New Zealand India Research Institute

International Conference on

‘Changing India: From Decolonization to Globalization’

Wellington, 28-29 August 2013
Venue: Pipitea Campus, Wellington

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 28 August
Venue: All sessions in Rutherford House, Lecture Theatre 1.

Session 1: 09.00 – 10.00 AM
Inauguration
Welcome: Prof. Neil Quigley, Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, VUW
Speakers:
Prof. Pat Walsh, Vice Chancellor, VUW
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 – 10.30 AM [by courtesy of Wellington City Council]

Session 2: 10.30 – 12.00 Noon
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 – 1.00 PM

Session 3: 1.00 – 2.30 PM
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 – 4.05 PM
Society and Development
Chair: A.R. Venkatachalapathy (Professor of History, Madras Institute of Development Studies)
Speakers:
Zoya Hasan (Professor of Political Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), ‘Political Mobilization and Policy Change in India’
Nandini Sundar (Professor of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics), ‘An Ethnography of Indian Democracy Against the Backdrop of Counterinsurgency’

Tea: 4.05 – 4.30 PM [by courtesy of India Horizons Ltd.]

Session 5: 4.30 – 5.15 PM
India’s Foreign Policy
Chair: P.R.Kumaraswamy (Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and ICCR Chair, VUW)
Speaker:
Amitabh Mattoo (Professor and Director, Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne), ‘India's Foreign Policy: The Search for Space, Stability and Strength’

Conference Dinner [for paper presenters and session chairs only]
7.00 PM: Venue: Little India Restaurant, 18 Blair Street, Courtney Place

Thursday 29 August
Venue: Rutherford House; Valedictory session in Government Buildings Lecture Theatre 3.

Session 6a: 9.00 – 10.30 AM; Room: RHGO1
Poverty and Development
Chair: Anthony D’Costa, University of Melbourne
Speakers:
Douglas Hill, Otago University, ‘Water in Changing India: Prospects and Challenges’
Vicky Walters, University of Auckland, ‘Water Security, Human Vulnerability and Homelessness in India’s Global Cities’
Lorena Gibson, VUW, ‘Bastis as “forgotten places” in Howrah, West Bengal, India’

Session 6b: 9.00 – 10.30 AM; Room: RHGO2
India and New Zealand
Chair: Rick Weiss, VUW
Speakers:
Todd Nachowitz, Waikato University, ‘The Indian Diaspora in New Zealand: Changing Populations and Community Demographics’
Sayeeda Bano, Waikato University and Nawal K Paswan, Sikkim University, ‘Exploring the Trade Potential in Agricultural Products and Agribusiness Cooperation between New Zealand and India’

Session 6C: 9.00 – 10.30 AM; Room: RHGO3
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, VUW, ‘Analysing Offshore IT Outsourcing in a Changing India: An Indo - New Zealand Case Study’

Tea: 10.30 – 11.00 [by courtesy of Edcorp International Ltd.]

Session 7a: 11.00 – 12.30; 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 – 12.30; Room: RHGO2
India as a World Power
Chair: Amitabh Mattoo
Ashok Sharma, the University of Auckland, ‘Evaluating the India-US Strategic Partnership’
Manjeet Pardesi, VUW, ‘Rise of India and American Threat Perceptions’
Sinderpal Singh, NUS, ‘India as a “Great Power”: Interrogating the Discourse’

Session 7c: 11.00 – 12.30; Room: RHGO3
India’s Minorities
Chair: Mushirul Hasan, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
Hilal Ahmed, CSDS/VUW, ‘Who Are Postcolonial Indian Muslims?’
Nazima Parveen, VUW, ‘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 – 1.30 PM
Session 8a: 1.30 – 3.30 PM; 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, Canterbury University, ‘Use of Violence Adjusted Life Years (VALY) to Assess the Impact of Violence Against Women in India’
Debasish Bandyopadhyay, University of Auckland, ‘How Violence against Women Might Slow Down Indian Economic Growth’

Session 8b: 1.30 – 3.30 PM; Room: RHGO2
Democracy and Social Change
Chair: Zoya Hasan, Jawaharlal Nehru University
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, ‘Anglo-Indian Railway Town Residences’
Responses to a Changing India’

Session 8c: 1.30-3.30 PM; 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’
Brian Stoddart, La Trobe University/Australia India Institute, Melbourne, ‘Cricket and the “New India” - a Soft Power Analysis of India’s Global Positioning’

Tea: 3.30 – 4.00 PM [by courtesy of India Horizons Ltd.]

Valedictory session: 4.00 – 4.45 PM
Venue: Government Buildings, Lecture Theatre 3
Chair: Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, VUW
Speaker: Mushirul Hasan, Professor of History, Jamia Millia Islamia (formerly, Director General, National Archives of India), ‘Gandhi Today’

Closing and thanks: 4.45 - 5.00 PM
Sita Venkateswar, Conference co-convenor and Associate Director, NZIRI