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**Indian Think-Tank Dialogue on Rising Powers**  
**18-19 September 2016**  
**Taj Fort Aguada**  
**Goa, India**

**September 18, 2016**

**17:30 – 17.45 Welcome Address and Opening Remarks**

**Sunjoy Joshi**, Director, ORF

**Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General, RIS, India

**17.45 – 19.00 Inaugural Session: Emerging Economies, Geo-Economics, and Global Governance**

Rapid economic growth, coupled with growing political weight, of many developing countries has engendered a re-balancing of the traditional power structures: the BRICS now contribute more than 30% of the global GDP; other smaller nations in Asia and Africa are also steadily climbing the economic ladder. Based on the books of the panellists, the inaugural session will discuss the opportunities and challenges that the emerging global governance structure pose for the future of the world economy.

*Moderator:* **Samir Saran**, Vice President, ORF

*Panellists*

**Richard Carey**, Member of the Advisory Council on Rising Powers in Development at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex University

**Rajiv Kumar**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, India

**Sanjaya Baru**, Honorary Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, India

**Ash Narain Roy**, Director, Institute of Social Sciences, India

**19.00 – 19.15 Tea/Coffee**

**19:15 – 20.30 Global Security Landscape**

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The global security landscape is changing at a very fast pace. The multiplicity of security challenges include, to an increasing extent, non-traditional security threats and the rise of non-state actors.

Radicalisation, violent extremism, cyber threats, organised crime, piracy and nuclear proliferation have created an entirely new security environment that demands more effective and coherent policy responses. This session will discuss how governments and international organisations can coordinate responses and navigate these rising challenges.

*Moderator:* **Rakesh Sood**, Distinguished Fellow, ORF

**Harsh Pant**, Distinguished Fellow, ORF

**C. Raja Mohan**, Director, Carnegie India

**Arun Sahgal**, Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group

**Seshadri Chari**, Journalist and Policy Analyst, India

**20.30 pm**      **Dinner**

## **September 19, 2016**

**9:00 – 9.15**      **Registration**

**9.15 – 9.30**      **Keynote Address - Varun Sahni**, VC, Goa University, India

**9:30 – 10:45**      **Financing Sustainable Development**

The international development architecture has expanded dramatically in terms of both scope and scale. Apart from traditional donors, new actors from the Global South bring to the table additional funds as well as alternative instruments for poverty eradication. Today, the private sector is also playing a much larger role in the global effort of financing for development. This session will deliberate on mechanisms to reconcile the different sources of finance for the common challenges of climate change and poverty reduction.

*Moderator:* **Shekhar Shah**, Director-General, National Council of Applied Economic Research

*Panellists:*

**Rathin Roy**, Director, NIPFP, India

**Jaya Josie**, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), South Africa's, South Africa

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**Jyoti Parikh**, Executive Director - Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe), India

10.45 – 11.00 – **Tea/Coffee**

**11:00 – 12:30 Completing the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Projects: Energy, Connectivity, and Infrastructure in Emerging Economies**

Emerging economies today have to tackle multiple new challenges in order to successfully undertake the process of industrialization. These include a shrinking carbon space, growing popularity of unilateralism over multilateralism, and the limited international finance pool for development activities. This session will deliberate how emerging economies can navigate these global headwinds in their search for an optimal energy mix, integrated connectivity corridors, and bridging their infrastructure deficits.

*Moderator:* **Sunjoy Joshi**, Director, ORF, India

*Panellists*

**Shamika Ravi**, Senior Fellow of Brookings India and Brookings Institution

**Cyril Prinsloo**, Researcher, South African Institute of International Affairs

**Subhomoy Bhattacharjee**

**Nitya Nanda**, Senior Fellow, TERI, India

12.15 – 12.30 – **Tea/Coffee**

**12.30 – 1.45 –The Digital Economy**

The Internet presents unique opportunities for education, employment generation, trade and development. The economic and social potential of the Internet is particularly significant for developing economies, including India, which are embracing new digital gateways including access through mobiles and other devices. Governments the world over have struggled to find a balance between innovation and regulation, and between civil liberties and security concerns.

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**Rajat Kathuria**, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, India

**Thomas Bowman**, Associate Director, Council on Foreign Relations, USA

**Urvashi Aneja**, Fellow, ORF

**Avneet Hall**, Schiller Institute, U.S.A

13.45 – 14.45 **Lunch**

14.45 – 16.15 – **Role of Emerging Economy Think-Tanks in Shaping the Global Development**

#### **Agenda**

As the emerging powers transform from their historical position as rule-takers to actual global rule-makers, policy think-tanks from these countries must create appropriate enabling systems to support this enterprise. What role can the think-tanks play in the state's efforts towards shaping global discussions around the interlinked subjects of trade, growth, sustainability and development?

*Moderator:* **Samir Saran**, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation, India

16.15 – 16.45 **Closing Session**

**Sunjoy Joshi**, Director, ORF, India

**Sachin Chaturvedi**, Director General, RIS, India