

# First Biennial Conference on China-India Studies



## Program

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Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, January 13-14, 2023

#### In-person and online on Zoom

(Session times listed are per Singapore local time)

- The conference is co-organized by the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS; Center for Global Asia, NYU Shanghai; Global China Center, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology; Harvard-Yenching Institute; and India China Institute, The New School.
- The conference organizers aim to hold the conference every two years to be rotated among the five schools. The intention is promote and advance inter-disciplinarity and methodology in China-India studies.
- Paper presenters will speak for 12-15 minutes each, followed by discussants speaking for 10 minutes and 35 minutes for Q&A.

#### Schedule:

##### **Friday, January 13**

**8.30am Hotel pickup**

**8:45-9:00am Registration**

**9:00-9:10am Welcome remarks**

Selina Ho, Assistant Professor in International Affairs and Co-Director, CAG, LKYSP

**9:10-10:55am Panel 1: Developmental Parallels and Divergence in China and India**

Moderator: Elizabeth Perry, Henry Rosovsky Professor of Government at Harvard University, and Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute

Discussant: Mark Frazier, Professor and Chair of Politics at The New School

- Class and Inequality in China and India (1950-2010): Comparative Political Economy  
Vamsi Vakulabharanam, Co-Director, Asian Political Economy Program, and Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Beyond Regime? Depicting Land Acquisition conflicts in India and China  
Huang Yinghong, Professor, O. P. Jindal Global University
- China, India and the 'alternative visions of development' at the Bretton Woods Conference  
Priyanka Pandit, Assistant Professor, Shiv Nadar University

**10:55-11:15am Break**

### **11:15am-1:00pm Panel 2: Interdisciplinarity in China-India Studies**

Moderator: Tansen Sen, Director, Center for Global Asia, and Professor, NYU Shanghai

Discussant: Marina Kaneti, Assistant Professor, LKYSPP

- The Iconographic Synthesis and Dissemination of Hooded Monk Imagery in Early Medieval China: Subhadra, Meditation, and Chinese Immortals  
Zhao Jinchao, Joint Postdoctoral Fellow, NYU Shanghai and Fudan University
- Exotic Aromatic and Astronomy: Early Sino-Indian Contact via Maritime Routes through South China and Southeast Asia  
Bill Mak, Director of Chinese Research Center, ISF Academy
- The Malacca Dilemma of the Raj: The Indian Revolt of 1857, the Second Opium War, and the British Proposal of a Kra Passage  
Cao Yin, Associate Professor, Tsinghua University
- Marginalia and China-India Thought  
Adhira Mangalagiri, Lecturer, Queen Mary University

### **1:00-2:00pm Lunch**

### **2:00-3:45pm Panel 3: New Dimensions in China-India Relations**

Moderator: Li Ruohong, Associate Director, Harvard-Yenching Institute

Discussant: Kanti Bajpai, Wilmar Professor of Asian Studies and Co-Director, CAG, LKYSPP

- From Resources to Influence: China and India's use of Economic Statecraft in Small States in South Asia  
Chulanee Attanayake, Research Fellow, ISAS, NUS
- Constructing Normalization: The Forgotten History of China-India Relations, 1968-1993  
Duan Bin, Research Fellow, Nanjing University
- China-India relations: 'Tacit' support for secessionism during the Xi-Modi era  
Varigonda Kesava Chandra, Postdoctoral Fellow, ARI, NUS
- Deterrence before Diplomacy: India's approach to negotiations with China  
Yogesh Joshi, Research Fellow, ISAS, NUS

### **3:45-4:00pm Break**

### **4:00-5:00pm Leaders' discussion**

Moderator: Kanti Bajpai, Wilmar Professor of Asian Studies and Co-Director, CAG, LKYSPP

### **5.15-6.30pm Keynote Speech by Mr George Yeo**

### **7:00-9:00pm Dinner (for participants only)**

**Saturday, January 14**

**8.30am Hotel pickup**

**9:00-10:45am Panel 4: Comparative Political Economy: State Activism and Societal Agency**

Moderator: Kellee Tsai, Dean of Humanities and Social Science, Chair Professor of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Discussant: Adam Liu, Assistant Professor, LKYSPP

- Money circulations and fabric exports from China to Dubai through Indian diasporic connections  
Ka-Kin Cheuk, Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University of Southampton
- Giving Back to the Masses: Philanthropy and State Capacity in India and China  
Bhim Subba, Assistant Professor, University of Hyderabad
- Asian Miracle 3.0: Promises, Perils, and the State Roles  
Min Ye, Associate Professor, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University

**10:45-11:00am Break**

**11:00am-12:45pm Panel 5: Challenges of Comparisons and Connections in China-India Urban Studies**

Moderator: Mark Frazier, Professor and Chair of Politics, The New School

Discussant: Selina Ho, Assistant Professor in International Affairs and Co-Director, CAG, LKYSPP

- Governing the Urban in China and India  
Xuefei Ren, Professor, Michigan State University
- Unwinding Metropolitan Bias? The Shifting Politics of Urban Development in China  
Kyle A. Jaros, Associate Professor, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame
- Comparative Urban Governance in China and India  
Yue Zhang, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

**12:45-2:00pm Lunch (Group Photo)**

**2:00pm Bus pickup to hotel**

## Participant Bios

**ATTANAYAKE, Chulanee** is a Research Fellow at the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore. Her research focus is on China and its policies in South Asia. She is one of the few Sri Lankans who focus on this research area. Dr Attanayake's book *China in Sri Lanka*, a comprehensive analysis of Sino-Sri Lankan bilateral relations was published in 2013. Prior to joining ISAS, Dr Attanayake served as the Director (Research) of the Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka—the national security think tank under Sri Lanka's Ministry of Defense. She was a visiting lecturer at the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies on Politics in South Asia and Politics in the Indian Ocean, and at the Royal Institute of Colombo. She worked as a research associate at the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute for International Relations and Strategic Studies—a think-tank under the Ministry of External Affairs. She has also served as an international expert on an international study group on Green Belt and Road, a project by UNEP and the Ministry of Environmental Protection in China. Dr Attanayake obtained her PhD from the Central China Normal University in Wuhan. She has a Bachelor in Arts from University of Peradeniya and a Masters in regional development and planning from University of Colombo.

**BAJPAI, Kanti**, is Vice Dean (Research and Development), Wilmar Professor of Asian Studies, and Co-Director of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. His areas of interest include Asian international thought and strategic cultures, international security, and Indian foreign policy and national security. Before coming to the LKY School, Kanti was Professor of International Politics, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Professor in the Politics and International Relations of South Asia, Oxford University. From 2003 to 2009, he was Headmaster, The Doon School, India. He taught at the Maharajah Sayajirao University of Baroda, and has held visiting appointments at Wesleyan University and the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Kanti has held visiting appointments at the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace, Notre Dame University, the Brookings Institution, and the Australian Defence Force Academy. He was also Distinguished Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. Kanti's most recent book was *India Versus China: Why They Are Not Friends* (Juggernaut 2021). He is currently working on a book on India's grand strategy.

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**CHEUK, Ka-Kin** is a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Anthropology in the Department of Archaeology at the University of Southampton. He was previously an Assistant Professor in Anthropology at the City University of Hong Kong and was elected as a fellow of the India China Institute at The New School in 2021-2022. His research revolves around the study of migration, transnationalism, and inter-Asian connections, with a focus on China, Hong Kong, India, and the Middle East. His recent publications include "Diasporic Convergence, Sustained Transience and Indifferent survival: Indian traders in China" (*History and Anthropology* 33:2, 2022), "Teaching Ethnographic Research Methods in the Time of COVID-19: Virtual Fieldtrips, a Web Symposium, and Public Engagement with Asian American Communities in Houston, Texas" (*Teaching and Learning Anthropology* 4:1, 2021), and "Making Mumbai (in China)" (in *Bombay Brokers*, Duke University Press, 2021). Having conducted fieldwork over the past 17 years on the Sikh diaspora in Hong Kong and on Indian traders in southeast China, he is currently developing

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**FRAZIER, Mark W.** is Professor and Chair of Politics at The New School, where he also serves as Co-Director of the India China Institute. His research interests focus on labor and social policy in China, and more recently on political conflict over urbanization, migration, and citizenship in China and India. His latest book, *The Power of Place: Contentious Politics in Twentieth Century Shanghai and Bombay* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), examines long-term changes in political geographies and patterns of popular protest in the two cities. He is also the author of *Socialist Insecurity: Pensions and the Politics of Uneven Development in China* (Cornell University Press, 2010), *The Making of the Chinese Industrial Workplace* (Cambridge University Press, 2002), and Co-Editor of the *SAGE Handbook of Contemporary China* (2018). He has authored op-ed pieces and essays for *The New York Times*, *Daedalus*, and *The Diplomat*. Frazier has been a fellow in the Public Intellectuals Program of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations since 2005, and was a Fulbright Research Fellow in China in 2004-05. Before assuming his current position at The New School in 2012, he held a chaired professorship in Chinese Politics at the University of Oklahoma and was the Luce Assistant Professor in the Political Economy of East Asia at Lawrence University, a liberal arts college in Wisconsin.

**HO, Selina** is an Assistant Professor in International Affairs and Co-Director of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. She researches Chinese politics and foreign policy. Specifically, she is interested in how China wields power and influence via infrastructure and water disputes in Southeast Asia and South Asia. Her work stands at the intersection of comparative politics and international relations. Selina is the author of *Thirsty Cities: Social Contracts and Public Goods Provision in China and India* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), co-author (with David M. Lampton and Cheng-Chwee Kuik) of *Rivers of Iron: Railroads and Chinese Power in Southeast Asia* (University of California Press, 2020), and co-editor (with Kanti Bajpai and Manjari Chatterjee Miller) of *The Routledge Handbook of China-India Relations* (2020). She has published widely in peer-reviewed journals, including *International Affairs*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, among others. Selina is the editor (with Kanti Bajpai) of Amsterdam University Press's 'Politics and International Relations in Asia' book series.

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*Mining China's Revolutionary Tradition* (California, 2012); *What is the Best Kind of History?* (Zhejiang, 2015); *Beyond Regimes: China and India Compared* (Harvard, 2018); *Similar yet Different: Case Studies of China's Modern Christian Colleges* (Zhejiang, 2019); and *Ruling by Other Means: State-Mobilized Movements* (Cambridge, 2020). Her book, *Shanghai on Strike: The Politics of Chinese Labor* (Stanford, 1993) received the John King Fairbank Prize of the American Historical Association; her article, "Chinese Conceptions of 'Rights': From Mencius to Mao – and Now" (*Perspectives on Politics*, 2008) received the Heinz I. Eulau Prize of the American Political Science Association.

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