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# CENTRAL ASIA, THE NEW "GREAT GAME" BETWEEN THE EMERGING POWERS OF CHINA AND INDIA

# OCTOBER 14-15, 2009

Venue : Conference Room II, India International Centre, 40 Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi -110 003.



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#### WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2009

**OPENING 09.30.** by Basudeb Chaudhuri, Jean-Francois Huchet, Bayram Balci

# THE INDIA-CHINA-CENTRAL ASIA TRIANGLE IN ITS GLOBAL CONTEXT

#### SESSION I 09.50-13.00.

*Ajay Kumar Patnaik (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi) Convergences and divergences in Indian and Chinese interests in Central Asia* 

Jen Ku Fu (Ching Yun University, Taiwan) Central Asia and the Geopolitics of Sino-India Competition

*Murat Laumulin (Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, Almaty) The New Geopolitics of Central Asia and the India factor* 

Discussion

Coffee break

Mushtaq Kaw (Kashmir University, Srinagar) Prospects of Indo-Chinese Economic Cooperation in Central Asia Across Jammu and Kashmir

Jean-Luc Racine (Center for the Study of India and South Asia, EHESS-CNRS, Paris) India and the New "Great Game" in and around Central Asia

# Basudeb Chaudhuri (CSH) and Manpreet Sethi (CSH and Centre for Air Power Studies, Delhi)

India-China Rivalry in the Central Asian Context, and in the Perspective of Paul Kennedy's Approach to the Rivalry of Major Powers

Discussion

13.00-14.00 **LUNCH** 

#### **GEOPOLITICAL COOPERATION OR COMPETITION?**

#### Session II 14.00-17.00.

Yang Shu (Lanzhou University) Central Asia and the SCO issue

Jean-Pierre Cabestan (CNRS, Hong Kong Baptist University) Central Asia-China Relations and Their Relative Weight in Chinese Foreign Policy

Sun Zhuangzhi (Institute of Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, CASS, Beijing) New geopolitical situation in Central Asia and role SCO

Discussion

Coffee break

*Padma L. Dash (Eurasian Studies Center, Mumbai University)* Scramble for Caspian Energy: Can big power competition sidestep India and China?

Meena Singh Roy (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi) Great Power Competition in Central Asia: Prospects and Challenges for India

Jagannath Panda (Institute for Defence Studies and Analyzes, Delhi) Beyond Energy: India's Security Interests in Central Asia

Discussion

**19.00. DINER** 

French Cultural Centre, 2 Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi 110011.

#### THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2009

### THE AFGHAN ISSUE AND THE SCO STRUCTURE

#### SESSION III 09.30-12.20.

Alexander Knyazev (Knyazev Foundation and Institute for CIS countries, Bishkek) The Afghan Issue in the Politics of Eurasian Great Powers: Russia, China, India,

Swaran Singh (Jawaharlal Nehru University and CSH, Delhi) The China-Pakistan Axis

Laurent Gayer (Center for the Study of India and South Asia, EHESS-CNRS, Paris) Return to Vilayat? India's Reengagement in Central Asia

**Bayram Balci (French Institute for Central Asian Studies, Tashkent)** The contribution of Indian subcontient to the reislamization of Post Soviet Central Asia

Coffee break

Iran

Round-table on the Afghan issue and discussion

12.20-13.20. ЦИЛСН

# MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL PERCEPTIONS

#### SESSION IV 13.20-15.00.

*Muzaffar Olimov (Sharq Analytical Center, Dushanbe) Relations between Tajikistan and India and Tajik Perceptions of India* 

Anita Sengupta (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata) Perceptions and strategies. India's relation with the Central Asian region

**Zhao Huasheng (Fudan University, Shanghai)** Sino-Indian Relations in Central Asia: A Perspective from China's Point of View

*K. Warikoo (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi) China-Central Asia Relations: A View from India* 

Discussion

Coffee break

# CENTRAL ASIA: A NEW MARKET FOR BOTH CHINA AND INDIA

#### SESSION V 15.20-16.40.

Azganush Migranian (Institute for CIS countries, Bishkek) Possibilities of SCO and Countries-Observers for Afghanistan and Regional Economical Security

Jean-François Huchet (French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, Hong Kong) India and China: between conflict and cooperation

Marlène Laruelle and Sébastien Peyrouse (Central Asia and Caucasus Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Washington/Stockholm) Comparing the Indian and Chinese economic involvement in Central Asia

Discussion

16.40-17.00. Closing remarks