via its police, internal security and surveillance, and dissidence control — than on national defense. Chinese diplomacy appears to have made a dramatic shift in recent years. **Panel VI. *Domestic Imperatives of China's Foreign Policy*** considers the competing visions of nationalism, self-image and identity and their impact on the kind of power China is likely to become.

This conference is topical and timely. It should offer new insights for researchers and scholars. We look forward to welcoming you to the event. For further information please contact: cdg.ics@gmail.com.
