INDIA CHINA CONVERSATIONS

Fourth Interdisciplinary Symposium for Emerging Scholars on India China Studies
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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.

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Event Schedule
Thursday, April 16, 2015 | Orozco Conference Room (A712) |
66 W 12th Street, 7th Floor, New York

9:00-9:30  **Registration** *(refreshments, coffee and tea will be provided)*

9:30-9:45  **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Ashok Gurung**, Senior Director, ICI and Professor and Professor of Practice, Julien J. Studley Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School
**Mary Bryna Sanger**, Deputy Provost and Senior Vice President, Provost Office, The New School

9:45-12:45  **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*)

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**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 Lakṣāsas (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, Kolkata  
*“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 5*)

**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*)

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**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