



RAISINA
DIALOGUE

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, Chinese Taipei

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, politically 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.

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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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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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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 **Premdutt 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)

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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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 Summit and beyond.

18:15-18:30

Tea/Coffee Break

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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**

Rani Bagh

For general participants and delegates (lawns)

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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

Geraldine Ang, Policy Analyst, OECD

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

Jeffrey Smith, Research Fellow, Heritage Foundation

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.

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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 in 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 (Retd.) V.K. Singh, 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

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Roshanara

12:30 - 13:30 **Roundtable on Indian Education Ecosystem** (By Invitation)

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)

Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh

Vasantha Senanayake, State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka

Shankar Das Bairagi, Foreign Secretary, Nepal

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

Baijyant 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 analyse the existing 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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Raisina Young Fellows: Interaction with **Stephen Harper**, Former Prime Minister, Canada

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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 Geoeconomic 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

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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Durbar

19:00 – 19:45

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)

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

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

Ngeyi Ruth Kanyongolo, Chancellor, 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.

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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, Senior Policy Advisor, 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.
