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 Co-Chairs: Rakesh Mohan and Danny Quah
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DAY 1: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024	
09:45	Assembly at Lobby of ITC Maurya Hotel (Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi)
10:00	Departure for Neemrana
13:00	Arrival at Neemrana Fort-Palace
13:30	Keynote Address by Bibek Debroy , Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India Followed by Lunch <i>Venue: Jalgiri Mahal</i>
17:00 – 17:50	High Tea <i>Venue: Qanat Lobby</i>
18:00 – 20:00	<p>Opening Session: Continuing India's Engagement with Asia <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Chairperson: Rakesh Mohan, Conference Co-chair</p> <p>Welcome Address: Vikram Singh Mehta, Chairman and Distinguished Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Message from Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi</p> <p>Message from President of Singapore, Tharman Shanmugaratnam</p> <p>Inaugural Address: S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India</p> <p>Keynote Address: Mari Elka Pangestu, Former Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Indonesia</p> <p>Conference Theme by Conference Co-chairs:</p> <p>Danny Quah, Dean and Li Ka Shing Professor of Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore</p> <p>Rakesh Mohan, President Emeritus and Distinguished Fellow, CSEP</p>
20:00 – 22:00	Cocktail and Dinner <i>Venue: Mukut Bagh & Uncha Bagh</i>

DAY 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

07:30 – 09:00	Breakfast <i>Venue: Jalgiri Mahal</i>
09:15 – 09:30	CSEP and Asia <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i> Laveesh Bhandari , President and Senior Fellow, CSEP
09:30 – 11:00	Session I: Geopolitical Rivalry and Use of Industrial Policy as a Strategic Weapon <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i> Curator: Shivshankar Menon , Distinguished Fellow, CSEP Chairperson: Thitinan Pongsudhirak , Professor, ISIS Thailand, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand Paper 1: The Risk of Conflict in Asia <i>Author:</i> Bilahari Kausikan , Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore and Former Permanent Secretary, Singapore <i>Discussant:</i> Rudra Chaudhuri , Director, Carnegie India Paper 2: Industrial Policy and Geopolitical Rivalry: The Semiconductor Industry at a Crossroads <i>Author:</i> Keisuke Iida , Dean and Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo, Japan <i>Discussant:</i> Nitin Pai , Co-founder and Director, The Takshashila Institution, India Open Discussion
11:00 – 11:20	Tea/Coffee Break <i>Venue: Qanat Lobby</i>

DAY 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

Session II: New Industrial Policies: How are They Different From Those That Promoted Growth in Asia?

Venue: Qanat Hall

Curator: **Sanjay Kathuria**, Visiting Senior Fellow, CSEP

Chairperson: **Jomo Kwame Sundaram**, Senior Adviser, Khazanah Research Institute, Kuala Lumpur Sentral, Malaysia

Paper 1: Japan's Industrial Policies: Past and Present

Author:

Shujiro Urata, Chairman of the Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

Discussant:

Ong Kian-Ming, Director, Philosophy, Politics and Economics Programme, Faculty of Business & Law, Taylor's University, Malaysia

Paper 2: Recreating Industrial Policy: East Asian Experience and Beyond

Author:

Keun Lee, Distinguished Professor, Department of Economics, Seoul National University, South Korea

Discussant:

Yang Yao, Professor, The China Center for Economic Research, Peking University, China (*to be confirmed*)

Open Discussion

11:30 – 13:00

13:00 – 14:15

Lunch
Venue: *Aatam Sukh Bar*

DAY 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

14:30 – 16:00	<p>Session III: New Industrial Policies and Geo-economic Fragmentation: Implications for Trade and Global Value Chains <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Curator: Amita Batra, Senior Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Chairperson: Krishna Srinivasan, Director, Asia Department, International Monetary Fund, USA</p> <p>Paper 1: From Free Trade to Industrial Policy: Assessing Policy Shifts in Major Developed Countries and the Implications for Developing Asia</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Kristy Hsu, Director, Taiwan ASEAN Studies Center, Taiwan</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Bernard Yin Yeung, Stephen Riady Distinguished Professor in Finance and Strategic Management, National University of Singapore Business School, Singapore</p> <p>Paper 2: Geo-economic Fragmentation and the Regional Trade Architecture: An ASEAN Perspective</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Denis Hew, Senior Research Fellow, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Suthiphand Chirathivat, Professor Emeritus of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
16:00 – 16:20	<p>Tea/Coffee Break <i>Venue: Qanat Lobby</i></p>

DAY 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

16:30 – 18:00	<p>Session IV: Climate Change, Decarbonisation, Energy Transition: Options for New Industrial Policies? <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Curators: Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Distinguished Fellow, CSEP & Laveesh Bhandari, President and Senior Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Chairperson: Nobuo Tanaka, Executive Director Emeritus, the International Energy Agency (IEA) and CEO, Tanaka Global Inc., Japan</p> <p>Paper 1: Unraveling the Energy Complexities to Meet Carbon Neutrality in ASEAN</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Tetsuya Watanabe, President, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia</p> <p>Paper 2: Deglobalization and Carbon Emissions</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Heiwai Tang, Director, Asia Global Institute and Victor and William Fung Professor in Economics, Hong Kong University Business School, Hong Kong</p> <p><i>Discussant for Papers 1 & 2:</i> Tao Zhang, Chief Representative for Asia and the Pacific, Bank of International Settlements, Hong Kong (<i>to be confirmed</i>)</p> <p>Paper 3: New Industrial Policies for Climate Change and Energy Transition</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Muhamad Chatib Basri, Senior Economist of Indonesia and Chairman, PT Bank Mandiri, Indonesia</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Nitin Desai, Chairman, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India</p>
19:00 – 19:45	<p>The Deities of Dance: A Bharatanatyam presentation by Rasika Khanna <i>Venue: Badroon Mahal</i></p>
20:00 – 22:00	<p>Cocktail and Dinner <i>Venue: Mukut Bagh & Uncha Bagh</i></p>

DAY 3: SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

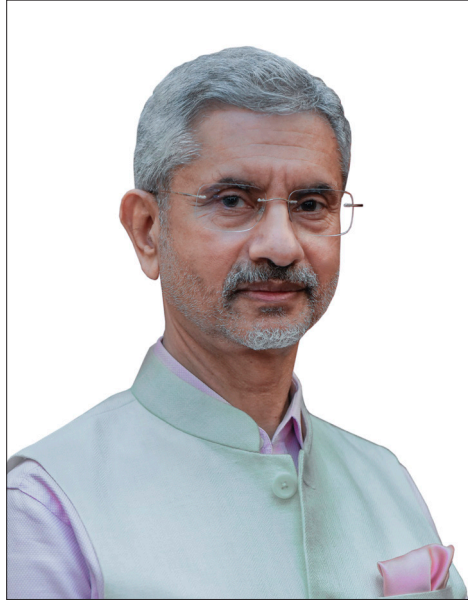
07:30 – 09:15	<p>Breakfast Venue: <i>Jalgiri Mahal</i></p>
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session V: New Growth Policy Paradigms for Asia in a Fragmenting Global Economy: Impact of New Industrial Policies Venue: <i>Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Curator: Vikram Nehru, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, USA</p> <p>Chairperson: Byung-il Choi, President, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies, South Korea</p> <p>Paper 1: Navigating New Industrial Policies: Southeast Asian Perspectives</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Mari Elka Pangestu, Former Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy, Indonesia</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Kirida Bhaopichitr, Director of TDRI Economic Intelligence Service (EIS), Thailand Development Research Institute, Thailand</p> <p>Paper 2: Japan and India in the Deglobalizing World: Geopolitics, Democracy, and Industrial Policy</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Takatoshi Ito, Professor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, USA</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Bibek Debroy, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India</p> <p>Open Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:20	<p>Tea/Coffee Venue: <i>Qanat Lobby</i></p>

DAY 3: SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

11:30 – 13:00	<p>Closing Session: Further Engagement: Looking Into the Future <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Chairperson: Danny Quah, Conference Co-chair</p> <p>Valedictory Address: Arsenio M. Balisacan, Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines</p> <p>Vision: India in Asia: Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary of India</p> <p>Reflections:</p> <p>Danny Quah, Dean and Li Ka Shing Professor of Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore</p> <p>Rakesh Mohan, President Emeritus and Distinguished Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Way Forward: Laveesh Bhandari, President and Senior Fellow, CSEP</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Lunch <i>Venue: Aatam Sukh Bar</i></p>
14:00	<p>Departure for New Delhi</p>

We request all delegates to arrive at Qanat Hall 5 minutes ahead of the scheduled start of sessions. The India in Asia: Deeper Engagement Conference will be held under Chatham House Rules.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS



S. JAISHANKAR

Minister of External Affairs, Government of India

S. Jaishankar is India's External Affairs Minister since May 30, 2019. He is a Member of the Upper House (Rajya Sabha) of India's Parliament from the state of Gujarat.

He was Foreign Secretary from 2015-18; Ambassador to the United States (2013-15); China (2009-2013); and the Czech Republic (2000-2004). He was High Commissioner to Singapore (2007-2009).

He has also served in other diplomatic assignments in Embassies in Moscow, Colombo, Budapest and Tokyo, as well in the Ministry of External Affairs and the President's Secretariat. He was also President – Global Corporate Affairs at Tata Sons Private Limited from May 2018.

He is a graduate of St. Stephen's College at the University of Delhi. He has a Master's in Political Science and an MPhil and PhD in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

He is a recipient of the Padma Shri award in 2019 and has written a widely acclaimed best-selling book: *The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World*, which was published in 2020.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

(At the Welcome Lunch)



BIBEK DEBROY

**Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to
the Prime Minister of India**

Bibek Debroy is an economist and was educated at the Ramakrishna Mission School, Narendrapur; Presidency College, Kolkata; Delhi School of Economics; and Trinity College, Cambridge. Presently, he is Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), and Chancellor, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, Government of Maharashtra. He has worked at Presidency College, Kolkata (1979-83); Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune (1983-87); Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi (1987-93); as the Director of a Ministry of Finance/UNDP project on legal reforms (1993-98); Department of Economic Affairs (1994-95); National Council of Applied Economic Research (1995-96); Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (1997-2005); PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2005-06); Centre for Policy Research (2007-15); Member, NITI Aayog (2015-19); and President, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) (2018-22). He has authored/edited several books, papers and popular articles and has also been a Consulting/Contributing Editor with several newspapers.

He was awarded the Shriram Sanlam Award for Financial Journalism (in 2013); Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award of India (in 2015); D.Litt. (Honoris Causa) by KIIT University (in 2015); D.Phil. (Honoris Causa) by Amity University (in 2016); D.Phil. (Honoris Causa) by Jagran Lakecity University (in 2017); D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) by University of Engineering and Management (in 2018); a Lifetime Achievement Award by the US-India Business Summit (in 2016); Skoch Challenger Golden Jubilee Award (in 2017); a Lifetime Achievement Award by Prestige Institute of Management and Research (in 2018); and “Bharatiya Manavata Vikas Puraskar” by Power Brand (in 2018). He was conferred the title of “Vachaspati” by the Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (in 2018) and “Sir R.G. Bhandarkar Smriti Puraskara” by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI), Pune (in 2023).

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

(At the Opening Session)



MARI ELKA PANGESTU

**Former Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy,
Republic of Indonesia**

Mari Pangestu was the World Bank Managing Director of Development Policy and Partnerships, March 2020-2023. Prior to joining the Bank, Mari Pangestu served as Indonesia's Minister of Trade from 2004 to 2011 and as Minister of Tourism and Creative Economy from 2011 to 2014.

She has a vast experience of over 30 years in academia, second track processes, international organisations and government, working in areas related to international trade, investment and development in multilateral, regional and national settings. She is highly regarded as an international expert on a range of global issues and has served on a number of boards and task forces such as the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington DC and Commissioner for the Low Carbon Development Initiative of Indonesia as well as an Executive Board Member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). She has also served on the board of a number of private sector companies and is currently a Non-executive Director on the Board of AIA.

Currently, she is a Professor of International Economics at the University of Indonesia and a Board Member of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta. She is also a Distinguished Fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics; Senior Fellow at Columbia School of International and Public Affairs; and Honorary Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University.

She obtained her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economics from the Australian National University, and her doctorate in economics from the University of California at Davis.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS



ARSENIO M. BALISACAN

**Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority,
Philippines**

Arsenio M. Balisacan is presently a member of the Philippine President's Cabinet, serving as the government's Chief Economic Planner and Secretary (minister) of the National Economic and Development Authority, a post he had previously held from 2012 to 2016. He also served as the inaugural Chairperson and Chief Executive of the Philippine Competition Commission from 2016 to 2022.

Before his initial Cabinet appointment in 2012, he was Professor and Dean of the University of the Philippines School of Economics; Director-Chief Executive of the Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA); and Undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture. Before joining the University of the Philippines faculty in 1987, he was a Research Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, and an economist at the World Bank in Washington, DC.

He has authored and co-edited seven books and published, both locally and internationally, close to 100 academic papers and book chapters on various development issues, particularly in the Philippines and East Asia. He is author and co-editor of the upcoming book *Designing Competition Policy for Economic Development in Asia*.

He has advised and consulted with numerous development agencies and multilateral institutions, including the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, OECD, ASEAN, and various United Nations agencies.

He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Hawaii, an MS in Agricultural Economics from the University of the Philippines Los Baños, and a BS in Agriculture (*magna cum laude*) from the Mariano Marcos State University.

DELEGATES



SHANKAR ACHARYA

As the longest-serving Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India (1993-2001) Shankar Acharya was deeply involved in the economic reforms of the 1990s and served three successive governments of the Congress, the United Front and the National Democratic Alliance. He also served as Member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (1997-2000); Member, Twelfth Finance Commission (2004); National Security Advisory Board (2009-2013); and as a member of the Reserve Bank of India's Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy (2005-2016). Earlier, he worked in the World Bank (1971-82) where he led the World Development Report team for 1979 and was Research Adviser to the Bank (1979-82). He returned to India in 1982 as Senior Fellow, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, before joining the Government as Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance (1985-90).

Since September 2023 he has been the Chancellor of the Central University of Andhra Pradesh. Since 2001 he has been Honorary Professor at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations. He has authored eleven books (mostly on Indian economic issues and policies) and a number of scholarly articles in academic journals. His two latest books, published in 2021, are *India's Economy, 2015-2020: Contemporary Commentary* (Academic Foundation) and *An Economist at Home and Abroad* (Harper Collins). Since 2003 he has been a regular columnist for the Business Standard. He was non-executive Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank for 12 years (2006-2018), one of India's newest and most successful private commercial banks.

Shankar Acharya has a BA from Oxford and a PhD from Harvard University. He has been Senior Visiting Fellow at Merton College, Oxford (2000) and Stanford University (2002) and Resident Scholar at Bellagio, Rockefeller Foundation (2013).



MONTEK SINGH AHLUWALIA

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, an economist, and civil servant, was former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, Government of India. He joined the Government in 1979 as Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance, after which he held a series of positions including Special Secretary to the Prime Minister; Commerce Secretary; Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs; Finance Secretary in the Ministry of Finance; Member of the Planning Commission; and Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. In 2001, he was appointed as the first Director of the newly created Independent Evaluation Office of the International Monetary Fund. He resigned from that position in 2004 to take up the position of Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission which he held from 2004 to 2014.

Montek S. Ahluwalia has been a key figure in Indian economic policy. He writes on various aspects of development economics and has been published in

prominent Indian and international journals and books. He co-authored *Re-distribution with Growth: An Approach to Policy*, which, published in 1975, was a path-breaking book on income distribution. In February 2020, he published his book, *Backstage: The Story Behind India's High Growth Years*, an insider's account of policymaking from 1985 to 2014.

For his outstanding contribution to economic policy and public service, he was conferred the prestigious 'Padma Vibhushan' in 2011, India's 2nd highest civilian award for exceptional and distinguished service.

He graduated from Delhi University and holds an MA and an MPhil in Economics from Oxford University. He is an Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.



DEWI FORTUNA ANWAR

Dewi Fortuna Anwar is an Academician of the Social Science Commission of the Indonesian Academy of Sciences (AIPI); a Research Professor at the Research Center for Politics, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN); Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Habibie Center (THC); and Co-Founder of the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI). From 2001-2010 she was Deputy for Social Sciences and Humanities, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI). From 2010-2017 Dewi served as a Deputy Secretary to the Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia. Dewi was a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), NTU, Singapore from 2017-2018; and a Distinguished Visiting Professor at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University in 2007. She has written widely on Indonesia's foreign policy and ASEAN regional political and security issues. Dewi sits and has sat on a number of national and international advisory boards: Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) since 2019; Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) from 2010-2020; and the UN Secretary General Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters from 2008-2012.

She obtained her PhD from Monash University, Melbourne, while her MA and BA (Hons) were from SOAS, University of London.



MUHAMAD CHATIB BASRI

Muhamad Chatib Basri, is a former Minister of Finance of Indonesia and former Chairman of the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board. He currently serves as the Co-chair of the Pandemic Fund (hosted by the World Bank with technical support from WHO). He is the Chairman of the PT Bank Mandiri Tbk. and also, Chairman of the PT XL-Axiata Tbk.

He is also a member of numerous International Advisory councils including the World Bank Advisory Council on Gender and Development; the Independent High-Level Expert Group on Climate Finance for COP27 and 28; and the Climate Overshoot Commission. As part of the adjunct faculty of distinguished former and current Ministers to the Harvard Ministerial Leadership Forum at Harvard University, Muhamad Chatib Basri teaches regularly on this program. He also sits on the Governing Board of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

In addition to his various leadership positions, he teaches at the Department of Economics, University of Indonesia and co-founded CReco Research, an economic consulting firm based in Jakarta. He was an Ash Centre Senior Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School (2015-2016); a Pacific Leadership Fellow at the Centre on Global Transformation, University of California at San Diego (2016); NTUC Professor of International Economic Relation, RSIS, NTU, Singapore (2016); and Thee Kian Wie Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Australian National University (2016-2017).

His expertise is International Trade, Macroeconomics and Political Economy. He is the author of a number of papers in international journals and actively writes for various leading newspapers and magazines in Indonesia.



AMITA BATRA

Amita Batra is Senior Fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), on leave from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) where she is Professor of Economics at the Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies. She was also Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Political Economy, University of Sydney in 2018 and Visiting Professor at the University of Edinburgh in 2013. She has been Visiting Professor at the Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad. Amita Batra served as a member of the Advisory Group for the G20 Finance Track Agenda, Ministry of Finance, Government of India (January 2022-December 2023). She is on the editorial committee/board of several national/international journals. She writes a monthly column 'Straight Talk' for the Business Standard, a leading financial daily in India. She has written and published extensively on economic integration, preferential trade agreements, international trade and India's trade policy issues. Her latest book is titled *India's Trade Policy in the 21st Century*, Routledge, London, 2022.

She has an MA, MPhil, PhD from Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.



SUMAN BERY

Suman Bery is Vice-Chairperson, NITI Aayog. He has served as Director-General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in New Delhi and Chief Economist of Shell International, based in The Hague. He has also served as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council; India's Statistical Commission; and Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy. His professional writings include contributions on the political economy of reform, financial sector and banking reform, and energy trends and policy.

He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Oxford and did graduate work in public policy at Princeton University.



JAIMINI BHAGWATI

Jaimini Bhagwati is a former Indian Foreign Service officer and a financial sector and derivatives specialist. He was appointed India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom in 2011. Immediately prior to this appointment, Bhagwati was India's Ambassador to the European Union, Belgium, and Luxembourg. Earlier, he was an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs and prior to that, Joint Secretary (Capital Markets and Pension Reforms) in the Ministry of Finance and he served in the Department of Atomic Energy in the mid-1980s. He was employed for eleven years in the World Bank Treasury in Washington DC in two phases between 1991 and 2005 and his responsibilities included issuance of World Bank bonds and pricing of associated derivatives transactions. After retiring from the Government of India, he was the Reserve Bank of India Chair Professor at ICRIER from 2014 until 2018 and currently he is a Distinguished Fellow at CSEP.

He has a Master's in Physics from St. Stephen's college in Delhi and also holds a Master's in Finance from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a PhD from Tufts University. In 2019, he authored *The Promise of India: How Prime Ministers Nehru to Modi Shaped the Nation (1947–2019)*. He has authored columns in several newspapers.

As of February 2024, he is a Board Member of the Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) Limited, IDFC First Bank and Apollo Tyres Ltd.



LAVEESH BHANDARI

Laveesh Bhandari is President and a Senior Fellow at CSEP. He has published widely on subjects related to sustainable livelihoods; industrial, economic, and social reforms in India; economic geography; and financial inclusion. He received his PhD in Economics from Boston University for which he was awarded the Best Thesis in International Economics. He has taught economics at Boston University and IIT Delhi. Apart from applied economics research, he has built, seeded, and exited from three companies in the research, analytics, and digital domains, including Indicus Analytics, a leading economic research firm. Currently, he is conducting research on issues of inclusion, India's energy transition, and how it will impact the government as well as the economy.



KIRIDA BHAOPICHTR

Kirida Bhaopichitr joined the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI), a leading independent think tank in Thailand, in 2015. She is currently the Director of TDRI Economic Intelligence Service (EIS), which is TDRI's corporate membership program. She leads the preparation of content for the monthly seminars for corporate members on issues that are of high relevance and interest for business. Her specialisation spans monitoring and analysing developments of the global and Thai economies which includes the macroeconomic environment, geopolitical developments, sustainability issues, demographic changes, and technological development issues. She is currently also an independent Director of the Government Housing Bank;

Eastern Polymer Group Plc.; Khon Kaen University Council; Economics Faculty of Thammasat University; and Economics Data Committee of the National Statistics Office of Thailand.

From 1999 to 2015, she was a Senior Economist at the Macroeconomics and Fiscal Policy Management Global Practice and the Country Economist for Thailand of the World Bank Group. A recognised fixture in economic and business circles, she appears regularly in local and international media and speaks at public and private high-level forums and conferences in Thailand and overseas.

She holds a PhD in Economics from Cornell University (USA).



RAJESH CHADHA

Rajesh Chadha is a Senior Fellow at CSEP. He was formerly a Professor and Research Director at the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and, prior to that, an Associate Professor of Economics at Hindu College, University of Delhi. Rajesh was the Managing Editor of *Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research*, NCAER's international, peer-reviewed journal, from 2012 to 2019. He has provided research support to the Indian Government on multiple projects. He played a key role in the research projects sponsored by the Governments of India, Australia, the UK, and various international organisations. Rajesh has worked extensively on the issues of international trade, FDI, and non-fuel minerals and mining in India.

He has been a visiting scholar at the Universities of Michigan, Melbourne, and Monash and a visiting faculty member at many prestigious academic and research institutes in India. Rajesh was nominated as GTAP Research Fellow (2004-2007) by the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP), Purdue University. His recent work encompasses assessing the criticality of minerals and projecting their needs for green technologies. Rajesh received his PhD in Economics from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.



RUDRA CHAUDHURI

Rudra Chaudhuri is the Director of Carnegie India. His research focuses on the diplomatic history of South Asia, contemporary security issues, and the increasingly important role of emerging technologies in diplomacy and statecraft. He works on comparative models of cross-border data flows and how data is treated by national capitals in inter-state and multilateral negotiations.

He is the author of *Forged in Crisis: India and the United States Since 1947* (published in the UK by Hurst, in 2013, and in the US and South Asia by Oxford University Press and Harper Collins, respectively, in 2014). He is the editor of *War and Peace in Contemporary India* (published in the UK by Routledge). His research has been published in scholarly journals like *International History Review*; *Diplomacy and Statecraft*; *Journal of Strategic Studies*; *International Affairs*; *RUSI Journal*; *India Review*; *Defense Studies*, along with other academic and policy-focused journals. He is also an occasional commentator on issues of public policy in the media.

He has served as a Lecturer and a Senior Lecturer at the Department of War Studies at King's College London from 2009 to 2022 (on leave since 2018). In 2012, he established the UK Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office's (FCDO) Diplomatic Academy for South Asia at King's College London. He served as its Founding Director from 2013 to 2022. He is also a Visiting Professor of International Relations at Ashoka University, New Delhi. He previously taught at the UK Joint Services Command and Staff College. He holds a PhD in War Studies from King's College London.



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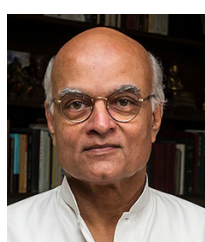
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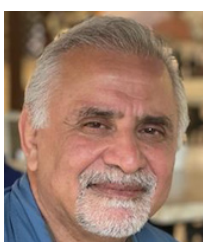
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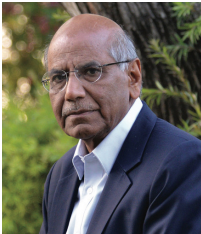
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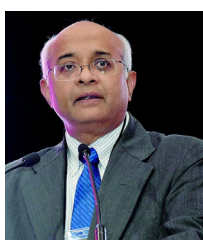


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A Bharatanatyam presentation by
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Born in Mumbai, Rasika Khanna is the daughter of Renu and Krishen Khanna, the artist. She was fortunate to be initiated into Bharatanatyam by the legendary Balasaraswathi as a child in Chennai. Her love for Bharatanatyam as a solo art form was later nurtured by her subsequent gurus, Smt. Lalitha Shastri, Shri Adayar Lakshman, Guru Nana Kasar and Smt. Kalanidhi Narayanan, each of whom gave her a different insight into the art form.

Rasika has performed professionally on many prestigious platforms both in India and abroad. In Asia she has performed in Jakarta and Bali in Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. She has taken her art further to the US, Europe, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Brazil, Tanzania, South Africa and Russia in Moscow and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg.

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