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- Geopolitical Dissonances
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DAY 1: FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2026

0830-0900 Hours: Registration for Conference Attendees

INAUGURAL SESSION

0900 – 0945 Hours

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

Inaugural Address: Representative from ICWA/IIC

Convener's Remarks: Srabani Roy Choudhury, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Convenor, 3rd All India Conference of East Asian Studies (AICEAS).

Special Remarks: Representative of The Japan Foundation

Keynote Address: Kan Kimura, Professor, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University.

Vote of Thanks: Sandip Mishra, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Co-Convenor, 3rd All India Conference of East Asian Studies

THEMATIC PANEL I

Geopolitical Dissonances

1000 – 1130 Hours

Chair: Amb. Deepa Wadhwa

Speakers:

Shefali Patnaik, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science,, Rajendra University, Balangir, Odisha, India; **Sibaram Badatya** Assistant Professor Department of Political science, Rajendra University Balangir, Odisha, India

Strategic Silence as Regional Strategy: ASEAN and the Management of Sino-Indian Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific

Mosrur Ahmed Talukdar, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, Mizoram University; **Dr. Suwa Lal Jangu**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Mizoram University

India's Regional Cooperation Framework: An Indo-Pacific Perspective

Devika B.S., Research Scholar, PG and Research Department, Political Science, Government College, Kottayam, Mahatma Gandhi University; **Dr. Sheeba M.**, Professor, Political Science, Government College Kottayam, Mahatma Gandhi University.

India's Strategy of Humanitarian Intervention for Hegemonic Influence in South Asia: Examining post-2014 Ambitions and Strategic Competition with China in the Indo-Pacific

Md. Rezaul Islam, Postgraduate Degree in Political Science, Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi

Anchoring Power: The Yuan Wang Precedent and the Ultimate Battle for Strategic Access in the Indian Ocean

Discussant: Dr. Rityusha Mani Tiwary

THEMATIC PANEL II
Technological Dissonances
1130 – 1300 Hours

Chair: Dr. Ashok Jain

Speakers:

Anugya Bharadwaj

The Digital 'Tianxia': Encoded Relationality and the Realignment of African Sovereignty (2024-2026)

Shruti Mishra, MA in International Studies (Major: International Peace and Security), Korea University, Seoul, South Korea

Effectiveness of US Semiconductor Export Control Towards China: The Role of Private Sector and Allied Countries

Ashna Shetty, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal

Comparing Japan and South Korea's Approach towards AI Governance And its Implications for the Indo-Pacific

Sudhanshu Pratap Singh, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of social science Delhi University

Silicon Fault Lines: Semiconductor Decoupling and the Reshaping of India–East Asia Economic Relations

Discussant: Dr. Aravind Yelery

THEMATIC PANEL III

Economic Security and Connectivity

1345 – 1515 Hours

Chair: Prof. Sharad Soni

Speakers:

G S Anwar Basha, PhD Research Scholar, Birla Institute of Technology

Power Beneath the Surface: Rare Earths and the Geopolitics of Strategic Dependence

Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Assistant Professor (Political Science), Department OF Social Science, Akal University, Bhatinda

Chokepoints, Cables, and Coercion: Contested Maritime Connectivity in the Indo-Pacific

Ripudaman Chauhan, MA Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

The Silicon Dilemma

Nistha Kumari Singh, Doctoral Candidate & Dr. TMA Pai Fellow, Department of Geopolitics & International Relations, Manipal Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (MISHA), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Institute of Eminence), Manipal

China's Quantum Cybersecurity: Interests, Strategies, and Implications

Discussant Dr. Parul Bakshi

THEMATIC PANEL IV

Climate and Environmental Challenges

1515 – 1645 Hours

Chair: Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti

Speakers:

Subham Tripathy, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Government Women's College, Bhawanipatna, Kalahandi, Odisha

From Security Dilemma to Ecological Security Dilemma: Rethinking Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific through the South China Sea Case

Saira Grace Saju, Research Scholar, St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru

Maritime Territorial Disputes: Resource Geopolitics, Environmental Implications, and Climate Change

Monika Kumari, Student, M.A. International Relations and Peace Studies, Nalanda University (Graduated May 2026)

Japan–India Cooperation in Building Climate-Resilient Infrastructure: Lessons from Disaster Risk Reduction for the Indo-Pacific

Discussant Dr. Tshering Chonzom Bhutia

DAY 2: SATURDAY, 1 AUGUST 2026

THEMATIC PANEL V

Japan in the Indo-Pacific

1000 – 1130 Hours

Chair: Prof. Susheela Narasimhan

Speakers:

Sarita Yadav, Ph.D. Research Scholar, Department of South and Central Asian Studies, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda, India

Japan's Naval Shift: Maritime Realism and the Limits of Pacifism

Abhijeet Pratap, M.A East Asian Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, University Of Delhi

Japan's Institutional Balancing in the Indo-Pacific: Navigating CPTPP and RCEP Dynamics

Prabir Kumar Talukdar, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi

The Yoshida Doctrine's Taiwan Blind Spot: How a 1950s Assumption Shapes Japan's Security Dilemma in 2026

Saumya Soni, PhD Scholar, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Japan's ODA as Soft Power: Dissonances Between Economic Integration and Strategic Partnership in Southeast Asia

Discussant Dr. Ashish Kumar Thakur

THEMATIC PANEL VI

Middle Powers and Regional Disputes

1130– 1300Hours

Chair: Amb. Skand Tayal

Speakers:

Mark Mungray, PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh

India-China Relations: Exploring Socio-Economic and Political Implications on Arunachal Pradesh

Manisha Langyan, PhD Scholar, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

International Law and Cross-Strait Disputes: The Role of Middle-Power Diplomacy in Regional Stability

Nabajyoti Das, Adamas University, Kolkata

Gateway or Garrison? The Great Nicobar Island Project as a Nexus of India-China Rivalry, Japan Alignment, and ASEAN Hedging

Gagan Hitkari, Non-resident James A. Kelly Korea Fellow, Pacific Forum, Hawaii, US; PhD Candidate, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi

Abandoning Reunification: North Korea's Identity Shift, Securitised Peace, and the Future of Asia-Pacific

Sounak Chowdhury, Doctoral Researcher in Political Science, SRM University, A.P. SRM University - AP

China's Maritime Challenge and the Future of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Prospects for India-Japan-US Strategic Convergence

Discussant Dr. Rajiv Ranjan

THEMATIC PANEL VII

Multilateral Cooperation

1400 – 1530 Hours

Chair: Prof. Jayati Srivastava

Speakers:

Rekha Jayakumari, Master's Student, National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan

QUAD 2.0 and the Limits of Security Community: An Institutional Alignment Perspective

Isha Singh, PhD Scholar Amity Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, AUUP; **Col. (Dr.) Kaushik Ray**, Assistant Professor III, Amity Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Amity University Uttar Pradesh

Double Dissonance: Military-Civil Fusion and the Erosion of Rule-Based Space Governance in the Indo-Pacific

Kevin Shalo P., MA Political Science (Final Year), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

Institutional Dissonance and Middle Power Agency: India's Indo-Pacific Governance Strategy amid QUAD Proliferation and Multilateral Fragmentation

Keshav Kumar, PhD Candidate, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi

Reimagining Regionalism in the Indo-Pacific: ASEAN and the Emerging Strategic Partnerships in the Region

Discussant: Prof. Sandip Kumar Mishra

SPECIAL PANEL
Economy and Security in Asia-Pacific: Complementary or Conflictual?
1530 – 1700 Hours

Moderator: TBC

Speakers: TBC

VALEDICTORY SESSION/WRAP-UP
1700-1745

Chair: Prof. Alka Acharya

Valedictory Address: Mr. Sujit Ghosh, Joint Secretary, East Asia, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. (TBC)

Report of the Conference: Srabani Roy Choudhury, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Convenor, 3rd All India Conference of East Asian Studies (AICEAS).

Vote of Thanks: Sandip Mishra

NOTE: Speakers in all the thematic sessions will have 10 minutes to make their presentations, while The Chair will take up to 5 minutes to make the opening and concluding remarks. They may take upto 10 minutes to discuss. The remaining time will be for Q&A. In the Special Panel, each speaker will confine their presentations to 10-12 minutes.