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Sushma Swaraj



Message from Minister of External Affairs

I am glad that the third edition of the Raisina Dialogue is taking place in New Delhi on 16–18 January 2018. A collaborative effort of the Observer Research Foundation and the Ministry of External Affairs, this Dialogue has rapidly emerged as the premier conclave in India on international relations. Its broadening participation and expansive agenda is reflective of the growing interest with which India is engaged by other countries in the world.

In the last year, long held assumptions regarding the global order and its practices have come under challenge. The world is facing a range of disruptions that impact societies internally as well as the relationship between nations. These disruptions have sharpened a transition in global politics that is underway. It is, therefore, particularly timely that the theme for this year's Dialogue is *"Managing Disruptive Transitions: Ideas, Institutions and Idioms"*.

I am confident that the deliberations of the Dialogue can help policy makers, strategists and analysts around the world better understand and appreciate this changing dynamics in international politics. I convey my best wishes for a successful conference.


— **Sushma Swaraj**



Message from Foreign Secretary

The Raisina Dialogue has in its third year firmly established itself as India's flagship conference regarding global strategic trends and issues. It has developed an agenda relevant to contemporary times and attracted participation from a wide range of thinkers spanning many countries.

The theme for 2018 - *"Managing Disruptive Transitions: Ideas, Institutions and Idioms"* – is particularly appropriate given the shifts in geo-politics, economic rebalancing, impact of technology and the power of ideas. Globalization and multilateralism are under retreat politically even though more nationalistic and bilateral methods of diplomacy have demonstrated limitations. This is a world of innovation not just for technology but also for the methodology of conducting world affairs.

The Ministry of External Affairs is very pleased to work with the Observer Research Foundation to make the third Raisina Dialogue successful and productive. We extend a warm welcome to all speakers and participants.

— **Dr. S. Jaishankar**



Message from Chairman, Observer Research Foundation

We are delighted to welcome our distinguished guests from across the globe to the Raisina Dialogue. Initiated in 2016 by the Observer Research Foundation and the Ministry of External Affairs, the Dialogue has in less than two years grown into a preeminent multi-stakeholder policy forum. During this period, it has been our pleasure to play host to a galaxy of leaders and thinkers from politics, government, business, media, civil society and academia in New Delhi.

In its last edition, the Raisina Dialogue welcomed 250 speakers and delegates from 65 countries to explore the changing landscape of international politics and the future of globalism. This year, through our central theme, *“Managing Disruptive Transitions: Ideas, Institutions and Idioms,”* we have turned our attention to managing the complexities of these fluid times.

From globalisation, the world seems to be drifting to protectionism, to restrictive borders and some would say a return to predatory economics. Our hyper-connected world, by a strange paradox, also finds itself hyper-fragmented. This is disrupting many of the institutions and the architecture that has served us in the past.

In an age where technology induced disruption is testing the resilience of corporations and countries alike, altering power dynamics and giving birth to new security threats, Raisina 2018 once again seeks to find strength in our common future. It convenes more than 500 speakers and delegates as well as another 1300 participants to debate over 50 pressing topics focused on the fractures within our global order.

We are delighted to have the Prime Minister of India, H.E, Narendra Modi grace us with his presence at the conference. The Prime Minister of Israel, H.E. Benjamin Netanyahu, who will deliver the inaugural address, will join him. The presence of these two leaders, the foreign and defence ministers from several countries, political, business and civil society thinkers, as well as delegates from 86 nations, are a testament to this forum's diversity.

I, once again, welcome you to the Raisina Dialogue and hope that in today's disruptive world, this conclave will encourage conversations that bridge political, ideological and identity divides and provide an opportunity for us to discover common ground, form new partnerships and friendships, and leave here with new sense of purpose and optimism.



— **Sunjoy Joshi**



Introduction

by Samir Saran
Curator, Raisina Dialogue

“Change is the law of the universe,” explains Krishna in the Bhagavad Gita, a treatise of life – alluding to the impermanence of society and being. This has remained true for millennia; guiding politics, philosophy and the way we script our shared histories and collective futures. The year 2017 brought with it upheavals and unanticipated transitions, ushering in changes that have left our carefully constructed global structures reeling. However, like all change, this too can be managed, once understood

Disruptive events have indeed become *de rigueur* in international relations. Mature partnerships that once leant stability to the world order are fracturing, while nascent ties are still to coalesce. New players are vying for a seat at the global high table, but struggle with both the capacity and capability that this seat demands. Yet there is an undeniable shift in the balance of power and its diffusion across a group of new actors. Corporations, global NGOs and other non-state actors are gaining dramatic prominence, which is undermining the primacy of nation-states in domains ranging from security to public services. #Hashtag citizenship is indeed challenging the old social contracts that defined nations.

This new power dynamic is impeding on the legitimacy and efficacy of established global institutions to execute their remit. New actors with new agency do not have historic investments in these institutions, and see their lack of pluralism and inclusiveness as key hurdles for these old arrangements to enforce a rules-based order in changing times. Many new aspirants who seek to manage the challenges of today believe that there is an urgent need to rewrite global norms and principles. These debates have been playing out across countries and communities in the first two decades of the 21st century.

The digital realm is contributing to this unsettled equilibrium. While technology has brought us closer, it has, in a curious way, made us more aware of our differences – identity contests are now up close and proximate. Then, there are also the associated challenges of skilling, security and sovereignty that the advent of the Fourth Industrial Revolution presents. As the

digital increasingly defines everything, governments will have to consider how to regulate this fluid reality – one that resides somewhere in between the virtual, the augmented and the real. In this new era, our leaders will be under increasing pressure to protect and regulate both online and offline spaces in an effort to ensure citizens’ economic prosperity and personal security.

Society and its mores, too, are undergoing a harsh reality check. Increased connectivity has empowered once-marginalised voices and is shining a brighter light on archaic and chauvinistic approaches to gender, race and religion – provoking a much-needed conversation on the leadership structures managing people and nations.

These new disruptive trends have called into question the durability of the liberal world order and the ethical suppositions that have guided it for so long. India is no exception to this disruption, as it attempts to discover pathways to manage dramatic economic, social and geopolitical transitions. On the economic front, in an effort to facilitate integration and transparency, India has adopted a historic tax reform – the Goods and Services Tax. In the past twelve months, the “Digital India” initiative has transformed the lives and improved the agency of millions of citizens. The country’s judiciary has weighed in on several contentious ‘Constitutional’ issues, including the recognition of privacy as a fundamental right and the enhancement of women’s marital rights. This evolving domestic landscape has been accompanied by an increasingly volatile regional security environment, which has tested India’s resolve and capacity. The government’s response, in taking a firm yet principled stand on sovereign boundaries and transnational projects, has reaffirmed the geopolitical values that must guide all nations moving forward. As India increasingly commits to development finance and enters into new partnerships with the developing world, it will strengthen its role as the progenitor of the guiding principles that must undergird the evolving international order.

As the Bhagavad Gita makes clear, accepting change is the first step to navigating it. The Raisina Dialogue strives to provide the platform upon which this transition can occur – where global stakeholders convene to voice ideas, craft idioms and recommend institutions that must shape and propagate not only the new world order, but maybe the new world. Our central theme this year, “Managing Disruptive Transitions: Ideas, Institutions and Idioms”, is a reflection of this endeavour. This topic is designed to agitate debate on contemporary global trends and explore opportunities for collective action among institutions, nation-states and non-state actors as we manage a dynamic and unpredictable era of geopolitics, security and innovation.

In an effort to capture the complexity of modern times, this year’s conference has an expansive scope that touches over 50 different themes, which has drawn more than 500 speakers and delegates from 86 countries. This diverse delegate body has spurred public interest with a record registration of 1,800 participants. Within the conference, there has been

a concerted effort towards gender parity, and we are proud to say that over 40 percent of our delegates this year are women. We have similarly placed a premium on bringing forward young voices – the policy makers, academics and entrepreneurs who will be the torchbearers of the next world order.

The conference’s emphasis on youth and gender is best exemplified by the Raisina Young Fellows Programme, which convenes outstanding individuals across a variety of sectors for an immersive ten-day workshop on managing global challenges. Through exercises and interactions with prominent and thoughtful figures from the worlds of politics, business and academia, these young leaders discuss and challenge conventional interpretations of complex contemporary realities. This year’s class of Young Fellows includes diplomats, journalists, academics, business executives, civil society leaders and politicians from 28 different nations, more than half of whom are women.

The Raisina Dialogue is conceptualised to be the foremost global ideation arena located in the emerging world. It is India’s contribution to the efforts that will discover solutions, identify opportunities and provide stability to a century that has witnessed a tumultuous two decades. This platform endeavours to offer a blueprint for a new global order incubated in the Eastern Hemisphere; for a paradigm of global development led by the Global South; and for a responsive post-modern social order lent credence by the wisdom of an ancient culture.

Raisina Associated Events

Asian Forum for Global Governance

January 12 - 21, 2018, New Delhi

The Asian Forum for Global Governance is an annual workshop jointly organised by the Observer Research Foundation and the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Germany. The forum welcomes a competitively selected group of young fellows to analyse the preeminent social, political and economic challenges facing the global community. The primary objective of the Forum is to provide an instructional and networking platform for young professional leaders to discuss and debate conventional interpretations of complex contemporary realities.

Track 1.5 and Track 2 Dialogues

January 15 - 20, 2018, New Delhi

In the days preceding and following the Raisina Dialogue, the Observer Research Foundation hosts a variety of government officials, policy makers, business executives and academics to discuss a broad range of issues. The discussions serve as an opportunity to explore potential areas of cooperation on key geo-strategic challenges and opportunities.

India - France - Australia Track 1.5 Dialogue

January 16, 2018, New Delhi

India - Australia Policy Forum

January 19, 2018, New Delhi

India - France Track 1.5 Dialogue

January 15, 2018, New Delhi

India - Russia Track 2 Dialogue

January 19, 2018, New Delhi

India - United States - Russia Track 2 Dialogue

January 20, 2018, New Delhi

Raisina: Dialogues From Facebook

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In Conversation: Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel with **Samir Saran**, Vice-President, Observer Research Foundation

In Conversation: Sujoy Bose, Chief Executive Officer, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund with **Kabir Taneja**, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

17 January, 2018

In Conversation: Katie Harbath, Director, Global Policy Programs, Facebook with **Samir Saran**, Vice-President, Observer Research Foundation

In Conversation: General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army Staff, India with **Indrani Bagchi**, Diplomatic Editor, Times of India

In Conversation: Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister, India with **Ankhi Das**, Director of Public Policy (India, South & Central Asia), Facebook

ISIS: The End of an Ideology?

Fauzia Abdi Ali, President of WIIS Kenya and Chair, Sisters without Borders

General Chris Deverell, Joint Forces Commander, United Kingdom

Brian Fishman, Counterterrorism Public Policy Manager, Facebook

Kanchan Gupta, Commissioning Editor & Commentator, ABP News
(moderator)

Mobilising Communities

Smriti Irani, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, India

Karen Attiah, Global Opinions Editor, Washington Post

Ankhi Das, Director of Public Policy (India, South & Central Asia), Facebook

Yalda Hakim, Host, BBC World News (moderator)

In Conversation: Suresh Prabhu, Minister for Commerce & Industry, India with **Shivnath Thukral**, Public Policy Director (India and South Asia), Facebook

In Conversation: Nadia Schadlow, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Strategy, U.S. National Security Council, with **C. Rajamohan**, Director, Carnegie India

Gender & Tech: Empowerment & Misogyny

Danielle Kayembe, Founder, GreyFire Impact

Pascale Fung, Professor, Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Bedavyasa Mohanty, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation
(moderator)

On Afghanistan

Jeffrey Smith, Research Fellow, Heritage Foundation, United States

Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

Maya Mirchandani, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (moderator)

18 January, 2018

Nuclear Irrationality: Pakistan, North Korea & Beyond

Wendy Ruth Sherman, Senior Counselor, Albright Stonebridge Group

Shen Dingli, Professor, Fudan University

Rakesh Sood, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (moderator)

In Conversation: Hamid Karzai, Former President, Afghanistan with **Yalda Hakim**, Host, BBC World News

Digital Money: New Pathways for Growth

Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog

Tidhar Wald, Head of Government Relations & Public Policy, Better Than Cash Alliance

Joseph Lubin, Co-Founder, Ethereum and Founder, ConsenSys

Shivnath Thukral, Public Policy Director (India and South Asia), Facebook
(moderator)

In Conversation: Abul Hassan Mahmood, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh with **Shivnath Thukral**, Public Policy Director (India and South Asia), Facebook

In Conversation: Admiral Harry Harris, Jr., Commander, U.S. Pacific Command with **Samir Saran**, Vice-President, Observer Research Foundation

Rethinking the Commonwealth, post Brexit

Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, India

Michael Fullilove, Executive Director, Lowy Institute

Geoffrey van Orden, Member of the European Parliament for the East of England

Dhruva Jaishankar, Fellow, Brookings India (moderator)

Right to Offend

Priyank Mathur, Founder, Mythos Labs, USA

Radhika Vaz, Writer & Comedian

Vani Tripathi, Board member, CBFC

Maya Mirchandani, Journalist & Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation



RAISINA

DIALOGUE

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 – 16 JANUARY, 2018

18:30 - 19:30 **RAISINA INAUGURAL**

Durbar

Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs, India

Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation

Samir Saran, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation (moderator)

19:30 - 20:00

20:00 - 21:30 **INAUGURAL DINNERS**

Rani Bagh

Welcome Dinner (in lawns)

Shah Jehan

Foreign Secretary's Dinner (By Invitation)

S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary, India

Konstantin Kosachev, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Federation Council, Russia

Hans Dahlgren, State Secretary for International and EU Affairs to Prime Minister, Sweden

Mumtaz

Navigating the Chrome Age: Jobs, Growth and Public Policy (Dinner Session)

Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, India

Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20

Yao Zhang, Founder & CEO, Roboterra

Joseph Lubin, Co-Founder, Ethereum and Founder, ConsenSys

Manish Sabharwal, Co-Founder & Executive Chairman, TeamLease

Stavros N. Yiannouka, Chief Executive Officer, World Innovation Summit for Education (moderator)

The Fourth Industrial Revolution will dramatically alter the employer-employee dynamic and usher in the Chrome Age – an era that will be marked by the increasing proliferation of machines, automation and augmented reality. The new status quo may be increasingly contractual, as employers reach out to the “human cloud” for labour rather than hire individual employees to work in traditional offices. As with any major technological change, automated labour will render some 20th Century industries redundant and simultaneously create new, productive sectors of the economy. However, this metamorphosis of employment and of work itself will present unprecedented challenges to policymakers, companies and workers. This panel will explore the implications of the changing nature of the workforce - on regulation, on skilling and on the hiring process.

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Jehangir

Raisina Young Fellows Dinner - Regulating Big Tech in a Post-Truth World

Peter Swire, Professor of Law and Ethics, Scheller College of Business, Georgia Institute of Technology

Roshanara

Constrained Capital: Paving the Path for Infrastructure Investments in India and Other Emerging Economies (By Invitation)

The global infrastructure investment needs of the world are USD 6.3 trillion per year over the period 2016-30 to support growth and development, per estimates. India itself requires at least half the estimated amount. At the same forum last year, a great deal of attention was placed on connecting institutional investors with projects that need their capital as well as creating an expanded role for public-private partnerships. This year's panel will discuss solutions to capital deficit and will explore how to incentivise institutional investor funds to direct their funds to the emerging markets.

21:30 - 22:00

22:00 - 23:00 CONVERSATIONS OVER KAHWA

Mumtaz

In the Mind of the Bear: Russia's Next Geopolitical Maneuver

Alexander Gabuev, Senior Fellow and the Chair of the Russia in the Asia- Pacific Program, Carnegie Moscow Center

Thomas Gomart, Director, IFRI (French Institute of International Relations)

Heather Hurlburt, Director, New Models of Policy Change, New America

Timofei Bordachev, Director, Centre for Comprehensive European and International Studies, National Research University Higher School of Economics

Tatiana Seliverstova, Deputy Chairman, Russian Union of Youth

Nandan Unnikrishnan, Vice President & Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (moderator)

In March, Russians will go to the polls to vote for their next president and it appears that President Putin is all but assured of a fourth term. Now, the global community must consider what to expect from the next iteration of Putin. In Europe, it is unclear whether Russia will opt for reconciliation or a hardening of posture. In Asia, regional powers are waiting to see if Putin will seek to establish Russia as an Indo-Pacific Power. And within Russia, citizens are anxious about how the Russian economy will perform under pressure in 2018. This panel will explore Russia's decisive role in the emerging world order and discuss what we can expect from Putin's next term.

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Roshanara

Women in Foreign and Security Policy

Houda Cherif, President, Connecting Group Tunisia

Rachel Rizzo, Research Associate, Transatlantic Security Program, Center for a New American Security

Bi-Khim Hsiao, Senior Adviser, The Prospect Foundation, Taiwan

Li Li, Deputy Director, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania Institute, CICIR

Lucy Shule, Lecturer and Director of Studies, National Defence College, Tanzania

Riina Kaljurand, Research Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security

Ritika Passi, Project Editor & Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation
(moderator)

It is a truism that gender plays an unavoidable role in matters of peace and security. Against this backdrop, this conversation reflects on how men and women are differently targeted and affected by conflict situations; the link between gender inequality, political-motivated violence and resultant security politics and conflict resolution mechanisms; why women are underrepresented in leadership positions in academia and policymaking; and what objectives implementing a gender bias serves.

DAY 2 – 17 JANUARY, 2018

BREAKFAST – 07.30 onwards in Rani Bagh (lawns)

Shah Jehan

09:15 - 10:30 **The Terror State: Innovative Solutions to New Threats**

General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army Staff, India

General Chris Deverell, Joint Forces Commander, U.K.

Husain Haqqani, Senior Fellow and Director for South and Central Asia, Hudson Institute

Vyacheslav Nikonov, Member of the State Duma, Russia

Major General (Retd.) Amos Gilead, Executive Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

Virginia Comolli, Senior Fellow for Security & Development, The International Institute for Strategic Studies (moderator)

As non-state actors increasingly have access to the benefits of sovereignty and statehood, existing conceptions of the threat from terror are challenged. The emerging structure of actors, networks and organisations call for a reimagining of anti-terror tactics. However, the widespread and pervasive nature of radicalisation today complicates this challenge. This panel will explore the threats that such 'terror-states' pose and how the international order can respond to the terror groups of a Digital Century.

10:30 - 11:00

THE RAISINA OPENER

Durbar

11:00 - 11:30 Plenary Address by **Sushma Swaraj**, Minister of External Affairs, India
Introduction by **Sunjoy Joshi**, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation

11:30 - 12:00 **IN CONVERSATION**

M.J. Akbar, Minister of State External Affairs, India with **Zalmay Khalilzad**, Former Ambassador of the United States to the United Nations and Counsellor, Center for Strategic and International Studies

12:00 - 12:30 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

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Durbar

12:30 - 13:30 **Policy, Politics and Gender**

Smriti Irani, Minister for Textiles and Information and Broadcasting, India

Robin Gorna, Global Co-Lead, SheDecides

Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20

Wendy Ruth Sherman, Senior Counselor, Albright Stonebridge Group

Pascale Fung, Professor, Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Ankhi Das, Director of Public Policy (India, South & Central Asia), Facebook (moderator)

There is a global consensus for more women in decision-making positions in politics, entrepreneurship and business. Are there justifications beyond the argument that greater female representation at all levels of society is a social necessity? What arguments and examples can we find across the world about the economic impact of systems that empower women within the increasingly competitive global arena? Will countries that build these systems effectively have an edge in rapidly changing times? This panel will discuss how both public and private institutions can overcome traditional barriers that curtail the effective participation of women in policy and politics.

13:30 - 15:00 **LUNCH**

Rani Bagh

For general participants and delegates (lawns)

Shah Jehan

Innovation and Creation: Geo-economics in the Knowledge Age (Lunch Session)

Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry, India

Kenneth Juster, U.S. Ambassador to India

Esther Ndichu, Vice President of Public Affairs, UPS (Indian Subcontinent, Middle East and Africa)

Saad Mohseni, Chairman and CEO, Moby Group

Kavita Gupta, Founding Managing Partner, ConsenSys Ventures

Patrick Kilbride, Vice President (IIP), Global Innovation Policy Center, U.S. Chamber of Commerce (moderator)

Fostering innovation is increasingly the core of developing countries' strategies for their economic futures. In a world of smartphones, smart wallets and smart cities, the solutions of the future will be based on innovative and unconventional propositions. Economic growth will be dependent on how countries incubate new ideas and incentivise innovation. Prominent democracies have experienced simultaneous, yet differentiated, innovation trajectories – for example, Israel's agricultural advances, Japan's high-end infrastructure programs, America's Silicon Valley and the Digital India initiative. This panel will explore how an innovation-driven geo-economic strategy can inform foreign policy as well as how countries can form strategic partnerships that energise this process.

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Mumtaz

The Killer Bytes: Countering Violent Extremism (Lunch Session)

Ivo Veenkamp, Deputy Executive Director, Hedayah Centre

Brian Fishman, Counterterrorism Policy Manager, Facebook

Ebtesam Al-Ketbi, President, Emirates Policy Centre

Alexander Klimburg, Director, The Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace

Fauziya Abdi Ali, President of WIIS Kenya and Chair, Sisters Without Borders

Shiv Sahai, Joint Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), India
(Moderator)

In a hyper-connected world, those with the ability to shape the narrative possess immense power. Extremist elements have had a head start in leveraging digital media to spread violent propaganda, resulting in the mobilisation of radicalism in the virtual space. Terror groups like ISIS, in particular, have disseminated their messages through social media platforms with disturbing ease. This panel will discuss effective strategies for the creation of counter-narratives to those propagated by extremist movements that threaten local and global peace.

Jenhangir

Raisina Young Fellows: Interaction with **Premdut Koonjoo**, Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, Republic of Mauritius

Roshanara

Capital Convergence: Private Sector Finance & Partnerships that can Unlock Indo-Pacific Connectivity (Lunch Session)

Rajiv Lall, MD and CEO, IDFC Bank

Sujoy Bose, CEO, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, India

Nisha Biswal, President, US-India Business Council

James Carafano, Vice President for the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, and the E.W. Richardson Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security

Across the vast Indo-Pacific – a geography seemingly destined for greater growth and connectivity in the 21st century – lies a vexing paradox: In a region with so much potential, the private capital flows and private sector partnerships fundamental to fund the roughly \$25 trillion in vital, regional infrastructure projects throughout the next decade are in short supply. In an era where competition is great and sources of capital seem to be cloistered within states, the region needs to rethink how it leverages private industry and private capital, linking the region with sustainable capital inflows. What will these partnerships look like and how will they more effectively use the operational efficiency that business brings to the table? Will the 21st century's single greatest development opportunity be realized – or instead will a region with unmet expectations and economic tension prevail?

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Durbar

15:00 - 16:00 **IN CONVERSATION – Strat-Con: The Emerging Security Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific**

Christopher Pyne, Minister for Defence Industry, Australia

Maliki Osman, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, Singapore

Ram Madhav, National General Secretary, BJP and Director, India Foundation

Nadia Schadlow, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Strategy, U.S. National Security Council

C. Raja Mohan, Director, Carnegie India (moderator)

The 21st Century has witnessed a dramatic shift in the concentration of global power – away from the Pacific-Atlantic and towards the Indo-Pacific. This new balance of power has significantly altered the economic, political and security landscapes in Indo-Pacific. In response, relevant stakeholders have reassessed their regional strategies, leading to new security partnerships and enhanced economic connectivity. This panel will discuss the new dynamics in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, how countries are responding to the changing geopolitical and security dynamics, as well as new partnerships that may drive regional cooperation.

16.00–16.15 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

16:15–17:15 **Giving India a Strategic Edge: Production, Innovation & Technology Partnerships**

Ajay Kumar, Secretary, Department of Defence Production, India

Richard Verma, Vice Chairman, The Asia Group

Jeffrey Colman, Deputy Director, Policy and Government Affairs, AIPAC

Cara Abercrombie, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Vice Admiral Bernard J McCullough (USN, Retd), Vice President - International Business Development, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems

Ashok Malik, Press Secretary to the President of India (moderator)

As India's global profile grows, it will have to take on major responsibilities with regard to monitoring and securing the Indo-Pacific region. This will need India to step up its regional security capabilities. The Indian government has begun to increasingly focus on an indigenous defence industry as part of an attempt to become a global defence production hub, create jobs domestically, as well as reduce strategic dependence on the rest of the world. For this strategy to be successful, India will need to emphasize defence innovation and form global partnerships. This panel will discuss how India and partners like the United States can cooperate on defence production and innovation and help establish India as a net security provider.

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17:15 - 18:15 **The End of the Liberal Order: The Beginning of the Asian Century?**

Stephen Harper, Former Prime Minister, Canada

James Carafano, Vice President, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, The Heritage Foundation

Igor Morgulov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Ina Lepel, Director-General on Asia and the Pacific, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Theresa Fallon, Director, Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies

Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, India (moderator)

As political and economic power is rapidly shifting towards Asia's growing economies, the international order is being called into question. In fact, "global" values of democracy and free markets are increasingly under pressure even in the West. While the economic advantages of Asia's rise for the global system are clear, the effect of these expanding economies on the values underpinning global order is less certain. This panel will discuss the dynamics of the new global order and examine if the fundamentals of liberalism and democracy can survive the Asian Century.

Roshanara

Framing the Health Agenda for the G20

Andreas Schaal, Director, OECD Global Relations and OECD G20 Sous Sherpa

Helen Rees, Wits Reproductive Health and HIV Institute

F. Gray Handley, Associate Director, International Research Affairs, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Elena Dmitrieva, Director of Russian NGO Health and Development Foundation

Wulf Reiners, Head, Managing Global Governance Programme, German Development Institute

Shamika Ravi, Senior Fellow, Brookings India (moderator)

The G20 has for the first time ever made health a priority for action and a major topic for discussion. The Berlin Declaration of May 2017, issued by Chancellor Angela Merkel along with G20 health ministers, pledged for greater global cooperation on health. The agenda this year has focused on global health crisis management, strengthening health systems and tackling a transnational problem of antimicrobial resistance. The G20 will now face questions on how it can improve its commitment to health and go beyond last year's mandate. This roundtable will explore how this expansion of G20 action can be made a reality and the areas of cooperation that will open up for this group during the 2018

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18:15-18:30 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

Durbar

18:30 – 19:45 Introductory Address: **India and Europe**

Ruchi Ghanashyam, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, India

Towards EU 2.0: Seeking Leadership in a New World Order

Marek Magierowski, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Pedro Serrano, Deputy Secretary General, European External Action Service

Charles Powell, Director, Elcano Royal Institute

Carl Bildt, Former Prime Minister, Sweden

Fyodor Lukyanov, Editor-in-Chief of Russia in Global Affairs, Chairman of the Presidium of the Council on Foreign and Defence Policy and Research Director of the Valdai International Discussion Club

Geoffrey Van Orden, Member of the European Parliament for the East of England

Serena A. Chaudhry, TV News Producer, Reuters (moderator)

The European Union is still dealing with the fallout of the 2008 financial crisis, which shook the core economic assumptions that underlay the Union. The fault-lines within European society too have been on full display following the rise of ISIS – terror attacks in France and Belgium have complicated the discussion about European values. This uncertainty has only been intensified by the popularity of nationalist, right wing governments in major European countries. The panel will discuss how EU members must respond to the growing Euro-scepticism, including in the context of Brexit.

Durbar

19:45 – 20:15 **IN CONVERSATION - The Rise of City-States: Democracy, Security and Foreign Policy**

Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing and Urban Affairs, India

Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria, Australia

Nisha Desai Biswal, President, USIBC (moderator)

For centuries, the Peace of Westphalia has been the basis for diplomatic and sovereign engagement between nation-states. Today, however, global conversations are re-centring themselves - major cities as the hubs of technological innovation, social mobility and high economic growth, are challenging the primacy of the nation-state. They are increasingly pursuing independent global strategies and bypassing traditional foreign policy mechanisms. This panel will explore the role that such cities can play in scripting new paradigms for governance, finding new paths to cooperation and setting the agenda for international relations and the discourse of the future.

20:15 – 20:30

20:30 – 22:00 **DINNER**

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Rani Bagh

For general participants and delegates (lawns)

Shah Jehan

Shaping a New Ethos of Geo-politics and Geo-economics: The Role of Emerging Powers in G20, BRICS and IBSA (Dinner Session)

Anil Sooklal, Deputy Director General of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa

Gustavo Martinez, Managing Director, Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales

Dawisson Lopes, Professor of International and Comparative Politics, The Federal University of Minas Gerais

Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20

Akshay Mathur, Director, Research and Analysis, Gateway House (moderator)

Age-old power dynamics are shifting. Developing countries that played only a marginal role in establishing the global governance structure now have a seat at the high table. New institutions like BRICS and the G20 have arisen that give voice to these young economic powerhouses. This panel will discuss the role of these new organizations in the world order; specifically, it will explore how they can work towards a consensus around new norms that reflect the economic and social realities of the 21st Century.

Mumtaz

Towards a New Framework for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (Dinner Session)

Kentaro Sonoura, Advisor to the Prime Minister (National Security), Japan

Serge Segura, Ambassador for the Oceans, France

Shafiah Fifi Muhibat, Head of Department of International Relations, Centre for Strategic and International Studies

Tsutomu Kikuchi, Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University

Ram Madhav, National General Secretary, BJP and Director, India Foundation

Kelly Magsamen, Vice President, National Security and International Policy, Centre for American Progress

Smita Prakash, Editor, ANI News (moderator)

As a free and open Indo-Pacific based on the rule of law has become a driving strategic concept, developing and emerging countries have demonstrated an insatiable appetite for investments, infrastructure and trade opportunities. In recognition of these imperatives, regional stakeholders are acknowledging the need to enhance connectivity and strengthen maritime cooperation. This panel will discuss how liberal democracies such as India, Japan and ASEAN can work together in the region to establish a rules-based order, and catalyse sustainable investment and infrastructure projects.

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Jehangir

Raisina Young Fellows: Book Discussion with Alyssa Ayres, Author of “Our Time has Come: How India is Making its Place in the World”

Discussants:

S. Paul Kapur, Professor, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School

Harsh Pant, Distinguished Fellow and Head, Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation

Roshanara

Serving Stability in the Indo-Pacific (By Invitation)

22:00 - 22:30

22:30 - 23:30 CONVERSATIONS OVER KAHWA

Mumtaz

Fragile World: Preventing a Scorched Earth

Guy-Cedric Werlings, Country Representative, International Solar Alliance

Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds Initiative

Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, India

Cleo Paskal, Associate Fellow in the Energy, Environment and Resources Department, Chatham House

Sumant Sinha, CEO, ReNew Power

Shikha Bhasin, Programme Lead- Technology, Trade and Finance, Council on Energy, Environment & Water (moderator)

A key clause in the 2015 Paris Agreement guaranteed the annual flow of \$100 billion for low carbon transition to the developing world. Flows may in fact be half of the pledged amount. The developing world's ability to conform to the Paris Accords will depend crucially upon the ability to mobilise funds. What are the barriers to increasing the cross-border financing of the fight against climate change? Have international banking regulations, black box rating methodologies and a lack of investor capacity made the problem worse? This panel will discuss the causes and consequences of inadequate climate funding to the developing world and examine alternative ways to energise private capital to ensure the Paris targets are reached.

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Roshanara

Fragile World: From Cold War to Hot Peace

Matthew Rojansky, Director, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Julie B. Sheetz, Global Force Planner, Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States

Elena Lazarou, Senior Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service

Marian Vidaurri, Section Chief, Political Analysis, Organization of American States

Tanvi Madan, Director, India Project, Brookings Institution

Asle Toje, Director of Research, Nobel Peace Prize Research and Information, The Norwegian Nobel Institute (moderator)

Across the world, the rise of nationalist politics has placed the institutions and frameworks of the 20th Century under strain. The youth has, in part, been responsible for rising sentiments of nationalism and protectionism – nationalist rhetoric has young spokespersons, radicalisation has young volunteers and right-wing propaganda has a young audience. This panel will discuss how the youth can work to ensure that they inherit a world order where the core values of liberalism remain intact. Specifically, it will explore how young leaders in the foreign policy, security and academic communities can play an integral role in this endeavour.

DAY 3 – 18 JANUARY, 2018

BREAKFAST – 07.30 onwards in Rani Bagh (lawns)

Shah Jehan

- 09:15 - 10:15 **Nuclear Unpredictability: Managing the Global Nuclear Framework**
Feodor Voytlovsky, Director, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations
Wendy Ruth Sherman, Senior Counselor, Albright Stonebridge Group
Shen Dingli, Professor, Fudan University
Rory Medcalf, Head, National Security College, Australian National University
Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan, Senior Fellow and Head of the Nuclear and Space Policy Initiative, Observer Research Foundation
Dhruva Jaishankar, Fellow, Foreign Policy, Brookings India (moderator)
- If military strength is the final argument in international relations, nuclear weapons are its most emphatic manifestation. The global nuclear framework is being put to the test as the threat of nuclear war becomes increasingly realistic. Nuclear proliferation remains an issue as North Korea boldly continues its missile tests and the Iran nuclear deal is at risk. Fissures within the existing framework have opened – in part by failure to progress towards global nuclear disarmament - resulting in the rapid creation of new platforms such as the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. While considering the geopolitical imperatives that drive nuclear proliferation, this panel will review the existing nuclear management framework, as well as possible improvements and revisions.

10:15 - 10:30

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10:30 - 11:30

Contested Connectivity: Economic Tracks – Political Cargo?

Vijay Keshav Gokhale, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, India

Seyed Kazem Sajjadpour, Deputy Foreign Minister, Iran

István Mikola, Minister of State for Security Policy and International Cooperation, Hungary

Zalmay Khalilzad, Former Ambassador of the United States to the United Nations and Counsellor, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Nisha Biswal, President, USIBC

Michael Fullilove, Executive Director, Lowy Institute (moderator)

There is a connectivity race in the Asia-Pacific. As the drive to connect with neighbours and those further away continues, it is increasingly clear that investments in ports and roads, railways and pipelines are neither benign nor selfless. Connectivity, particularly infrastructure-related, has become a space of contest and confrontation, especially in Asia – both on land and at sea. Broader concerns of transparency, fiscal responsibility and freedom of navigation are also being raised, prompting a search for alternatives. This panel will discuss the political objectives and consequences of such economic activity; discuss the potential effect on emerging Asian architecture; and reflect on consequences for regional governance, as they pertain to principles of cooperation.

11:30 – 12:00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:00

The Afghan Poser

General (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.), Minister of State for External Affairs, India

Hamid Karzai, Former President, Afghanistan

Igor Morgulov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Yalda Hakim, Host, BBC World News (moderator)

Geopolitics, geo-economics and regional security all together determine the future path of Afghanistan. Regionally, Afghanistan continues to be caught up in Great Power politics and remains weary of threats from neighbours like Pakistan and Iran. The domestic scenario is equally uncertain. The country is burdened by factional warfare and dysfunctional politics. Concerns about corruption and economic lethargy have hindered its growth and development. This panel will discuss how Afghanistan can handle its domestic security challenges and leverage its strategic position to become a major player in terms of regional cooperation and connectivity.

13:00 - 13:30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ryamizard Ryacudu, Minister of Defence, Indonesia

Moderated by **Sunjoy Joshi**, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation

DAY 3 – 18 JANUARY, 2018

13:30 - 15:00 **LUNCH**

Rani Bagh

For general participants and delegates (lawns)

Shah Jehan

IN CONVERSATION – Towards a Bay of Bengal Community: Development, Growth & Security (Lunch Session)

Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka

Shankar Das Bairagi, Foreign Secretary, Nepal

Preeti Saran, Secretary, (East), Ministry of External Affairs, India

Baijayant Panda, Member of Parliament, India (moderator)

Although it was established over 20 years ago, BIMSTEC has yet to develop into an effective forum for regional collaboration and growth. The Bay of Bengal community is connected through shared histories, cultural similarities and economic aspirations, yet it has struggled to achieve institutional accord. However, the strategic location of these countries makes their cooperation on key issues such as connectivity, ocean governance and trade vital for regional prosperity in the region and beyond. This panel will discuss how the Bay of Bengal community can cooperate on issues of security and trade to create a comprehensive framework for joint regional action.

Mumtaz

Digital Money: Innovating with India for the World (Lunch Session)

Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog

Vijay Shekhar Sharma, Founder and Head, Paytm

Porush Singh, India and Division President, South Asia, MasterCard

Arvind Gupta, Head, Digital India Foundation

Agnieszka Wierzbicka, Expert, Ministry of Digital Affairs, Poland

Tidhar Wald, Head of Government Relations & Public Policy, Better Than Cash Alliance (moderator)

The rapid digitalisation of growing economies like India's has created unprecedented social and economic opportunity, but has simultaneously presented challenges for governments, companies and society at large. In the digital economies of the future, welfare will have to be both delivered and secured online – but there is no consensus on the processes that must be put in place for this to become a reality. Meanwhile, digital spaces are running the risk of mirroring inequities found in the physical world and are simultaneously becoming increasingly insecure. This panel will discuss the future of the digital economy – in particular, it will examine the digital payments market and analyse models that show promise and have broad applicability across the developing world, as well as how the government can both partner with and regulate the private sector.

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Jehangir

Raisina Young Fellows: Interaction with **Stephen Harper**, Former Prime Minister, Canada

Roshanara

From Multilaterals to Multinationals: Provision of Global Public Goods (Lunch Session)

Tarek Elabbady, Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft Emerging Markets Digital Transformation, Microsoft

Sandhya Venkateswaran, Deputy Director, India, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Hans-Christian Hagman, Chief Analyst and Senior Adviser to the State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Mabel Brodrick-Okereke, Founder & CEO, Educational Social Enterprise

Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Founder and Executive Vice-Chairman, InfoEdge

Isabelle Mégré, Advisor, Program and Content, International Economic Forum of the Americas (moderator)

As the size of government shrinks, but the purview of governance broadens, transnational entities - philanthropic organizations, technology companies and business corporations - will have the opportunity to fill the gap. As private companies establish themselves as providers of public goods once provided solely by the state, we must re-evaluate their social roles and obligations. This panel will explore the implications of enlisting private actors in an area that the State has traditionally monopolised.

Durbar

15:00 - 16:15

Unchartered Waters: In Search for Order in the Indo-Pacific

Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of Naval Staff, India

Admiral Harry Harris, Jr., Commander, U.S. Pacific Command

Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Japan

Vice Admiral Tim Barrett, Chief of Navy, Australia

Dino Patti Djalal, Founder, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia

Indrani Bagchi, Diplomatic Editor, The Times of India (moderator)

As the global significance of the Indo-Pacific grows, it is critical that stakeholders come together to strengthen the region's security architecture. In order to sustain balance in how the global commons are governed, new policies and new coalitions must be formed to meet contemporary demands. This panel will investigate how liberal Asian and Western democracies can align to enforce widely accepted international norms – such as freedom of navigation – in the region.

16:15 - 16:30

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

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16:30 - 17:30 **Fragile World: Geopolitical and Goeconomic Challenges in 2018**

David Malone, Rector, United Nations University

Rohinton Medhora, President, Centre for International Governance Innovation

Memduh Karakullukcu, Vice-Chairman and President, Global Relations Forum

Yul Sohn, Director, East Asia Institute

Neelam Deo, Director, Gateway House

Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation (moderator)

In 2017, the world's numerous fault-lines erupted: Inequality precipitated a class war between the working class and the 'Davos' elite; cultural assimilation failed to soften identities, but paradoxically allowed them to be subsumed and appropriated by strident leaders; and democracy was subverted by the very technologies that were once its flag-bearers. Amidst of this churn, and partly in response to it, 2018 might be the year in which the nation-state seeks to decisively reasserts itself in global affairs. Meanwhile the promise of liberal internationalism – shaped by the preferences of a few countries – finds itself besieged by new voices, dogmas and actors who are intent on casting it aside. This panel will discuss the challenges in the New World Order.

17:30 – 17:45 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

Durbar

17:45 - 18:45 **Conflicts, Rights and the Machine: Addressing the Evolving Methods of Warfare**

Hugo Slim, Head of Policy & Humanitarian Diplomacy, International Committee of the Red Cross

Lydia Kostopoulos, Advisor, AI Initiative, The Future Society, Harvard Kennedy School

Elsa B. Kania, Adjunct Fellow, Technology and National Security Program, Center for a New American Security

General Chris Deverell, Joint Forces Commander, U.K.

Amandeep Singh Gill, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of India to the UN Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, Switzerland (Moderator)

With global military spending on the rise, we may now be on the cusp of a series of new technological innovations that will fundamentally influence the way we conduct warfare. There is an emphasis on robotic weapons platforms for use in the air, on land and at sea, and their diversity is expanding rapidly. With increasing automation and autonomy of these platforms, and the integration of artificial intelligence, we must also grapple with the evolving character of war and the legal and ethical challenges that arise. This panel will explore the paradoxes of robotic warfare – such as the possibility of increased risk to civilians and non-combatants despite more effective targeting, and the increased propensity to deploy lethal force owing to the reduced risk for armed forces personnel.

18:45 – 19:00 **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**

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19:00 – 19:15 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

19:15 – 20:00 **IN CONVERSATION – A Disruptive World: Solutions for Tomorrow**

S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary, India

Maurice Gourdault-Montagne, Secretary-General, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France

General (Retd.) David H. Petraeus, U.S. Army, Retired

Samir Saran, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation (moderator)

The challenges that 2017 presented were tectonic and unprecedented. A new fervour of nationalism and identity reasserted itself amidst a fatigue for globalisation in certain quarters. As new social and political actors gained prominence, the centrality of the once-dominant liberal world order eroded. This shifting landscape was further catalysed by digitisation, automation and interconnectivity. Disruption will continue to reverberate throughout 2018, and what our new equilibrium will look like is unclear. In the interim, we must reconsider the status quo and adapt our social, economic and political frameworks to manage this uncertainty. This panel will deliberate the strategies, formats and ideas to respond to the dramatic transitions in the New World Order.

19:45 – 20:00

20:00 - 21:30 **CONCLUDING DINNERS**

Rani Bagh

For general participants and delegates (lawns)

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Shah Jehan

Re-imagining the Commonwealth for the 21st Century (Dinner Session)

Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

Tim Hitchens, Chief Executive, Commonwealth Summit Unit

Swapan Dasgupta, Member of Parliament, India

Premduet Koonjoo, Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, Republic of Mauritius

Ngeyi Ruth Kanyongolo, Senior Lecturer, Chancellor College, University of Malawi

Manoj Ladwa, Founder & CEO, MLS Chase Group (moderator)

The Commonwealth consists of 52 culturally diverse countries, tied together by shared histories, common language and similar legal structures. However, despite the group's commonalities, the Commonwealth has struggled to establish itself as a normative power in an increasingly multipolar world. This panel explores how the Commonwealth can recast and re-centre itself as an organization that takes the lead on economic and normative issues, and serves as a template for partnership and collaboration for the world at large.

Mumtaz

Bots of War: Regulations and Safeguards for Cybersecurity (Dinner Session)

Carl Bildt, Former Prime Minister, Sweden

Kaja Ciglic, Director, Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy, Microsoft

Iddo Moed, Cyber Security Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel

Seán Paul McGurk, Chief Policy Advisor, Board of Directors, Industrial Control Systems Information Sharing and Analysis Center

Gulshan Rai, National Cyber Security Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office, India

Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, India (moderator)

Conflict has become unprecedentedly multidimensional – in particular, new fronts have opened up in the digital world. Cyber attacks have become more prevalent, as well as more hazardous, to human life and property. Governments are increasingly aware of the broader security implications of online conflict. They are thus building defences to safeguard their information and communication technology infrastructure – while concurrently developing the capability to disrupt that of their adversaries. This panel will explore the politics and potential of the cybersecurity field and discuss the innovations and ethics that underlie the new safeguard mechanisms being developed.



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SPEAKERS



Narendra Modi
Prime Minister, India



Benjamin Netanyahu
Prime Minister, Israel



Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

H.E. Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali is a Member of Parliament and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh. He has served as Vice-Consul, Acting Consul General in New York, as First Secretary, Counsellor and Deputy High Commissioner in New Delhi and as Deputy Chief of Mission and as Ambassador in Beijing.



Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano

Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, Japan

Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano is the fifth Chief of Staff, Joint Staff of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF). He has commanded multiple fleet assignments, including Commander in Chief of the Self-Defense Fleet.



Admiral Harry Harris, Jr.

Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, United States

Admiral Harry Harris is the Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM). Previously, Harris has served as aide to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Japan; chief speechwriter for the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS), Director for the current operations and anti-terrorism/force protection division, and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Communication Networks (OPNAV N6). He has also served as the Assistant to the Chairman of the JCS as the chairman's direct representative to the Secretary of State.



Admiral Sunil Lanba

Chief of Naval Staff, India

Admiral Sunil Lanba assumed Command of the Indian Navy, as the 23rd Chief of the Naval Staff. Admiral Lanba, is a Navigation and Direction specialist who has served as the navigation and operations officer onboard numerous ships in both the Eastern and Western Fleet. His nearly four decades of experience include tenures at sea, ashore at various Headquarters, operational and training establishments as well as tri-services institutions.



Agnieszka Wierzbicka

Expert, Ministry of Digital Affairs, Poland

Agnieszka Wierzbicka works in the Ministry of Digital Affairs, Poland. She has over 10 years of experience in the Polish and German administration, advising five Speakers of the Polish Parliament, the Polish and German Presidents, and the Plenipotentiary of the Minister of Digital Affairs for Cyber Security. Ms. Wierzbicka coordinates the activity of the Polish government in cooperation with the European Cybersecurity Organization (ECISO).



Ajay Kumar

Secretary, Department of Defence Production, India

Ajay Kumar is the Secretary of the Department of Defence Production of India. He was appointed to the position in November 2017.



Akshay Mathur

Director, Research and Analysis, Gateway House, India

Akshay Mathur serves as the Director, Research and Analysis, and Fellow, Geoeconomic Studies at the Gateway House in Mumbai. He has worked as a Principal Architect with Fidelity Investments in Boston in the advanced research, strategy formulation, and business architecture. He is the co-founder of an NGO called Aasra Gramin Vikas Sansthan and of a social enterprise called Khushi Farms, both based in Ajmer, Rajasthan, India.



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Amandeep Singh Gill

India's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, Permanent Mission of India to the Conference on Disarmament, India

Amandeep Singh Gill has served in the Indian Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, the Indian Embassy in Tehran and the High Commission of India in Colombo. At the New Delhi headquarters, he has served twice in the Disarmament and International Security Affairs Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.



Amitabh Kant

CEO, NITI Aayog, India

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Major General (Retd.) Amos Gilead

Executive Director, Institute for Policy and Strategy; Chair, Herzliya Conference, IDC Herzliya, Israel

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Anil Sooklal

Deputy Director General, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa

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Ashok Malik

Press Secretary to the President of India, India

Ashok Malik is Press Secretary to the President of India. He is the first person from outside the civil services to be appointed to the post. He took charge on August 1, 2017, a week after President Ram Nath Kovind was sworn in as the 14th President of India. Prior to his current appointment, Malik was a senior Indian analyst and commentator, and distinguished fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, one of India's leading think-tanks. A frequent columnist, he wrote for a number of national and international publications.



Asle Toje

Director of Research, Nobel Peace Prize Research and Information, The Norwegian Nobel Institute, Norway

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Arvind Gupta

National Head, Information Technology Department, Bharatiya Janata Party, India

Arvind Gupta currently heads the Digital India Foundation which works on Digital Inclusion, Internet Governance and Smart cities. He also leads BJP's Information and Technology Team. He spearheaded the Digital and Social Media campaign for Prime Minister Modi during Elections 2014 for which he was awarded the Digital leader of the year and PathBreaker award and has been covered in leading PR, trade publications including WSJ, FT, Gartner, PRWeek.



Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa

Air Chief Marshal, India

Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa PVSM AVSM YSM VM ADC is the Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force. Previously he has served as Director Targeting Cell at Air Headquarters, Director Fighter Operations & War Planning at Headquarters Western Air Command, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Intelligence) at Air Headquarters, Senior Air Staff Officer of Eastern & Western Air Command and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of South Western Air Command.



Baijayant Panda

Member of Parliament, India

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Bi-Khim Hsiao

Senior Adviser, The Prospect Foundation, Taiwan

Bi-Khim Hsiao is an activist who has spent her life dedicated to public service and social equality. Ms. Hsiao has a multicultural background – born and raised in East Asia and educated in the United States – and advocates for diversity and inclusivity across the world. Her notable work has been around immigration law reform and human trafficking awareness.



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C. Raja Mohan

Director, Carnegie India

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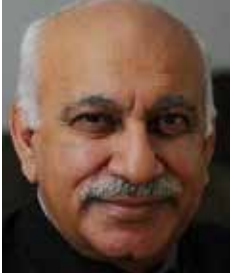
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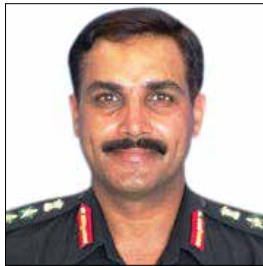
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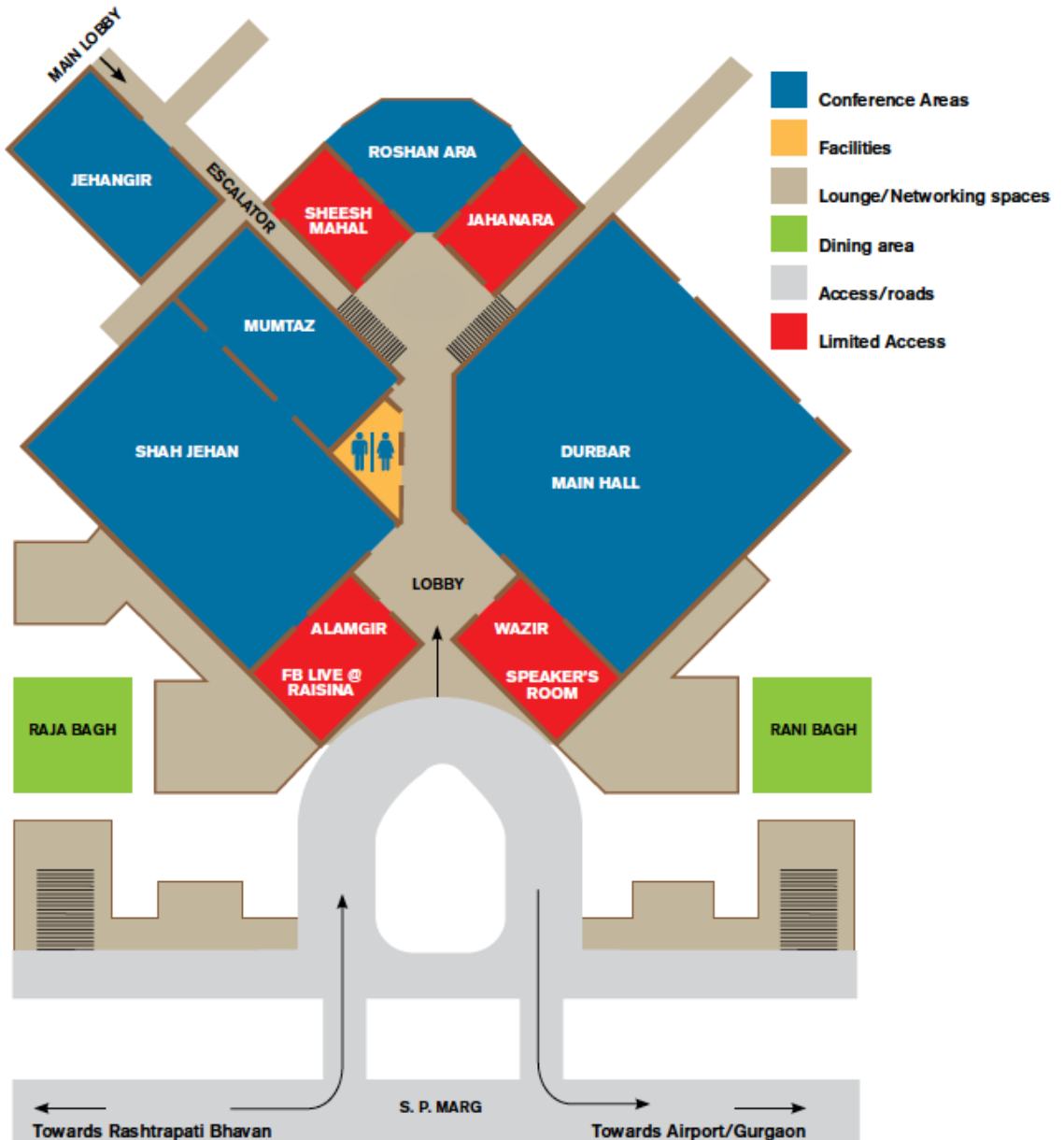


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Safety

We hope that our participants accept a shared responsibility of conference safety and notify conference organizers of any danger or misconduct they may witness. The possession of weapons and violent behavior are not permitted. In an effort to ensure order throughout the conference, we do not permit organised demonstrations or disruptions of any kind.

ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

We do not tolerate any form of harassment at The Raisina Dialogue. Our zero-tolerance policy prohibits all forms of harassment including, but not limited to:

- Offensive or derogatory comments related to gender, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, religion, or disability.
- Offensive or derogatory comments towards other participants' opinions or personal expression.
- Sexual comments or unwanted physical contact.
- The display of inappropriate images or memorabilia.
- Violence, intimidation, threats or stalking.
- Inappropriate or unwanted social contact with other participants.
- Excessive or unwanted photography of conference participants.

VIOLATIONS OF THE CHARTER OF PARTICIPATION

We expect all those involved to abide by our expected conduct guidelines and respect our anti-harassment policy during the conference. This includes conference-related social events and online social media engagement.

If asked by conference organizers to cease prohibited behavior, you are expected to comply immediately. If inappropriate behavior persists, the conference organizers may take any action they deem appropriate, including immediate expulsion from the conference.

RESOURCES

Reporting Inappropriate Conduct

If you are subjected to harassment or other unacceptable behavior, please notify a conference organizer. Event organizers will be accessible and present throughout the conference.

If you witness or encounter a grievance and prefer to remain anonymous, please fill out and submit [this](#) form.

Law Enforcement

If an emergency arises, please first contact the Delhi police immediately by dialing 100 and proceed to notify a conference organizer of the issue.

Doctor on Call

We will have a doctor on call throughout the conference. In the event you need medical attention, please contact Vijay Seth, +91-9910028657.

Questions or Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns prior to or during the conference, please contact one of the following:

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