

Conference Schedule:

Day I: 29th September 2011, Thursday

Inaugural Session: 10.30am -11:00am

Initiation – Prof.Omprakash Mishra (Member Secretary, Global India Foundation)

Opening Remarks - Dr.Sreeradha Datta, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

Mr. Ajay Bisaria, Joint Secretary, Eurasia Division, Ministry of External Affairs, GOI

Mr. K. Santhanam, President, ICAF

Address by the Chair – Amb. Salman Haidar, Former Foreign Secretary, Member, Executive Council, Global India Foundation

Address by the Chief Guest Smt.Preneet Kaur, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs,GOI

Vote of Thanks – Ms.Cauvery Ganapathy, Fellow, Global India Foundation

Session I: India-Eurasia Ties

Chair: Prof.Gautam Kumar Basu

Speakers:

1. Prof. Ilhan Sahin, Faculty of Letters Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan: *New Trends and Directions in Central Asia Studies According to the Materials of the Project 'Living History of Central Asian People'.*
2. Dr. Angira Sen Sarma, Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India: *India and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization*
3. Prof. Abdul Razzaq Vahidi, Acting Chief of Staff, Ministry of Finance, Kabul and Lecturer, Kabul University, Afghanistan

Discussant: Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Associate Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, JNU.

Session II: Traditional security and strategic perceptions

Chair: Ambassador Arundhati Ghose

Speakers:

1. Prof. R.G.Gidadhubli, Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai
2. Mr. Togrul Juvarli, Energy Consultant, Turan Information Agency, Baku, Azerbaijan -- '*Eurasia: Is there a vacancy for India*'

Discussant: Prof. Nirmala Joshi, Member, India Central Asia Foundation

Session III: Non-traditional Security Perceptions

Chair: Admiral P.J.Jacob and Co-Chair Prof.Hari Vasudevan

Speakers:

1. Prof.Dr. Gulnara Mendikulova, Director, Centre of Diaspora Studies, World Association of Kazakhs, Almaty, Kazakhstan: *Traditional Links of Friendship and Non-Traditional Threats which we need to solve Together*
2. Dr.Bhagaban Behera, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University – '*Drug Trafficking as a non-traditional security threat to Central Asia and the Larger Region*'

Discussant: Dr.Lopamudra Bandopadhyay, Fellow, Global India Foundation

Day II: 30th September 2011, Friday

Session I: Energy Security and Transport Corridors

Chair: K.Santhanam

Speakers:

1. Mr. Dipanjan Ray Chaudhury, Diplomatic Correspondent, *Mail Today*, New Delhi, India: *Central Asia and India: Past, Present and Future (Transport Corridors)*
2. Prof. Abolghasem Mahdavi Mazdeh, Faculty of Economics, University of Tehran, Iran, University of Tehran, Iran: *Developmental Impact of Energy Trade between India and Central Asian Countries*
3. Dr. Meena Singha Roy, Fellow, Institute of Defense and Strategic Analyses, New Delhi, India: *Re-envisioning India-Central Asia Relations through Soft Power Strategy*
4. Mr. Hassan Karrabi, Second Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iran: '*Iran and India`s Cooperation toward Central Asia; Opportunities and Prospects*'

Discussant: Dr. Gulshan Sachdeva, Associate Professor at the Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

Session II: Role of Actors in Eurasia and Strategic Compulsions

Chair: Prof. Arun Mohanty

Speakers:

1. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, India: *Understanding China's Neighbourhood Policy towards Central Asia*
2. Dr. Suchandana Chatterjee, (India), Fellow, MAKAIAS: *Re-envisioning Siberia in Eurasian Engagements*
3. Mr. Mahan Abedin, Fellow, Centre for the Study of Terrorism, United Kingdom and Visiting Fellow, Institute of Defence and Strategic Analyses, New Delhi, India: *'Iran and China in Eurasia'*
4. Dr. Shanthie Mariet D'Souza, Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore – *'India's Afghan Policy: Need for Reformulation'*

Discussant: Brig. Devinder Singh, Member, ICAF

Vote of Thanks: Sreya Maitra Roychoudhury, Fellow, Global India Foundation.