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Overview

The Fourth Interdisciplinary Symposium for Emerging Scholars on India China Studies is part of the India China Institute's continuing commitment to build a community of scholars who are engaged in research that focuses on new and innovative approaches to understanding India-China relations. Presenters selected for this symposium share a broad interest in India-China relations in a globalizing world. The symposium will provide a platform for a select group of early career scholars from India, China, and the United States to present their work and to participate in multi-disciplinary investigation and deliberation with distinguished scholars.

When discussing the work of each of the presenters, we hope to identify relevant methodological and substantive questions, and where possible answers, through a productive confrontation of diverse disciplinary perspectives. Relevant cross-cutting themes will include that of the role to be played by received and privileged spatial and institutional frames, such as that of the nation-state, in scholarly analyses within the field, and that of how to relate historical and contemporary concerns while avoiding anachronistic fallacies.

We hope that the symposium will provide a milestone in the intellectual definition and institutional development of the field, enhance the sense of community within it, and help to foster more productive directions for teaching and scholarship.

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The India China Institute (ICI) at The New School, a university in New York City, supports research, teaching and discussion on India, China and the United States, with special focus on making comparisons and understanding interactions between the three countries as well as their joint impact on the rest of the world. ICI is the hub of an international network of scholars, leaders, and opinion-makers. Through fellowships, courses, public events, publications, and collaboration with a wide range of institutions around the world, ICI promotes academic and public understanding of issues of contemporary relevance.

The New School is a progressive university comprising schools bound by a common, unusual intent: to prepare and inspire its 10,510 undergraduate and graduate students to bring actual, positive change to the world. From its Greenwich Village campus, The New School launches economists and actors, fashion designers and urban planners, dancers and anthropologists, orchestra conductors, filmmakers, political scientists, organizational experts, jazz musicians, scholars, psychologists, historians, journalists, and above all, world citizens-individuals whose ideas and innovations forge new paths of progress in the arts, design, humanities, public policy, and the social sciences. In addition to its 88 graduate and undergraduate degree-granting programs and majors, the university offers certificate programs and more than 650 continuing education courses to more than 6,350 adult learners every year.
## Event Schedule

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### Session I: Flows and Exchanges

**Chair:** Jianying Zha, Writer and Former ICI China Representative

**Paper 1**

- **Yang Lu**, Lecturer, Heidelberg University
  
  "**Ontological Security and India-China Relations: From Border War to ‘News War’**"

**Paper 2**

- **Jingfeng Li**, Assistant Researcher, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences
  
  "**Driving force and constraints behind BCIM Economic Corridor**"

**Paper 3**

- **Amen Jaffer**, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Forman Christian College, Lahore
  
  "**The Sufi Shrine Revival in India Punjab**"

**Paper 4**

- **Marina Kaneti**, PhD Candidate, Politics, The New School for Social Research
  
  "**Leveraging Capital: Trade, consumption, and migration in the age of the unequal treaties**"

**Discussants**

- **Nimmi Kurian**, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, Former ICI Fellow & Former ICI India Representative *(Paper 1 & 2)*
- **Sanjay Ruparelia**, Assistant Professor of Politics, The New School for Social Research, Former ICI Fellow & Faculty Advisor *(Paper 1)*
- **Joe Thomas Krackattu**, Assistant Professor, China Studies Centre Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras *(Paper 1)*
- **Lei Ping**, Assistant Professor of China Studies and Coordinator of Chinese Program, The New School for Public Engagement *(Paper 2)*
- **Yuan Zhang**, Research Fellow, Sanskrit Centre of Institute of Foreign Literature, China Academy of Social Sciences *(Paper 2)*
- **Sanjay Chaturvedi**, Panjab University, Chandigarh, Former ICI Fellow *(Paper 3 & 4)*
- **Eiko Ikegami**, Professor of Sociology, The New School for Social Research *(Paper 3)*
- **Barnali Chanda**, Research Fellow, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Kolkatta *(Paper 3)*
Partha Mukhopadhyay, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India and Visiting ICI Fellow (Paper 4)

Jingfeng Li, Assistant Researcher, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (Paper 4)

Question and Answers (60 minutes)

12:45-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:15 Session II: Historical Narratives and Contestations

Chair: Mark Frazier, Academic Director of ICI and Professor of Politics, The New School for Social Research

Paper 5 Joe Thomas Karackattu, Assistant Professor, China Studies Centre Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras

“India-China border dispute: assessing boundary-making from 1895-1914 and its impact on shaping of material realities”

Paper 6 Yuan Zhang, Research Fellow, Sanskrit Centre of Institute of Foreign Literature, China Academy of Social Sciences

“Comparative Studies on 32 Mahāpuruṣa Lakṣaṇas (primary marks) and 80 Anuvyañjana Lakṣaṇas (secondary marks) of the Buddha, and the Unique Appearances of Chinese Saints, Animals and Emperors”

Paper 7 Barnali Chanda, Research Fellow, Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, Kolkatta

“Discussing the ‘strange and fantastic’ with special reference to the literary motifs in Indian and Chinese narrative traditions”

Discussants

Jian Liu, Senior Professor, China Academy of Social Sciences (Paper 5 & 7)

Partha Mukhopadhyay, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India and Visiting ICI Fellow (Paper 4)

Yang Lu, Lecturer, Heidelberg University (Paper 5)

Rebecca Fu, PhD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania (Paper 6)

Pasang Sherpa, ICI Postdoctoral Fellow, (Paper 6 & 7)

Marina Kaneti, PhD Candidate, Politics, The New School for Social Research (Paper 7)

Question and Answers (45 minutes)

16:15-16:55 India China Studies: A Round Table Discussion

Chaired by Ashok Gurung, Senior Director, ICI, The New School
Participant Bios

Barnali Chanda

Barnali Chanda is pursuing her PhD in Comparative Literature at Jadavpur University, Kolkata. Presently she is teaching Chinese at the School of Languages and Linguistics, Jadavpur University. Her field of interests includes comparative literature, Chinese Tang dynasty and Indian classical narrative literature. Her doctoral dissertation is on the reception of Buddhist ideas in the stories of Chinese Tang dynasty and 11th century Classical Sanskrit literature. The title of her dissertation is ‘Tracing Cross-cultural interchange between India and China in regard to the evolution of the ‘narrative’ in medieval China and India.’ As a project fellow under the CAS program in the Department of Comparative Literature, Jadavpur University, she co-edited the book: Of Asian Lands: A View from Bengal (An Annotated Bibliography of a Century of Travel Narratives to Asian Lands in Bangla). Barnali was awarded the Chinese Government Scholarship 2008-2009 and Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (Taiwan) 2011-2012.

Sanjay Chaturvedi

Sanjay Chaturvedi is Professor of Political Science at Punjab University in Chandigarh, India. He is a member of multiple editorial boards and committees and has been a member of delegations representing the Indian Ministry of Earth Sciences. He has written dozens of books, articles, and journal publications on the geopolitics of climate change, energy security, and the political geography of the polar regions. Sanjay is a former ICI Fellow.

Mark Frazier

Mark Frazier is Professor of Politics and Academic Director of the India China Institute at The New School. Frazier teaches and writes about the political economy of China, with a focus on labor movements and social policy. He has authored op-ed pieces and essays for The New York Times, Daedalus, The Diplomat, and World Politics Review. He is the author of Socialist Insecurity: Pensions and the Politics of Uneven Development in China (Cornell University Press 2010) and The Making of the Chinese Industrial Workplace (Cambridge University Press 2002). His scholarship has also appeared in journals such as Studies in Comparative International Development, and The China Journal.

Rebecca Shuang Fu (傅爽)

Rebecca Fu is an ABD at the University of Pennsylvania with a focus on Chinese literature and textual culture in the 1st millennium, and Turfan and Dunhuang manuscripts (200–1000) in particular. At the same time, she views herself as a general medievalist with interdisciplinary interests in social history, art history, women’s and gender studies, lay Buddhist practices and culture, current archaeology, and history of writing. She is currently revising the first draft of her dissertation, to be entitled No Matter Whether She Writes or Not: Women’s Literacy Practices in the Long Tang Dynasty (600–1000), and fully expects to complete her degree requirements by August 2015.
Ashok Gurung

Ashok Gurung is the Senior Director of the India China Institute and Professor of Practice at the Julien J. Studley Graduate Program in International Affairs at The New School. He is responsible for the overall development, management, and coordination of ICI programs and projects in India, China, and the United States. He was the program officer for the International Fellowships Program, the largest global leadership initiative ($280 million) of the Ford Foundation and an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University. A native of Nepal, he has also worked extensively in Asia and parts of Africa. He holds a MA in International Affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, a BA in International Service and Development from World College West in Petaluma, California, and a Certificate in Norwegian Culture and Society from the University of Oslo in Oslo, Norway.

Eiko Ikegami

Eiko Ikegami's research and teaching focuses on comparative historical sociology, Japanese society, and the sociology of culture. Her current work focuses on public spheres in comparative perspective, civility and state formation in Japan, and identities, network, and social change. She is a former ICI Faculty Advisor. She is also working on a book project with Karen Barkey (Columbia University) and Bin Wong (UCLA) regarding state transformation in China, Japan and Ottoman Turkey. She has held fellowships at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and at the Center for Scholars and Writers, New York Public Library. Before coming to The New School she held positions with Yale University and Nihon Keizai Shinbun (The Japan Economic Journal) in Tokyo. In 2003, she was elected to the chair of the Comparative Historical Sociology the section of the American Sociological Association.

Amen Jaffer

Amen Jaffer is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Forman Christian College, Lahore and a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at the New School for Social Research, New York. He is a former ICI Student Fellow. His research inquiries into the public role of sacred power by examining sites where it becomes manifest and the discourses and practices through which it is engaged. Focusing on urban shrines in the Punjab region of South Asia, he explores how this hegemonic religious institution performs a central role in the organization, distribution, consolidation and appropriation of power through institutional networks, ritual performance and the construction of self-identity. Amen has a M.Sc in Sociology from the London School of Economics.

Marina Kaneti

Marina Kaneti is a PhD Candidate at the Politics Department, the New School for Social Research. She is a former ICI Student Fellow. Her dissertation research focuses on the impact of global migration on state institutions and local communities; as well as on the intersects between capital expansion and Pacific migration at the end of the nineteenth and early twentieth century. Some of Marina’s theoretical contributions to the study of migration appear in her article ‘Metis, migrants and the autonomy of migration’ (currently in print at the Citizenship Studies Journal); and in a co-authored piece ‘Re-branding the state: humanitarian border control and the moral imperative of state sovereignty’ (scheduled to appear in a special issue for the Social Research journal). Marina holds a BA in East Asian Studies and M$ in Social Enterprise Administration, both from Columbia University. She currently teaches graduate courses on international development (program planning) at both the New School and Columbia University.
Lei Ping

Lei Ping is Assistant Professor of China Studies and Coordinator of Chinese Program at the New School for Public Engagement. She is currently an ICI Faculty Advisor and ICI Research Scholar. She received both her PhD in East Asian Studies and MA in Education from New York University. She has been teaching courses on contemporary Chinese cities, urbanization, globalization, the middle class, property rights law, democracy, pop culture in media as well as Chinese language at the New School since 2010. She is an active member of New School India China Institute Faculty Advisory Committee. In 2012, she launched the first field-based undergraduate summer study abroad program for the New School in Shanghai China in collaboration with Eugene Lang College for Liberal Arts and Parsons School for Design.

Joe Thomas Karackattu

Joe Thomas Karackattu is Assistant Professor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Madras. His primary research interests include Sino-Indian relations, China’s foreign and economic policy, Cross-Straits ties, and democratization and economic development in Taiwan. Dr. Karackattu was “Fox Fellow” (2008-09) at Yale University, USA, a recipient of the “President’s Award” for 2010-11 at the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses in India, and of the “Taiwan Fellowship” award in 2012 (National Chengchi University, Taipei). Most recently, he was awarded the first Centenary Visiting Fellowship (nominated award) at SOAS, University of London (October 2013-January 2014). Dr Karackattu has published in Journal of Contemporary China, Issues and Studies, South Asian Journal, Biosecurity and Bioterrorism, South Asian Studies Quarterly, China Public Administration Review, and China Report, among others. He is also author of the book The Economic Partnership Between India and Taiwan in a Post-ECFA Ecosystem (Springer, 2013). He can be reached at joethomask@aya.yale.edu.

Nimmi Kurian

Dr. Nimmi Kurian is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India. She is a former ICI Fellow and ICI India Representative. Kurian’s work has focused on exploring major debates in India’s and China’s foreign policies, the evolving discourse on redefining security, state-society relations and issues relating to sub-regional governance. Some of the recent themes she has worked on include India’s Look-East policy, post-Mao policy shifts in China’s regional development; particularly the political thrust given to integrating southwestern China with the extended region and issues of social exclusion in India and China. Kurian received her PhD in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University. Her publications include Emerging China and India’s Policy Options and the co-edited Welfare States and the Future. She is currently working on a new book titled Margins and Mainstreams: Regional Imaginaries in India and China. Dr. Kurian’s larger area of focus looks at marginalisation in the India-China peripheries and explores the potential to mainstream issues of governance, livelihood and resource-sharing.

Jingfeng Li

Jingfeng Li is a PhD candidate at the School of History & Culture, Sichuan University. Since 2012, he has worked as an assistant researcher at Center for India Studies, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences. His research focuses on the BCIM-EC and Sino-Pakistan Economic Corridor, especially about political relations and FDI environment.
Jian Liu

Jian Liu is a professor at the National Institute of International Strategy, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). His special fields of expertise are Indian and South Asian Studies. His main publications include Yindu (India, co-authored, 2003, 2010); Yindu Wenming (Indian Civilization, co-authored; 2004, 2008); Erzhanhou Nanya Guojia Duiwai Guanxi Yanjiu (Foreign Policies and International Relations of South Asian Countries, co-authored, 2007); and Mengjialaguo (Bangladesh, 2010). He has also published a number of research papers in Chinese and English in the fields of Indian and South Asian studies. In the recent past, he has served as a main compiler and contributor of the Encyclopedia of China-India Cultural Contacts (2014).

Yang Lu

Yang Lu is currently a lecturer in the Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Heidelberg University, Germany. She received her doctorate in political science from the Heidelberg University in 2014. Her doctoral research is on contemporary India-China relations, using constructivism of international relations theories as the analytical framework. She was awarded Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-financed Students Abroad (2011), and was a visiting scholar at the Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2013. Her research mainly focuses on South Asia, including foreign policy, security, regional cooperation, ethnicity and sub-national movements in South Asia, and partly on China and on EU.

Partha Mukhopadhyay

Partha Mukhopadhyay is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi. His current research interests are in urban development, the development paths of India and China and infrastructure. He was in the first cohort of Fellows of the India China Institute. He is currently an ICI Visiting Fellow. Earlier, he was with the Export-Import Bank of India, as the first Director of their Eximius Learning Centre in Bangalore, and with the World Bank, in the Trade Policy Division in Washington. He has been associated with a number of government committees, most recently with the Committee on Allocation of Natural Resources of the Cabinet Secretariat. He has taught at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad; XLRI, Jamshedpur and the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of LIRNEAsia, Colombo.

Sanjay Ruparelia

Sanjay Ruparelia’s research addresses the politics of democracy, equality and development in the postcolonial world; the prospects and difficulties of power-sharing in federal coalition governments in deeply diverse democracies; and the role of institutions, power and judgment in politics. He is a former ICI Fellow and is currently an ICI Faculty Advisor. He pursues these broad thematic concerns within the context of three large-scale transformations that have reshaped India since the 1970s: liberal economic reform, militant Hindu nationalism and popular democratic mobilization. A problem-oriented approach guides his work, highlighting the practicalities of politics, grounding analytical questions in historical context and developing conceptual tools, theoretical paradigms and research methods inductively to answer critical empirical questions. Although India remains his primary region of inquiry, Ruparelia’s new research encompasses analogous developments in post-Maoist China, part of a longer-term effort to analyze the trajectory of capitalist development, political contestation and social well-being in both countries.
Pasang Sherpa

Pasang Sherpa will be working as a Post-Doc Fellow with the recently launched Sacred Himalaya Initiative (SHI), where she will be teaching courses and conducting fieldwork in support of this new initiative. She completed her PhD in Anthropology at Washington State University, where her work focused on Sherpa perceptions of climate change in the Everest area of Nepal. She has received numerous awards for her research, including the Senior Fellowship Award in 2014 from the Association of Nepal and Himalayan Studies, and the 2012 Harriet B. Rigas Award for outstanding female scholarship from Washington State University. Her work has been published in multiple sources, including UNDP reports on tourism development in Nepal.

Jianying Zha

Jianying Zha is the former China representative of the India China Institute. A writer and media commentator, she is the author of five books, including China Pop and the award-winning The Nineteen Eighties. Her writing has appeared in The New Yorker, The New York Times, Dushu, Wanxiang, and other magazines and newspapers. A recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, she received her M.Phil from Columbia University, her M.A. from University of South Carolina, and her B.A. from Beijing University.

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Yuan Zhang is an Assistant Research Fellow of Institute of Foreign Literature, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). Her current research interests include Sanskrit Language and Literature, Harsa Study, Indian History, Interactions between India and China. She received her Ph.D. in South Asian Studies from School of Foreign Languages, Peking University in 2013. She is also a joint Ph.D. in South Asian Studies from Department of South Asian Studies, Harvard University. Her Ph.D. dissertation is A Comprehensive Study on Harṣavarman, or Śīlāditya, 590–647 AD. She has published seven academic articles so far and translated Michael Witzel’s article “Philology in the 19th and 20th Centuries with Special Reference to Indology” in Disquisitions on the Past & Present. No. 26 (2014).