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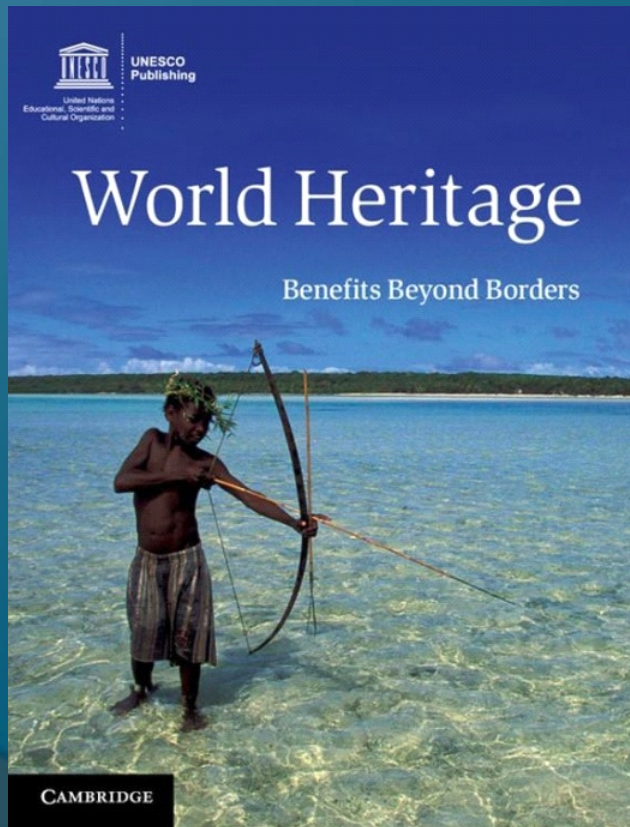
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On

**Contours of India's 'Act East' Policy: Opportunities, Challenges
and Futuristic Trends of Indo-ASEAN Partnership.**

Date:

February 18-19, 2019

Venue:

**CSSH Auditorium, 10th Floor, Calcutta University,
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Tentative Programme Schedule of Two-Day National Conference
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Day 1 (18.02.19)

Registration: 9.30 am onwards

Inaugural Session: 10.00 am – 11.55 am

Welcome Address (10.00 am – 10.05 am): Sarmistha De Basu, PhD, Secretary & Convener of the Conference, KSAS.

Inauguration & Inaugural Address (10.05 am - 10.25am): Ambarish Dasgupta, Former President Bengal Chamber of Commerce, Senior Partner and Founder at Intuери Consulting LLP, Government of West Bengal, Electronics and IT Department.

Key Note Address (10.25am – 11.00 am): B M Jain, Professor of Political Science, University of Rajasthan, and Editor in Chief of Indian Journal of Asian Affairs.

Topic: Remapping India's Economic and Strategic Trajectory under the Rubric of Act East Policy: a Critique.

Guest of Honour (11.00 am – 11.20am): Srikanth Kondapalli, Professor in Chinese Studies, JNU, New Delhi.

Topic: Indo-Pacific Region– Concept and Dynamics.

Address by Chief Guest (11.20 am – 11.35 am): Lipi Ghosh, Honorary Director, Centre for Social Science and Humanities, Professor & Head of the Dept. South & South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta.

Presidential Address (11.35 am – 11.50am): Anindyajyoti Majumdar, Professor Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Vice President, Kolkata Society for Asian Studies.

Vote of Thanks (11.50 am – 11.55 am): Archita Ghose, PhD, Coordinator of the Conference, KSAS.

Tea Break: 11.55 am – 12.10 pm

Special Lecture Session: 12.10pm – 1.00 pm

Chairperson: Sri Rajesh Purohit, Director Indian Museum, Kolkata.

Speaker: Professor Amareswar Galla, PhD, Executive Director, International Institute for the Inclusive Museum; Chief Curator, Amaravathi Heritage Town, A.P ; Visiting Professor, School of Planning and Architecture (SPAV); UNESCO Accredited Facilitator, 2003 Intangible Heritage Convention & UNESCO Expert, 1972 World Heritage Convention; Former Vice President, ICOM, Paris & former President ICOM of the Asia Pacific, Paris

Topic: Rethinking ‘Greater India’ and ‘Orientalism’ – Post-Colonial Heritage Perspectives on South and Southeast Asia.

Lunch Break: 1.00 pm - 1.30 pm

Session I: 1.30 pm – 2.40 pm

Theme – A push to ‘Act East’: Rationale, Dimension, and Prospects.

Chairperson: *Partha Pratim Basu*, Professor of International Relations Department, Jadavpur University.

Speakers: 1. *Nabamita De Bhowmick* .

Topic: SAGAR: India’s Neo-Liberal Take on Act East Policy.

2. *Monica Agarwal*.

Topic: An Analytical Journey of ASEAN in the special context of India.

3. *Sayantana Haldar*.

Topic: The Way Forward for Indo-ASEAN Cooperation: Building Block for India’s Regional Strategy.

4. *Tanima Bhattacharya & Joy Sen*.

Topic: Revisiting the Pan-Asian ideology to propagate an alternate perspective of design syntax

Session II: 2.40pm – 3.45 pm

Theme – Socio-cultural perspective of ‘Act East’ policy: Increasing cooperation between India and ASEAN.

Chairperson: *Rajagopal Dhar Chakraborty*, Director, Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM), Kolkata. Professor of Dept. of South & Southeast Asian Studies, and Registrar of University of Calcutta, Kolkata.

Speakers: 1. *Purabi Gangopadhyay*.

Topic: Indo-Japan Socio Economic Partnership: Antiquity and Ahead.

2. *Soumendra Banerjee*.

Topic: Dimensions of Social Work Education and Community Practice: A Comparative Assessment Between India and China.

3. *Soham Das*.

Topic: Beyond Trade: India-ASEAN Partnership & Scope For Sectoral Expansions.

4. *Anirban Ghosh*.

Topic: India's Cultural and Educational Exchanges with ASEAN and East Asian Countries: Emerging Trend of Co-operations Areas.

Tea Break: 3.45 pm – 3.55 pm

Session III: 3.55pm – 5.30pm

Theme – Exploring new vistas of 'Act East' policy through North-East: Connectivity, Funds, and Projects.

Chairperson: *Shantanu Chakraborti*, Convenor, Academic Committee IFPS, Professor at Department of History, University of Calcutta.

Speakers: 1. *Temjenmeren Ao*.

Topic: The Importance of Northeast Region in the Act East Policy.

2. *Basudeb Malik*.

Topic: Pangsau pass the Eastern Gateway of North East India.

3. *Anup Shekhar Chakraborty*.

Topic: Connecting North East India to extended ASEAN: Cinematic Connects and Social Imaginaries.

4. *Pranata Bhattacharya* .

Topic: Connectivity Projects through Look and Act East Policy and Spatial reality of Northeast India.

5. *Joshua T Khaute*.

Topic: Acting East, Forgetting Northeast: Challenges to India's 'Act East Policy.

6. *Nisha Saha*.

Topic: Exploring Vistas of 'Act East' Policy Through North-East India: A Sneak Peak into Connectivity Funds and Projects.

Day 2 (19.02.19)

Session IV: 10.00am – 11.15am

Theme – The 'Act East' stance to engage ASEAN as a robust economic partner in the emerging global economic architecture.

Chairperson: *Binoda Kumar Mishra*, Director, Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development, Kolkata.

Speakers: 1. *Sayantani Sen Mazumdar & Abhishek Poddar*.

Topic: Venturing North-East Opportunities through Act-East Policy.

2. *Suvro Parui*.

Topic: Trade and Investment catches the harmonic pattern: T&I in Asia-Pacific Region.

3. *Amrita Dey.*

Topic: Make in 'North-East' and India's Look/Act East Policy.

4. *Md. Janesar & Rameez Raja Mir.*

Topic: India's Act East Policy: Economic and Strategic Dimension.

5. *Rima Chaturvedi.*

Topic: Act East so far and Beyond: Opportunities, Challenges and Futuristic trends of Indo ASEAN partnership.

Tea Break: 11.15am – 11.30am

Session V: 11.30am – 12.45pm

Theme – The growing politico-security cooperation between India and ASEAN: A boost for 'Act East'.

Chairperson: *Tridib Chakraborti*, Dean & Professor ADAMAS University, Former Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Speakers: 1. *Dhritiman Banerjee.*

Topic: The Indo-ASEAN Strategic Partnership: The need to balance China.

2. *Saswati Banerjee.*

Topic: India's Strategic Reach-out to ASEAN.

3. *Lopamudra Bandyopadhyay.*

Topic: The Security Aspect of India's 'Act East' Policy: A Nuanced Cooperation between India and the ASEAN.

4. *Sweta Basak.*

Topic: From 'Look East' to 'Act East': Transitions in India-Indonesia Maritime Security Cooperation in Malacca Strait from 1991 to 2018.

5. *Anushree Chakraborty.*

Topic: Reconnoitring ASEAN Institutional Security Architecture: The Relevance of ARF and EAS.

6. *Somdatta Banerjee.*

Topic: India's Maritime Cooperation with ASEAN under the Act East Policy: An Overview.

Session VI: 12.45 pm – 2.00 pm

Theme – 'Act East' so far and beyond: Opportunities, Challenges, and Futuristic Trends of Indo-ASEAN partnership.

Chairperson: *Hari S. Vasudevan*, Professor at the Dept of History, University of Calcutta.

Speakers: 1. *Bipasha Ghose Dastidar.*

Topic: 'Act East- the Head Turner': Zones Chasing Indo-ASEAN Solidarity.

2. *Mintu Mondal.*

Topic: India's Act East Policies: Challenges and Opportunities.

3. *Bhagyashree Bagchi & Soham Das.*

Topic: The Problem of China: ASEAN as Indian Leverage.

4. *Ankita Chakraborty.*

Topic: 'Act East':- Exploring Connectivity and Future Prospects.

5. *Ankhi Sen Sanyal.*

Topic: Look East Policy: Role of Geo-politics in Indo-Vietnam Energy Partnership.

Lunch Break: 2.00pm – 2.30pm

Panel Discussion: 2.30pm – 4.15pm

Theme – The 'Act East' intent of India: Completion of fifty years of India-ASEAN relationship.

Chairperson: B M Jain, Professor of Political Science, University of Rajasthan, and Editor in Chief of Indian Journal of Asian Affairs.

First Panellist: *Prof. Tridib Chakraborty.*

Second Panellist: *Dr. Iman Kalyan Lahiri.*

Third Panellist: *Prof. Hari S. Vasudevan.*

Fourth Panellist: *Prof. Samir Das.*

Fifth Panellist: *Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli.*

Sixth Panellist: *Dr. Binoda Kumar Mishra.*

Seventh Panellist: Prof. Shantanu Chakraborty, Convenor, Academic Committee IFPS.

Tea Break: 4.15 pm – 4.25 pm

Valedictory Session: 4.25 pm – 5.25 pm

Chairperson: *Samir Kumar Das*, Professor Dept. of Political Science; Former Dean of Arts University of Calcutta; Advisory Board Member of Kolkata Society for Asian Studies.

Speaker: *Professor Bhupen Sarmah*, Former Director, Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Assam.

Vote of Thanks (5.25pm – 5.30pm): *Arpita Basu*, PhD, Treasurer & Coordinator of the Conference, KSAS.