



Strategic and Economic Capacity Building Programme
Advanced Briefing Programme
on
Critical Strategic & Economic Themes for the Future

This programme addresses the need for capacity-building in the strategic and external policy community in South Asia. In a complex, dynamic world, where economics, politics and military issues inter-twine on an ever increasing scale, policy-makers, media-persons, and researchers have to deal with multi-faceted issues and problems. Their task has become all the more challenging in the post cold war era, where set positions are being replaced by fluid coalition-building and more nuanced approaches. External policy makers will increasingly be required to clearly prioritize their national interests in the global arena and take more informed decisions of cooperation and conflict going well beyond the South Asian region to Asian and global issues.

It is increasingly being felt that there is a capacity deficit in South Asia in terms of the intellectual capacity and institutional infrastructure for external policy making in a complex and rapidly changing world. In India, for example, this has been amply demonstrated by recent events related to the Indo-US nuclear deal, India's membership of the Security Council and the impasse in the Doha Round. There is insufficient understanding of international issues facing the country at a time when increasingly it is being asked to shoulder new responsibilities. This is true even among academicians, politicians, government officials, media and the intelligentsia in general.

A far larger policy community comprising diplomats, politician, media persons, academics and other decision/opinion makers, covering both strategic and economic security aspects, and a genuine interaction among them, is therefore required for a globalizing India. Unless the capacity bottleneck is resolved, India's external policies will tend to be parochial, reactive and driven by sectional agendas rather than strategic objectives. Its capacity to act on the international stage beyond its narrow regional concerns as an effective stake-holder in shared liberal values and security perspectives will consequently also remain limited.

The situation in other South Asian countries exhibit similar gaps. Their external perspectives are largely informed by concerns of their immediate geographies and their relationships with major global powers. This creates a hiatus in terms of South Asian regional co-operation possibilities and a narrow and short term and focus in their bilateral relationship with India.

This workshop is a response to this capacity deficit in the strategic and external policy community in South Asia. With internationally reputed faculty and experts, it aims at exposing South Asia's younger diplomats and opinion makers to front line international strategic thinking and analysis, in an innovative, interactive framework. There will be more than 20 sessions over a period of two weeks, on issues of the future organized within the following broad themes:

The Global Situation: Broad overview of developments in the global economy, the shifting balance of power, international trade and governance regimes, and scenarios for the future

The South Asian Context : The rise of Asia, prospects for regional cooperation in South Asia, scenarios for India's future

The Dynamics of Power & Security Challenges: Global and regional geopolitics and security issues

Climate change, Energy and Natural Resources: The present situation, future scenarios, problems of international cooperation

Within these themes, there will be more than 20 sessions covering the following issues:

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| ➤ The World :2020 | ➤ Nuclear, Space & other Critical Technologies |
| ➤ The New Economic Order | ➤ Cyber Security |
| ➤ The Decline of the West? | ➤ Strategic challenges in the Indian Ocean |
| ➤ The Rise of China: Myth and Reality | ➤ Human Security |
| ➤ Global Governance: Evolution and Reform | ➤ Smart Power |
| ➤ International Trade: the Dangers of Protectionism | ➤ Climate Control as a Global Public Good |
| ➤ The Asian Century | ➤ The Energy Challenge: towards a Carbon-Free World |
| ➤ Whither South Asian Integration? | ➤ Energy Cooperation |
| ➤ India: Many Futures | ➤ Water Resources: Conflict and Cooperation |
| ➤ Regional Security Architecture and Dynamics | ➤ The Next Green Revolution: Agriculture & Food Security |
| ➤ Jihadism and the Af-Pak Region | |

Each session will include one or more presentations, followed by an interactive period, which could include group discussions, case studies, exercises or strategy/simulation games. The interactive sessions will draw upon the experiences, and individual initiative of the participants, who will have an opportunity to present their own ideas. A comprehensive set of background readings for each topic, recommended by the faculty, will be made available to the participants.

Details of the themes, sessions, and faculty are below.

**Advanced Briefing Programme
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November 8-20, 2010, New Delhi
Venue: India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road**

Monday, November 8 1000-1130 am	(Keynote address) Coping with Tectonic Shifts in the Global Scene: Rise of Asia and the decline of Europe Lord Meghnad Desai Chair – Dr. Isher Ahluwalia, Chairperson, ICRIER
Monday, November 8 1145-1300 Synopsis:	The World: 2020 Dr. Ashley Tellis Global trends driving the future strategic environment
Monday, November 8 1445-1630	The Rise of China: Myth and Reality Dr. Ashley Tellis Critical review of China's economic and political power, and its geopolitical implications
Tuesday, November 9 1000-1130 am	The New Global Economic Order Prof. Simon Evenett Long-run consequences of the financial crisis for the world economy and geopolitics
Tuesday, November 9 1145-1300	Reshaping Global Governance for the 21st Century Lord Meghnad Desai The evolution of the global governance architecture, and reform of the

international monetary and financial system

Tuesday, November 9

Round Table on Global Scenarios

1445-1630

Lord Meghnad Desai, Ashley Tellis, Simon Evenett et al

Wednesday, November 10

International Trade: the Dangers of Protectionism

1000-1130

Dr. Simon Evenett

The current status of the multilateral trade regime, and scenarios for future evolution, bilateralism and regionalism as alternatives.

Wednesday, November 10

Global Scenarios

1145-1300

Adm. K. Raja Menon

Thursday, November 11

Whither South Asian Integration?

1000-1130

Dr. Rajiv Kumar

The logic, economics and politics of cooperation and integration

Thursday, November 11

Regional Security Architecture and Dynamics

1145-1300

Prof. Kanti Bajpai

Evolving dynamics of major/regional power relationships in South Asia and the neighbourhood

Thursday, November 11

Water Resources

1445-1630

Dr. Tushar Shah

Strategic scenarios for management of water resources

Friday, November 12

The Decline of the West?

1000-1130

Prof. Aaron L. Friedberg

The position of America & the Atlantic Alliance in the global order

Friday, November 12	Nuclear and space challenges in South Asia
1145-1300	Brig. Gurmeet Kanwal
Friday, November 12	Strategy Game: nuclear terrorism scenario
1445-1630	Adm. K. Raja Menon et al
Saturday, November 13	Jihadism and the Af-Pak Region: Current situation and future directions.
1000-1130	Prof. Ishtiaq Ahmed
Saturday, November 13	Strategic Challenges in the Indian Ocean
1145-1300	Adm. Arun Prakash
	Maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region and China's String of Pearls strategy
Saturday, November 13	Strategy Game: nuclear terrorism scenario
1445-1630	Adm. K. Raja Menon et al
Monday, November 15	The Asian Century
1000-1130	Dr. Rajat Nag
	The opportunities and challenges facing Asia in the global economic order
Monday, November 15	Is Pakistan a failed economy?
1145-1300	Mr. Shahid Javed Burki
Monday, November 15	India: Many Futures
1445-1630	Dr. Rajiv Kumar

Tuesday, November 16	Critical Technologies: Strategic Challenges
1000-1130	Prof. Y.S. Rajan Recent developments in critical technologies, and various challenges before India.
Tuesday, November 16	Cyber Security
1145-1300	Prof. N. Balakrishnan Security challenges of a networked world
Tuesday, November 16	Panel Discussion on South Asia
1445-1630	Dr.Rajat Nag (Chair), Mr. Shahid Javed Burki, et al
Wednesday, November 17	Smart Power
1000-1130	Amitabh Mattoo The growing relevance of “soft power” as a tool of diplomacy, and regional examples
Wednesday, November 17	Climate Control as a Global Public Good
1145-1300	Mr. Shyam Saran Climate change cooperation in the post-COP-15 world
Thursday, November 18	The Energy Challenge
1000-1130	Mr. Nitin Desai Long-term scenarios for conventional and new energy resources
Thursday, November 18	Hydropower Development: Conflict and Cooperation
1145-1300	Prof. B. G. Verghese Strategic scenarios for management of international rivers

Thursday, November 18	Game changing energy technologies for the next 2 decades
1445-1630	Dr. Jens Burgtorf
Friday, November 19	Towards an Ever-green Revolution
1000-1130	Prof. M. S. Swaminathan
	Scenarios and policy options for agricultural productivity and food security
Friday, November 19	Are GM crops the answer to South Asia's food security problems? (Panel discussion)
1145-1300	Dr. Suman Sahai, Professor Deepak Pental
Friday, November 19	Demographic Challenges & Opportunities
1445-1630	Prof. Amitabh Kundu
Saturday, November 20	Human Security
1000-1130	Prof. Dipankar Gupta
	Migrant populations, ethnic & communal tensions, challenges to democracy and human rights
Saturday, November 20	Concluding Session
1145-1300	Valedictory Address
	Shri Shiv Shankar Menon, National Security Adviser
	Summing up
	Amb. Santosh Kumar

Faculty

Ishtiaq Ahmed	Professor of political science, University of Stockholm. Visiting Research Professor, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore
N. Balakrishnan	Professor, Super Computer Education and Research Centre, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
Jens Burgtorf	Director, Indo-German Energy Programme, New Delhi
Shahid Javed Burki	Former Finance Minister of Pakistan. Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore.
Meghnad Desai	Professor Emeritus of Economics, London School of Economics. Founder Director, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, LSE
Nitin Desai	Secretary-General of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002), former Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations.
Simon Evenett	Professor of International Trade and Economic Development and Director, Swiss Institute for International Economics, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
Aaron L. Friedberg	Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University
Dipankar Gupta	Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, former Professor of Sociology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.
Prem Shankar Jha	Indian journalist, author and columnist
Gurmeet Kanwal	Brigadier (Retd), Indian Army. Director, Center for Land Warfare Studies, New Delhi.
Rajiv Kumar	Former director, ICRIER
Santosh Kumar	Former Dean, Indian Foreign Service Institute & Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs. Senior Consultant, ICRIER

Faculty

Amitabh Kundu	Professor, Center for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.
Amitabh Mattoo	Professor of International Politics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Member, National Knowledge Commission
K. Raja Menon	Rear Admiral (Retd), Indian Navy, Distinguished Fellow, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi
Rajat Nag	Managing Director General, Asian Development Bank, Manila
Deepak Pental	Professor of Genetics and Vice Chancellor, University of Delhi
Arun Prakash	Former Chief of Naval Staff and former Chairman, National Maritime Foundation
Y.S. Rajan	Dr. Vikram Sarabhai Distinguished Professor, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
Suman Sahai	Convener, Gene Campaign
Shyam Saran	Former Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister's special envoy on climate change.
Tushar Shah	Senior Fellow, International Water Management Institute, Anand, Gujarat, India
M. S. Swaminathan	Distinguished agricultural scientist. Chairman, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.
Ashley Tellis	Senior associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
B. G. Verghese	Visiting Professor, Center for Policy Research.