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Panel Discussion

on

Act East Policy and the Importance of Myanmar and Northeast India

Date: Thursday, 27 September 2018, 2:00 - 5:00pm

Venue: T3, 220-Seater Auditorium

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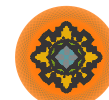
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Programme

2:00 pm – 2:05 pm	Welcome Address Ms. Shagun Nayar, Research Assistant, CSEAS
Panel Discussion	
Chair	Dr. Nehginpao Kipgen , Associate Professor and Executive Director of CSEAS, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University
2:05 pm – 2:22 pm	Why Myanmar is Key to the Success of Act East Policy Vikram Doraiswami, Joint Secretary (Ministry of External Affairs) for Myanmar and Bangladesh
2:22 pm – 2:39 pm	From Look East to Act East Policy: Developments & Challenges Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies Programme at Gateway House, and Former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar (2002–2005)
2:39 pm – 2:56 pm	Act East Policy and Southeast Asia Dr. G. Vijayachandra Naidu, Professor, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
2:56 pm – 3:13 pm	The Importance of Northeast Region in Act East Policy Dr. Temjenmeren Ao, Research Fellow on Southeast Asia at the Indian Council of World Affairs
3:13 pm – 3:30 pm	Future Prospects of Act East Policy: Policy Recommendations Gautam Mukhopadhaya, Former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar (Jun 2013-May 2016)
3:30 pm – 4:05 pm	Questions & Answers
4:05 pm – 4:10 pm	Concluding Remarks Dr. Sreeram Chaulia, Professor and Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs
4:10 pm – 4:15 pm	Vote of Thanks Ms. Megha Gupta, Research Assistant, CSEAS

About the Panelists



Ambassador Doraiswami joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1992. Among others, he was India's Ambassador to Uzbekistan and to the Republic of Korea; Consul General in Johannesburg, South Africa; and Political Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York. He also served as Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India.



Ambassador Bhatia played a key role in strengthening India's Track-II research and outreach activities as Director General of the Indian Council of World Affairs from 2012-2015. During a 37-year innings in the Indian Foreign Service, he served as Ambassador to Myanmar and Mexico and as High Commissioner to Kenya and South Africa. He dealt with a part of South Asia, while posted as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. He is the author of a book titled 'India-Myanmar Relations: Changing contours'.



Dr. Naidu specializes in Asia Pacific issues, including Southeast Asian security, Japanese foreign and security policies, Asian multilateralism, maritime security, political economy of East Asia, and India's relations with East Asia. His visiting appointments/fellowships include Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore; Visiting Fellow at the East-West Center, Honolulu; and Visiting Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs, Tokyo.



Dr. Ao's area of interests include the study on Southeast Asia and India's relations with the ASEAN states, in particular the evolving political, economic and security engagements. He hails from the Nagaland state of Northeast India, and holds a PhD in International Relations from School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.



Ambassador Mukhopadhaya retired from government service in May 2016 after 36 years in the Indian Foreign Service, serving in various capacities in Indian Embassies in Mexico (1982), France (handling the Festival of India in France, 1985-86), Cuba (1986-89), and the Permanent Mission of India in New York (1996-99), the Ministries of External Affairs and Defence in India, and as Ambassador of India in Syria (Dec 2005-Jan 2009), Afghanistan (Jul 2010-May 2013) and Myanmar (Jun 2013-May 2016).