

CHINA INDIA CONVERSATIONS
(Draft Agenda – Updated Feb. 28, 2013)
Second Interdisciplinary Symposium for Emerging Scholars on India China Studies
Organized by
India China Institute, The New School, New York

March 6, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The New School
Dorothy Hirshon Suite
55 W. 13th Street, 2nd Floor
New York, New York

Overview

The Second Interdisciplinary Symposium for Emerging Scholars on India China Studies is part of ICI'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. Held in conjunction with India China Institute's major spring 2013 conference, Everyday Religion and Sustainable Environments in the Himalaya, 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.

Schedule

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 | Hirshon Suite | 55 W 13th St., New York | 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 Opening remarks, Ashok Gurung, Senior Director of India China Institute

9:15-11:15 **Session I: China and India: Historical and Contemporary Connections**

Chair:

Benjamin Lee, Professor of Anthropology and Philosophy and founding Director of India China Institute

Presenters (15 minutes each):

Dhriti Roy, Assistant Professor, Sikkim University, Gangtok

- “Reorienting Chinese Buddhist Monastic Tradition: Redefining Sino-Indian Buddhist Monastic Relations”

Anil Kumar, Delhi University

- “Rising India: A Chinese Perspective”

Xin Zhang, School of Advanced International and Area Studies, East China Normal University

- “Governing State Capitalism and Overseas Expansion: A Comparative Study of Chinese and Indian National Oil Companies”

Discussants (7-10 minutes each):

Tansen Sen, Associate Professor of Asian History, Baruch College (*to comment primarily on Dhriti Roy’s presentation*)

Mark Frazier, Professor of Politics, New School for Social Research, and Academic Co-Director of India China Institute (*to comment primarily on Anil Kumar’s presentation*)

L.H.M. Ling, Associate Professor, Studley Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School (*to comment primarily on Xin Zhang’s presentation*)

Question and Answer (45 minutes)

11:15-11:30 Coffee break

Session II: The State of India-China Studies in India and China

Chair:

11:30-1:00

Ashok Gurung, Senior Director of India China Institute

Presenters (20 minutes each):

Jian Liu, Senior Professor, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Tansen Sen, Associate Professor of Asian History, Baruch College

Discussion (50 minutes)

1:00-2:30 Lunch (provided @Jackson Diner)

2:30-4:00 **Session III: Comparative Urban and Rural Perspectives**

Chair:

Nimmi Kurian, Associate Professor, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

Presenters (15 minutes each):

Shahana Chattaraj, Post-doctoral Fellow, The Lauder Institute, University of Pennsylvania

- “Remaking Shanghai, Unmaking Mumbai: Urban Restructuring in Globalizing Cities”

Yifei Yan, Erasmus Mundus student, European Master in Law and Economics, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai

- “Farmer Response to an Aggravating Urban-Rural Disparity: A Comparative Law and Political Economy Case for China and India”

Discussants (7-10 minutes each):

Vyjayanthi Rao, Assistant Professor of Anthropology (*to comment primarily on Shahana Chattaraj’s presentation*)

Nidhi Srinivas, Associate Professor, Nonprofit Management, Milano the New School for Management and Urban Policy (*to comment primarily on Yan Yifei’s presentation*)

Question and answer (30 minutes)