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Press Release

on

Asian Relations Conference (ARC- VI)

on

‘Non Traditional Themes in Asian Foreign Policies’

(March 23-24, 2015)

In 2009, the historic Asian Relations Conference (ARC) was revived. Since then, five such annual conferences have been held at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), Sapru House, New Delhi. The first ARC was held in pre-independent India in March 1947, in which leaders from almost all Asian countries participated. The ARC-VI on the theme “Non Traditional Themes in Asian Foreign Policies” is going to be held on March 23-24, 2015 at Sapru House.

In the past, ARCs were held mainly on conventional themes and traditional security issues, but the growing importance of non-traditional security cannot be ignored. Therefore, this year’s ARC focuses on non traditional themes and panellists from the Asian countries have been invited to discuss and express their opinions over it. More than eight foreign academics and foreign policy experts are participating in the conference.

Ambassador Shashank, former Foreign Secretary of India, will deliver the keynote address and Shri Vinod Kumar, Additional Secretary (International Organisations), Ministry of External Affairs, India, will give the special remarks. There will be five main sessions on the following themes: *Non Traditional Themes: The*

Evolving Concept; Challenges of Economy, Public Health and Ecology; Challenges of Insecurity & Violence; Technology in Asian Relations; and Regional Groupings: Towards Continental Convergence . The detailed programme is attached. Also, the book titled “India’s Asia-Pacific Engagement: Impulses and Imperatives”, edited by Ambassador Amar Nath Ram will be launched during the conference.

PROGRAMME

Monday, March 23, 2015

09:30 am – 10.00 am	Registration
10.00 am – 11.00 am	Inaugural Session
Welcome Remarks:	Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia Director General Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi
Special Remarks:	Shri. Vinod Kumar, Additional Secretary (International Organisations), Ministry of External Affairs, India (TBC remove it)
Inaugural Address:	Ambassador Shashank Former Foreign Secretary, India
Book Launch:	Launch of “ India’s Asia-Pacific Engagement: Impulses and Imperatives ” edited by Ambassador Amar Nath Ram
Remarks by:	Ambassador Amar Nath Ram
Vote of Thanks:	Shri. Nagendra Kumar Saxena Deputy Director General Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) New Delhi
11:00 am- 11:30am	Tea/Coffee
11.30 am- 1.00 pm	

Session I: Non Traditional Themes: The Evolving Concept

Chair:	Tan Sri Rastam Bin Mohd Isa Chairman Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Speakers:	Professor Varun Sahni Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD) School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi

Dr. Mely Caballero-Anthony

Associate Professor and Head of the Centre for
Non-Traditional Security Studies
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies
(RSIS) Nanyang Technological University
Singapore

Dr. Ajey Lele

Fellow
Institute of Defence Studies & Analyses (IDSA)
New Delhi

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Session II: Challenges of Economy, Public Health and Ecology

Chair:

Ambassador Chandrashekhara Dasgupta
Distinguished Fellow
The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI)
New Delhi

Speakers:

Dr. Prodipto Ghosh
Distinguished Fellow
The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI)
New Delhi

Dr. Dushni Neelika Weerakoon
Deputy Director
Institute of Policy Studies
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Mr. Anshuman
Associate Director
The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI)
New Delhi

3.30 pm – 3.45pm

Tea/Coffee

3.45 pm – 5.15pm

Session III: Challenges of Insecurity & Violence

Chair:

Dr. Sunjoy Joshi
Director
Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi

Speakers:

Dr. Sriram Sundar Chaulia
Professor and Dean
Jindal School of International Affairs
O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Professor Moustafa Kamel Ahmed El Sayed Ali
Cairo University
Cairo, Egypt

Professor Nani Gopal Mahanta
Guwahati University
Guwahati

Dr. Marie Carine Lall
UCL Institute of Education
London, United Kingdom

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

10.00 am – 11.30 am

Session IV: Technology in Asian Relations

Chair: **Dr. V. Siddhartha**
Former Secretary
Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister,
India

Speakers: **Ambassador Bhaskar Balakrishnan**

Professor Efraim Inbar
Bar-Ilan University
Ramat Gan, Israel

SINGLE GAP WILL BE HERE

Professor Pranav N. Desai
Centre for Science Policy
Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)
New Delhi

Mr. Joonkoo Yoo
Visiting Professor
Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security
Korea National Diplomatic Academy
Seoul, South Korea

11.30 am – 11.45 am

Tea/Coffee

11.45 am – 1.15 pm

Session V: Regional Groupings: Towards Continental

Convergence

Chair:

Professor Varun Sahni
Centre for International Politics, Organization
and Disarmament (CIPOD)
School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University
New Delhi

Speakers:

Tan Sri Rastam Bin Mohd Isa
Chairman
Institute of Strategic and International Studies
(ISIS) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Professor Hari Bansh Jha
Executive Director
Centre for Economic and Technical Studies
Kathmandu, Nepal

Dr. Ram Upendra Das
Professor
Research and Information System for Developing
Countries (RIS)
New Delhi

1.15 pm – 1.30 pm

Concluding Session

1.30 pm

Lunch