

**CENTRAL ASIA, THE NEW “GREAT GAME”
BETWEEN THE EMERGING POWERS OF CHINA AND INDIA**

OCTOBER 14-15, 2009

Conference Room II, India International Centre

OCTOBER 14, 2009

9.30. Opening by Basudeb Chaudhuri, Jean-Francois Huchet, Bayram Balci

10.00-13.00. SESSION I. THE INDIA-CHINA-CENTRAL ASIA TRIANGLE IN ITS GLOBAL CONTEXT

Chair: Marlène Laruelle (Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Washington/Stockholm)

Ajay Kumar Patnaik (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)
Convergences and divergences in Indian and Chinese interests in Central Asia

Jen Ku Fu (Ching Yun University, Taiwan)
Central Asia and the Geopolitics of Sino-India Competition

K. Warikoo (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)
China-Central Asia Relations: A View from India

Discussion

Coffee break 11.30-11.45

Jean-Luc Racine (Center for the Study of India and South Asia, EHESS-CNRS, Paris)
India and the New “Great Game” in and around Central Asia

Basudeb Chaudhuri, Manpreet Sethi (CSH and Centre Air and Power Studies, Delhi)
India-China Rivalry in the Central Asian Context, and in the Perspective of Paul Kennedy’s Approach to the Rivalry of Major Powers

Discussion

13.00-14.00 LUNCH

14.00-17.30. SESSION II. GEOPOLITICAL COOPERATION OR COMPETITION?

Chair: Gushan Sachdeva (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi)

Padma L. Dash (Eurasian Studies Center, Mumbai University)
Scramble for Caspian Energy: Can big power competition sidestep India and China?

Mushtaq Kaw (Center for Central Asia Studies, Kashmir University, Srinagar)
Prospects of Indo-Chinese Economic Cooperation in Central Asia Across Jammu and Kashmir

14.00-17.30. SESSION II. GEOPOLITICAL COOPERATION OR COMPETITION? (contd.)

Jagannath Panda (Institute for Defence Studies and Analyzes, Delhi)
India's Approach to Central Asia: Strategic Intentions and Geo-political Calculus

Discussion

Coffee break 15.30-15.45

Chair: Jean-Luc Racine (Center for the Study of India and South Asia, EHESS-CNRS, Paris)

Muzaffar Olimov (Sharq Analytical Center, Dushanbe)
Relations between Tajikistan and India and Tajik Perceptions of India

Jean-Pierre Cabestan (CNRS, Hong Kong Baptist University)
Central Asia-China Relations and Their Relative Weight in Chinese Foreign Policy

Swaran Singh (Nehru University and CSH, Delhi)
The China-Pakistan Axis

Discussion

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9. 30-12.30. SESSION III. THE AFGHAN-PAKISTAN ISSUE AND THE SCO STRUCTURE

Chair: Cdr. Jasjit Singh (CAPS)

Alexander Knyazev (Knyazev Foundation and Institute for CIS countries, Bishkek)
The Afghan Issue in the Politics of Eurasian Great Powers: Russia, China, India, Iran

Laurent Gayer (Center for the Study of India and South Asia, EHESS-CNRS, Paris)
Return to Vilayat? India's Reengagement in Central Asia

Meena Singh Roy (Institute for Defence Studies and Analyzes, Delhi)
The New 'Great Game' in Central Asia: the Pakistan Factor

Discussion

Coffee break 11.15-11.30

Bayram Balci (French Institute for Central Asian Studies, Tashkent)
The Indian subcontinent contribution to the reislamization of post-Soviet Central Asia

Azganush Migranian (Institute for CIS countries, Bishkek)
Possibilities of SCO and Countries-Observers for Afghanistan and Regional Economical Security

Discussion

12.30-13.30 LUNCH

13.30-17.00

SESSION IV. CENTRAL ASIA: A NEW MARKET FOR BOTH CHINA AND INDIA

Chair: Jean-Pierre Cabestan (CNRS, Hong Kong Baptist University)

Anita Sengupta (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata)
Perceptions and strategies. India's relation with the Central Asian region

Simon Shen (Department of Social Sciences, Hong Kong Institute of Education)
'Ideologised Energy Diplomacy' in Central Asia: A Comparative Analysis of the Policies of the US, Russia, India, and China

Adil Kaukenov (Institute for economic strategies – Central Asia)
The Chinese factor in Kazakhstan

Discussion

Coffee break 15.15-15.30

Chair: Renaud Egreteau (Hong Kong University)

Jean-François Huchet (French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, Hong Kong)
India and China: between conflict and cooperation

Marlène Laruelle (Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Washington/Stockholm)
The Indian economic involvement in Central Asia

Sébastien Peyrouse (Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Washington/Stockholm)
The Chinese economic involvement in Central Asia

Discussion

Closing remarks