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The 18th All India Conference of China Studies

Theme:
Rewiring Globalization—
The China Factor in Trade, Technology,
and Sustainability in a Multipolar World

October 24-26, 2025



ABOUT

ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF CHINA STUDIES (AICCS)

The Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) has been organizing the All India Conference of China Studies (AICCS) as a flagship event since 2006. Convened annually, usually in November or December, in partnership with an institution where research and teaching in China Studies are being carried out, it aims to generate interest in and strengthen research on China Studies in India.

In addition to a special theme each year, the conference also features a survey of recent scholarship in various aspects of China Studies, both globally and in India. As a pan-Indian outreach initiative, the previous editions of AICCS have been held in Delhi (2006 & 2009), Jadavpur University (2010), Central University of Hyderabad (2011), Visva-Bharati University (2012 & 2021), IIM Kozhikode (2013), Banaras Hindu University (2014), Sikkim University (2015), University of Mumbai (2016), Goa University (2017), CHRIST University (2018), O.P. Jindal Global University (2019), IIT Madras (2021), IIT Guwahati (2022), and Central University of Hyderabad (2023).

Each year, the best paper presented by a young and emerging scholar is selected for the Mira Sinha-Bhattacharjee Award, established in memory of one of India's most distinguished scholars of China Studies. The Award carries a prize of 25,000 INR, and the selected paper is published by the ICS. The selection is made by a committee comprising senior China scholars, based on originality of the topic, methodology, argument, and presentation.

CONCEPT NOTE

The Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), New Delhi, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management Indore, is organising the 18th All India Conference of China Studies (AICCS) from October 24-26, 2025. The AICCS has been a flagship event of the ICS since 2006. This year's special theme is 'Rewiring Globalization: The China Factor in Trade, Technology, and Sustainability in a Multipolar World'.

The AICCS embodies contemporary, emergent scholarship from universities and research institutions on Chinese studies. Convened annually in partnership with an institution engaged in research and teaching in China Studies, this premier conference continues to generate interest in and strengthen research on China Studies in India.

The conference focuses on the opportunities and challenges arising from the evolving dynamics of trade, technology, and sustainability in the global landscape. It also aims to explore how these shifts impact India's strategic and economic interests, particularly in the context of changing global power structures and interdependencies.

Over the past decade, China's integration into the global economy has influenced international trade, technology, and supply chains. Its 'Beijing Consensus' model—rooted in state-led economic strategies, targeted industrial policies, and region-specific growth—has played a key role in its rise across sectors like emerging technologies, renewable energy, and manufacturing. Initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) have extended China's economic influence, reshaping supply chains and economic diplomacy. Furthermore, China's 14th Five-Year Plan emphasizes significant investments in climate change mitigation and the digital economy.

However, these developments have raised concerns globally, with issues such as trade tensions, supply chain vulnerabilities, and technological dependencies emerging. China's dominance in renewable energy has also sparked debates on sustainability and the risks of market concentration, affecting global climate goals and multilateral cooperation.

For India, these shifts present both challenges and strategic opportunities. As India charts its growth trajectory, it must address questions of economic security, technological resilience, and sustainable development in the face of rising global competition.

The AICCS provides a platform for scholars, policymakers, and industry leaders to assess these dynamics. It offers fresh perspectives on how India can strengthen its position in the global order, build resilient supply chains, and promote sustainable growth.

The sub-themes include, but are not limited to, the following: China's Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (China and Indo-Pacific, China and South-East Asia, China and South Asia, China's Economic Diplomacy); Geopolitics of Technology: The China Factor; Power Contestations in a Multipolar World: India, China and the West; Culture, Society, and Religion in China; China's Domestic Politics; Future of India-China Economic Engagement; Renewable Energy and Global Supply Chains: The China Factor in the Future of Climate Change.

DAY 1:

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 2025

9:00 am – 9:30 am Registration for Conference Attendees

INAUGURAL SESSION

9:30 am - 11:30 am

VENUE: Old Auditorium

INAUGURAL ADDRESS



Himanshu Rai

Director,
IIM Indore

REMARKS



Alka Acharya

Director,
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

WELCOME ADDRESS



G. Venkat Raman,
Convenor, 18th AICCS;
Faculty, IIM Indore

VOTE OF THANKS



Aravind Yelery
Co-convenor, 18th AICCS;
Faculty, Jawaharlal Nehru University

11:30 am – 11:45 am Tea Break

SPECIAL PANEL-I

Current Discourses in Chinese Studies

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

CHAIR-CUM-DISCUSSANT



Alka Acharya
Director,
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Bhim B. Subba
Faculty,
University of Hyderabad

SPEAKER



Anushka Saxena
Staff Research Analyst,
The Takshashila Institution,
Bengaluru

SPEAKER



Atul Kumar
Fellow, Strategic Studies
Programme, Observer Research
Foundation, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Anand P. Krishnan
Fellow, Centre of Excellence
for Himalayan Studies,
Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR

SPEAKER



Usha Chandran
Faculty,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm Lunch

THEMATIC PANEL-I

State-business Relations & Emerging Technologies

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

VENUE: F101

CHAIR



Ajit Phadnis
Faculty,
IIM Indore

SPEAKER



Nimisha Kashyap
Doctoral Scholar,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Ankit Surana
Faculty,
IIM Indore

SPEAKER



Tanmoy Kundu
Faculty,
IIM Indore

SPEAKER



Nishit Kumar
Research Fellow,
Centre for Contemporary
China Studies, New Delhi

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Tea Break

THEMATIC PANEL-II

Society and Culture

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

VENUE: F103

CHAIR



Usha Chandran

Faculty,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Shivender Rahul

Faculty,
Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur

SPEAKER



Aleena Tennise

Doctoral Scholar,
IIT Madras

SPEAKER



Snigdha Konar

Research Associate,
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Mallika Bora

Doctoral Scholar,
University of Delhi

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Tea Break

SPECIAL PANEL-II

Doing Business in/with China: Voices from Indian Business Leaders

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

CHAIR



Aravind Yelery

Co-convenor, 18th AICCS;
Faculty, Jawaharlal Nehru University

SPEAKER



Ravi Shankar Bose

Co-Founder and Director,
Fugumobile

SPEAKER



C. R. Raguramachandran

CEO,
AceMicromatic International

SPEAKER



Divay Pranav

Head - Mobility Domain,
Hyundai Motor India Ltd

SPEAKER



Phani Kiran Immaneni

Former Country Head,
ICICI, China

6:00 pm - 6:15 pm Tea Break

SPECIAL PANEL-III

Tariff wars and Trade-offs: Can India and China Find Common Ground?

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

CHAIR



Karthikeya N.
Faculty,
IIM Indore

SPEAKER



Murali K.
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade,
New Delhi

SPEAKER



Rajan Sudesh Ratna
Deputy Head and Senior Economic
Affairs Officer at United Nations
ESCAP (UNCTAD)

SPEAKER



Santosh Pai
Partner, Legal Link

SPEAKER



Aravind Yelery
Co-convenor, 18th AICCS;
Faculty, Jawaharlal Nehru University

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm Inaugural Dinner & Networking

DAY 2:

SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 2025

9:30 am– 10:45 am Parallel Tracks

THEMATIC PANEL-III

Chinese Diplomacy & Geopolitical Rivalries

9:30 AM -10:45 AM

VENUE: F101

CHAIR



Bhim B. Subba

Faculty,
University of Hyderabad

SPEAKER



Dattesh Parulekar

Faculty,
Goa University

SPEAKER



Khushnam P. N.

Independent IR & Regional
Security Researcher & Analyst

SPEAKER



Sanoop Sajan Koshy

Doctoral Scholar,
IIT Madras

SPEAKER



Mayukh Mukhopadhyay

Executive Doctoral Candidate,
IIM Indore

10:45 am – 11:00 am Tea Break

THEMATIC PANEL-IV

China's Role in Regional & Global Security

9:30 am -10:45 am

VENUE: F103

CHAIR



Anand P. Krishnan

Fellow, Centre of Excellence
for Himalayan Studies,
Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR

SPEAKER



Sreshtha Chakraborty

Faculty,
Bennett University, Greater Noida

SPEAKER



Vivek Y. Kelkar

Columnist,
Researcher and Analyst

SPEAKER



Saumya Shivangi

Research Scholar,
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

10:45 am – 11:00 am Tea Break

SPECIAL PANEL-IV

Re-wiring Globalization: Trade, Technology & Sustainability China Factor in a Multipolar World

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

CHAIR



G. Venkat Raman
Convenor, 18th AICCS;
Faculty, IIM Indore

SPEAKER



Amitendu Palit
Senior Research Fellow and Research
Lead (Trade and Economics),
Institute of South Asian Studies,
National University of Singapore

SPEAKER



V. Ramakrishna
Independent

SPEAKER



Birottam Dutta
Commercial Director,
India Subcontinent, Cabot Corporation

SPEAKER



Smita Purushottam
Former Ambassador;
Founder, Sitara

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch

THEMATIC PANEL-V

Domestic Determinants of Foreign Policy

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

VENUE: F101

CHAIR



T.G. Suresh

Faculty,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Albin Thomas

Doctoral Scholar,
IIT Madras

SPEAKER



Monika Kumari

Doctoral Scholar,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Rahul Pandey

Doctoral Scholar,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi

SPEAKER



Himadree Sonowal

Doctoral Scholar,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Tea Break

THEMATIC PANEL-VI

Resource Politics & Environmental Geopolitics

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

VENUE: F103

CHAIR



Alka Acharya

Director,
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Amit Ranjan Alok

Doctoral Scholar,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Chaitanya Deshpande

IBSA Fellow, Research and
Information System for Developing
Countries (RIS), New Delhi

SPEAKER



Ipshita Bhattacharya

Faculty,
The Bhopal School of
Social Sciences College

SPEAKER



Vishnupriya P.K.

Doctoral Scholar,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Tea Break

THEMATIC PANEL-VII (PANEL PROPOSAL)

Pluriversal Knowledges and Sustainability:
Comparing Possible Pathways of Rewiring Globalization in China and India

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

VENUE: F101

CHAIR



Aparna Vincent

Faculty,
IIM Indore

SPEAKER



Madhulika Banerjee

Faculty,
University of Delhi

SPEAKER



Devahuti Sarkar

Doctoral Scholar,
University of Delhi

SPEAKER



Akshay Bhambri

ICS-HYI Fellow;
Doctoral Scholar, University of Delhi

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Tea Break

SPECIAL PANEL-V

China's Technological Advances & Trade Restrictions

6:00 pm -7:30 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

CHAIR



Ashok K. Kantha

Former Ambassador; Distinguished Fellow,
Vivekananda International Foundation,
New Delhi

SPEAKER



G. Venkat Raman

Convenor, 18th AICCS;
Faculty, IIM Indore

SPEAKER



Antara Ghosal Singh

Fellow, Strategic Studies
Programme, Observer
Research Foundation, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Pranay Kotasthane

Deputy Director,
The Takshashila
Institution, Bengaluru

7:45 pm – 9:00 pm Special Dinner

DAY 3:

SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 2025

9:30 am - 11:00 am Parallel Tracks

THEMATIC PANEL-VIII

Technology, AI & Cyber Strategy

9:30 am - 10:45 am

VENUE: F101

CHAIR



Pranay Kotasthane

Deputy Director,
The Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru

SPEAKER



Akhilesh Kumar

Doctoral Scholar,
Jawaharlal Nehru University

SPEAKER



Nalinie Sharma

Research Fellow,
Department of Political Science,
Guru Nanak Dev University

SPEAKER



Nistha Kumari Singh

Doctoral Scholar,
Manipal Academy of
Higher Education

SPEAKER



Om Ranjan

Doctoral Scholar,
Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat

10:45 am - 11:00 am Tea Break

THEMATIC PANEL-IX

China's Foreign Policy & Geopolitics in a Multipolar World

9:30 am -10:45 am

VENUE: F103

CHAIR



Parimal Maya Sudhakar

Faculty, MIT World Peace
University, Pune

SPEAKER



Abhishek Yadav

Research Analyst, Manohar
Parrikar Institute for Defence
Studies & Analyses, New Delhi

SPEAKER



Mallika Devi

Independent Analyst

SPEAKER



Ishani Naskar

Faculty,
Jadavpur University, Kolkata

10:45 am - 11:00 am Tea/Coffee Break

THEMATIC PANEL-X

Climate Change, Energy & Sustainable Development

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

VENUE: F101

CHAIR



Dattesh Parulekar

Faculty,
Goa University

SPEAKER



Veena Roshan Jose

Faculty,
National Law University, Nagpur

SPEAKER



Vaishnavi

Doctoral Scholar,
Centre for East Asian Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University

SPEAKER



Noel Therattil Jackson

Advocate & Geopolitical
Researcher

12:15 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch

VALEDICTORY SESSION

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

VALEDICTORY REMARKS



Himanshu Rai
Director,
IIM Indore

CHAIR AND SPECIAL REMARKS



Alka Acharya
Director,
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

CONVENOR'S REPORT



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APPRECIATION AND WELCOMING DELEGATES TO THE 19th AICCS



Ishani Naskar
Faculty,
Jadavpur University, Kolkata



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