



New Zealand India Research Institute

Te Pūtahi Rangahau o Inia ki Aotearoa

Inaugural international conference on

‘Changing India:
From Decolonisation to Globalisation’

28—29 August 2013

Pipitea Campus,
Victoria University of Wellington

PROGRAMME

Participating universities:



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Wednesday 28 August

All sessions in Rutherford House, Lecture Theatre I

Session 1: 9.00—10.00am

Inauguration

Welcome: Prof. Neil Quigley, Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Victoria University

Speakers: Prof. Pat Walsh, Vice Chancellor, Victoria University

Mr John Bennett, General Manager, ANZ Bank-Central Region

Her Worship Mayor of Wellington Celia Wade-Brown

Hon. Steven Joyce, Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment, Government of New Zealand

Vote of Thanks: Prof. Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Director, NZIRI

Tea 10.00—10.30am

courtesy of Wellington City Council

Session 2: 10.30—12.00pm

Chair: Srikanta Chatterjee, Emeritus Professor, Massey University

Keynote Address: Kaushik Basu, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank, 'India's Economy in a Globalizing World: Challenges and Research Agenda'

Lunch: 12.00—1.00pm

Session 3: 1.00—2.30pm

Economy and Development

Chair: Marika Vicziany, Professor of Asian Political Economy, Monash University

Speakers: Ranjan Ray, Professor of Economics, Monash University, 'India's Economic Performance in the Post Reforms Period: A Tale of Mixed Messages'

Anthony D'Costa, Chair and Professor of Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Melbourne, 'Compressed Capitalism, Globalization, and the Fate of Indian Development'

Session 4: 2.35—3.20pm

Society and Development

Chair: A.R. Venkatachalapathy, Professor of History, Madras Institute of Development Studies

Speaker: Nandini Sundar, Professor of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, 'An Ethnography of Indian Democracy Against the Backdrop of Counterinsurgency'

Session 5a: 3.25—4.05pm

India and the world

Chair: P.R.Kumaraswamy, Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and ICCR Chair, Victoria University of Wellington

Speaker: Amitabh Mattoo, Professor and Director, Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne, 'India's Foreign Policy: The Search for Space, Stability and Strength'

Tea: 4.05—4.30pm

courtesy of India Horizonz Ltd.

Session 5b: 4.30—5.15pm

India and the world (Contd.)

Chair: P.R.Kumaraswamy

Speaker: Brian Stoddart, Australia India Institute, Melbourne (Emeritus Professor and former Vice Chancellor, La Trobe University), 'Cricket and the "New India" - a Soft Power Analysis of India's Global Positioning'

Conference Dinner: 7.00pm

for paper presenters and session chairs only

Little India Restaurant, 18 Blair Street, Courtney Place

Thursday 29 August

Rutherford House; Valedictory session in Old Government Buildings Lecture Theatre 3

Session 6a: 9.00—10.30am; Room: RHGO1

Development and Diaspora

Chair: Anthony D'Costa, University of Melbourne

Speakers: Vicky Walters, University of Auckland, 'Water Security, Human Vulnerability and Homelessness in India's Global Cities'

Lorena Gibson, Victoria University, 'Bastis as "forgotten places" in Howrah, West Bengal, India'

Todd Nachowitz, Waikato University, 'The Indian Diaspora in New Zealand: Changing Populations and Community Demographics'

Session 6b: 9.00—10.30am; Room: RHGO2

Information and Communication Technology

Chair: Sita Venkateswar, Massey University

Speakers: Rakhee Chatbar, Otago University, 'Empowerment through Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs): Rural Development in Villages in South India'

Paula Ray, University of Auckland, 'SNS Activism in India: Pushing Traditional Political Boundaries'

Arun Elias, Victoria University, 'Analysing Offshore IT Outsourcing in a Changing India: An Indo - New Zealand Case Study'

Tea: 10.30—11.00am

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Session 7a: 11.00—12.30pm; Room: RHGO1

Food Security and Natural Resources

Chair: Ranjan Ray, Monash University

Speakers: Srikanta Chatterjee, Massey University, 'India's Evolving Food and Nutrition Scenario: An Overview'

Graeme MacRae, Massey University, 'The Basmati Borderlands: Agrarian Crisis and Alternative Futures for Indian Agriculture'

Sita Venkateswar, Massey University, 'Millet Milon: From Marginality to Millennial Crop'

Session 7b: 11.00—12.30pm; Room: RHGO2

India as a World Power

Chair: Amitabh Mattoo, University of Melbourne

Speakers: Ashok Sharma, University of Auckland, 'Evaluating the India-US Strategic Partnership'

Manjeet Pardesi, Victoria University, 'Rise of India and American Threat Perceptions'

Sinderpal Singh, NUS, 'India as a "Great Power": Interrogating the Discourse'

Session 7c: 11.00—12.30pm; Room: RHGO3

India's Minorities

Chair: Greg Booth, University of Auckland

Speakers: Hilal Ahmed, CSDS/Victoria University, 'Who Are Postcolonial Indian Muslims?'

Nazima Parveen, Victoria University, 'Turkman Gate as "Mini Pakistan": Understanding Notions of Partition in Postcolonial Delhi'

Marika Vicziany and Jayant Bapat, Monash University, 'The Koli Tribal Politicians of Mumbai - An Ambiguous Relationship with the Shiv Sena'

Lunch: 12.30—1.30pm

Session 8a: 1.30—3.30pm; Room: RHGO1

Women, Empowerment and Violence

Chair: Nandini Sundar, Delhi School of Economics

Speakers: Nicole Aaron, Otago University, 'The Status of Devadasis within a Modernised India'

Amanda Gilbertson, Oxford/Auckland Council, "'If woman is obedient to man, man will keep her as high": Changing Gender Roles in Middle-class Hyderabad'

Arindam Basu, University of Canterbury, 'Use of Violence Adjusted Life Years (VALY) to Assess the Impact of Violence against Women in India'

Debasis Bandyopadhyay, University of Auckland, 'How Violence against Women Might Slow Down Indian Economic Growth'

Session 8b: 1.30—3.30pm; Room: RHGO2

Democracy and Social Change

Chair: Rick Weiss, VUW

Speakers: Rukmani Gounder, Massey University and Shrabani Saha, Edith Cowan University, 'Do Openness and Democracy Reduce Corruption: Results for South Asian Nations and India'
Vijay Devadas, Otago University, 'Cultivating Futures: The Social Life of Youths in Chennai'
Robyn Andrews, Massey University, 'Asansol Anglo-Indians' Responses to a Changing India'

Session 8c: 1.30—3.30pm; Room: RHGO3

Culture, Leisure and Sport

Chair: Asad Mohsin, Waikato University

Speakers: Adrian Athique, Waikato University, 'Post-Liberalization Development and the New Leisure Economy'

Greg Booth, University of Auckland, "The New Music Establishment" and the "Bollywood Amendment" –Globalisation, Copyright and Transformations in India's Culture Industries'

Tea: 3.30—4.00pm

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Round-up session: 4.00—4.45pm

Venue: Old Government Buildings, Lecture Theatre 3

Future of NZIRI: Dialogue with the Director and the Associate Directors

Moderated by Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, VUW

Closing and thanks: 4.45—5.00pm

Sita Venkateswar, Conference co-convenor and Associate Director, NZIRI