

**20<sup>th</sup> Asian Security Conference (ASC)**  
**Multipolarism in Asia: Issues and Challenges**

March 26-28, 2019

Venue: Auditorium, IDSA, New Delhi

**Conference Schedule**

**DAY 1: 26 MARCH 2019**

**REGISTRATION: 8.30AM-9AM**

**9 AM-9.10 AM**

Welcome Remarks by Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, IDSA

**SESSION I: 9.15 AM – 11 AM: DEBATING A MULTIPOLAR ASIA**

**Chair: Amb. Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary, India**

Multipolarism: The Asian Debate	Prof. Brahma Chellaney, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India
China's Vision of Asia	Prof. Shen Dingli, Fudan University, Shanghai, China
Australia, the Indo-Pacific Idea and a Multipolar Order	Prof. Peter Drysdale, Emeritus Professor, Australian National University (ANU) & Head, East Asian Bureau of Economic Research, ANU, Australia
Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Asia's Multipolarism	Amb. (Dr.) Mohan Kumar, Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi

**11 AM-11.30 AM**  
**INAUGURAL SESSION**

**Inaugural Address by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri & President, IDSA**

[Introduction by Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, IDSA]  
[Vote of Thanks by Maj. Gen. Alok Deb (Retd.), Deputy Director General, IDSA]

11.30 AM-11.45 AM: TEA/COFFEE

**SESSION II: 11.45 AM- 1.30 PM: MULTIPOLARISM AND POWER DYNAMICS IN ASIA**

**Chair: Cmdr. C. Uday Bhaskar (Retd.), Director, Society for Policy Studies, New Delhi**

Multipolarity and Power Transitions: Historical Patterns and the Future of Indo-Pacific	Prof. Varun Sahni, Vice-Chancellor, Goa University, Goa, India
The United States' Indo-Pacific Policies Debate	Dr. Satu Limaye, Director, East-West Centre, Washington DC, USA
Beijing's Vision of the Asian Order: Promoting a Community of Shared Future	Dr. Jingdong Yuan, Associate Professor, University of Sydney, Australia
The Eurasian Economic Union (EEU): Eurasian Order and Russia-China Relations	Prof. Sergey Lukonin, Head, Sector of Economy & Politics of China, Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Moscow, Russia

1.30 PM – 2.30 PM: Lunch  
Venue: IDSA Main Lawn

**SESSION III: 2.30 PM – 4.30 PM: RECONSTRUCTING THE REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE**

**Chair: Prof S. D. Muni, Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) & Member, Executive Council, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi**

United Kingdom's Foreign Policy and Indo-Pacific Security	Dr. John Hemmings, Director, Asia Studies Centre, Henry Jackson Society, London, United Kingdom
Free-Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP) and China's Approach to Regionalism	Prof. Zhang Zhenjiang, Dean, School of International Studies, Jinan University, Guangzhou, China
Why AIIB, and Why Not BRI? Understanding India's Perspective on a China-envisioned Regional Construct	Dr. Jagannath Panda, Research Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi
Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and the future of Regional Integration in Central Asia	Prof. Mirzokhid Rakhimov, Head, Social-humanities branch, Academy of Sciences, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
RCEP and Indo-Pacific Economic Integration	Dr. Tomoo Kikuchi, Visiting Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore

4.30 PM – 4.45 PM: TEA/COFFEE BREAK

**SESSION IV: 4.45PM-6.30 PM: INFRASTRUCTURE, CONNECTIVITY & CAPACITY BUILDING IN ASIA**

**Chair: Amb. (Dr.) S. Jaishankar, President, Global Corporate Affairs, TATA Group, India**

Connectivity in India's Neighbourhood Diplomacy	Amb. Leela Ponappa, Chairperson, Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific, New Delhi
Infrastructure and Connectivity in India's East	Amb. Vikram Doraiswami, Joint Secretary, Bangladesh and Myanmar Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India
India's Connectivity Vision in Eurasia	Amb. (Prof.) P. Stobdan, Strategic Affairs Expert, New Delhi
CBMs and Capacity Building in Asia	Shri Shambhu S. Kumaran, Joint Secretary, Planning & International Cooperation, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India

**7 PM: Dinner, Hosted by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri & President, IDSA [TBC]  
Venue: IDSA Courtyard**

## DAY 2: 27 MARCH 2019

9 AM – 9.45 AM:

**Chair: Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy**

Director General, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi

### SPECIAL ADDRESS

By

**Amb. P.S. Raghavan, Chairman, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), India**  
*External Dimensions of India's National Security Challenges*

**Vote of Thanks: Shri Gulshan Luthra**

Editorial Director, *India Strategic* & Member, Executive Council, IDSA

### SESSION V: 9.45 AM– 11.15 AM: THE EVOLVING INDO-PACIFIC ORDER

**Chair: Vice-Admiral Shekhar Sinha, (Retd.), PVSM, AVSM, NM& BAR, ADC,**  
**Member, Executive Council, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi**

Maritime Security in Indo-Pacific: An American Perception	Prof. J. Mohan Malik, Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies, Honolulu, USA
Achieving a Free and Open Indo-Pacific through the Quad Framework: A Japanese Perspective	Prof. Hideshi Tokuchi, Senior Fellow, National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan
India and the Idea of Indo-Pacific: A Hesitant Embrace?	Commodore Abhay Kumar Singh, Research Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India
The Indo-Pacific: China's Perception	Dr. Zeng Xiangyu, Associate Professor, Sichuan University, China
Russia's Vision of an Asian Security Order	Ms. Valeriia Gorbacheva, GR-Director, National Committee on BRICS Research, Moscow, Russia

11.15 AM-11.30 AM: TEA/COFFEE BREAK

### SESSION VI: 11.30 AM– 1.30 PM: MANAGING CONTESTS AND SECURITY CONCERNS IN ASIA

**Chair: Vice Admiral (Retd.) Anup Singh, Director (Strategic Studies),**  
**Society for Indian Ocean Studies, New Delhi**

Philippines and Maritime Security Order in Southeast Asia	Prof. Renato Cruz De Castro, De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines
The US, China and the Asian Security Order by 2025: A Taiwanese Perspective	Prof. Shuhfan Ding, Professor Emeritus, National Chengchi University, Taiwan
East China Sea Dispute and Japan	Mr. Akira Igata, Visiting Professor, Tama University, Tokyo, Japan
Denuclearisation on Alert: Reshaping Security Order in the Korean Peninsula	Dr. Ji Yeon-jung, Lecturer, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, South Korea
From Alliances to Networks: India's Security Challenges in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)	Prof. Swaran Singh, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
India and the terrorism-military nexus in South Asia	Dr. Manoj Joshi, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

**1.30 PM – 2.30 PM: Lunch**  
**Venue: IDSA Main Lawn**

**SESSION VII: 2.30 PM – 4.30 PM: ENERGY, GEO-POLITICS AND MARITIME DIMENSIONS**

**Chair: Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Dr. Prakash Menon, PVSM, AVSM, VSM,  
Director, Strategic Studies Programme, Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru**

Bangladesh and the Geo-Politics of Bay of Bengal	Amb. Shamsheer M. Chowdhury, Former Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh
China and the New Economic and Security Architecture in Asia: The 2025 Scenario	Dr. Alice Ekman, Head, China Research, <i>Institut Francais des Relations Internationales</i> [French Institute of International Relations(IFRI)], Paris, France
Energy Security and Development: India's balance between Priorities, Challenges and Opportunities	Ms Shebonti Ray Dadwal, Senior Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India
Oil, Ports and Hard Power: Shifting Balance of Power in the Gulf and Horn of Africa	Dr. Brendon Cannon, Assistant Professor, Khalifa University of Science and Technology, UAE
Global Commerce and the Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs) in Indian Ocean: A Sri Lankan Perspective	Mr. Rohan Masakorala, CEO, Shippers Academy of Colombo, Sri Lanka

4.30 PM – 4.45 PM: TEA/COFFEE BREAK

**SESSION VIII: 4.45 PM- 6.45 PM: DIFFERENCES & DISPUTES IN ASIA**

**Chair: Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General,  
Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi**

Security Developments in Afghanistan and Its Impact on Asia	Mr. Hekmat Khalil Karzai, Chairman, Centre for Conflict and Peace Studies, Kabul, Afghanistan
The Future of India-Pakistan Ties	Dr. Ashok Kumar Behuria, Senior Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India
India-China Boundary Question: The Way Ahead	Prof. Zhang Jiadong, Director, Centre for South Asian Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai, China
India-China Boundary Question: An Indian Perspective	Lt. General S.L. Narasimhan, (Retd.), Director General, Centre for Contemporary China Studies, New Delhi, India
Future of South China Sea Dispute: A Vietnamese Perspective	Dr. Ha Anh Tuan, Senior Researcher and Director of Centre for Policy Analysis, Bien Dong Maritime Institute, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam
Sri Lanka and the Maritime Security Order in Indian Ocean	Admiral (Dr.) Jayanath Colombage, Director, Centre for Indo-Lanka Initiatives, Pathfinder Foundation, Colombo, Sri Lanka

**7 PM: DINNER**

## DAY 3: 28 MARCH 2019

### SESSION IX: 9.15 AM– 11.15 AM: A BRICS MULTIPOLAR ORDER?

Chair: Amb. P.S. Raghavan, Chairman, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), New Delhi

The Future of BRICS: A South African Perspective	Mr. Mandla Rametsi, Counsellor (Political), Multilateral and Economic Diplomacy, South African High Commission, New Delhi
Indonesia's Rise: with or without BRICS	Mr. Endy Bayuni, Senior Editor, The Jakarta Post, Jakarta, Indonesia
Reorientation of Brazil's Foreign Policy: Impact on BRICS	Prof. Amancio Jorge Silva Nunes de Oliveira, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil
China's BRICS Vision and the Asian Order	Dr. Hu Xiaowen, Associate Professor, Yunnan University, Kunming, China
The Russian Vision of BRICS in the Context of a Multipolar Order in Asia	Dr. Elena Boykova, Senior Researcher, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia
The Future of BRICS: An Indian Perspective	Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, New Delhi, India

11.15 AM – 11.30 AM: TEA/COFFEE BREAK

### SESSION X: 11.30 AM – 1 PM: SPECIAL SUMMING-UP PANEL

Chair: Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, IDSA, New Delhi

#### *India in a Multipolar Asia*

Speakers:

**Dr. Sanjaya Baru**, Senior Political Commentator and Policy Analyst & Former Media Advisor to Former Prime Minister of India, New Delhi

**Dr. Arvind Gupta**, Director, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi & Former Deputy National Security Advisor, Government of India

**Ms. Indrani Bagchi**, Diplomatic Editor, *The Times of India*, New Delhi

**Mr. Jayadeva Ranade**, President, Centre for China Analysis and Strategy, New Delhi

**1 PM-1.10 PM:**

**Vote of Thanks**

**Dr. Jagannath Panda**, Conference Coordinator, Research Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi

**1.10 PM– 2.30 PM: Lunch, IDSA Courtyard**