

« THE REDISCOVERY OF INDIA »

AN INDO-FRENCH SEMINAR

Convened by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi
and the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris

Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 54 Boulevard Raspail 75006 Paris
May 31st and June 1st, 2007

All sessions in room 214 (second floor), except the panel discussion on May 31st
evening, to be held in the cafeteria (ground floor)

MAY 31st FORENOON 0900 – 0940 hrs

Inaugural Session

Co-Chairs:

- **Alain d'Iribarne, Administrateur FMSH** Welcome and Opening Remarks
- **T.C.A. Anant, Member-Secretary, ICSSR** Opening Remarks

Speakers:

- **About the Seminar** : Joint Convenor: **Balveer Arora.**
- **Inaugural Address** by **H.E. Ranjan Mathai, Ambassador of India to France**
- **Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks** : Joint Convenor: **Jean-Luc Racine**

0940-1000 hrs tea/coffee break

MAY 31st FORENOON 1000 – 1300 hrs

Academic Session One: The Construction of Indian Democracy

This session will focus on the institutional foundations of Indian democracy and its renewal resources. It will look at the ways in which democracy has defined India and India has redefined democracy. It will also explore the interface of political processes with institutional arrangements, and the development of a multi-level federal democracy.

Chair : **Jean-Luc Racine**

Christophe Jaffrelot, CERI *Democracy in India: for an Anti-cultural Interpretation*

- *Discussant* : **Amit Prakash, JNU**

Balveer Arora, JNU : *Institutional Responses to Socio-Economic Change in a Federal Democracy*

- *Discussant* : **Lorraine Kennedy, CEIAS-CNRS**

Peter de Souza, CSDS : *Democracy in India: A Status Report*

- *Discussant* : **Bruno Jobert, IEP Grenoble**

FIRST DAY AFTERNOON, May 31st 14.30 -17.45 hrs

Academic Session Two: The State, the Nation, the Citizen

Chair : **Balveer Arora**

This session will focus on civil society, the expressions of plurality, the debates on equality and the relationship between society, the state and the nation. It will examine the impact of political movements on institutional democracy and the processes of exclusion and inclusion in the political system.

Max-Jean Zins (CERI) and Nicolas Jaoul (CEIAS): *The Indian Left, the State and the Nation: Parliamentary Communists and Naxalites*

- Discussant : **Partha Ghosh**, JNU

Zoya Hasan, National Commission for Minorities, New Delhi : *How the Indian State Approaches and Treats its Minorities*

- Discussant : **Marc Gaborieau**, CEIAS-EHESS

Partha Mukherjee, Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi : *The Calculus of Nation-State building in India. The dynamics of Differentiation and Integration*

- Discussant : **Jacques Pouchepadass**, CEIAS-CNRS

PANEL DISCUSSION: 18.00-19.15

When France looks at India

In cooperation with Association France - Union Indienne (AFUI)

Chair : **Maurice Aymard**, AFUI president

In this panel discussion, academics and practitioners will discuss the ways the French (and not just the French Government) look at India today, and how the image of India has evolved in the last decade.

Andre Lewin, Former Ambassador of France to India

Vaiju Naravane, Special Correspondent in Paris, *The Hindu*

Olivier Weber, Grand Reporter, *Le Point*

Balveer Arora, JNU, New Delhi

The panel discussion is held in the cafeteria, groundfloor

JUNE 1st FORENOON 09.30- 13.00 hrs

Academic Session Three: Economy and Society

Chair IN: **T.C.A. Anant**

This session will focus on the emerging Indian economy and the significance of this transformative process for Indian society. It will look at the ways in which the processes of social transformation have worked, and the institutional arrangements which have emerged as a result.

Speakers:

Gopal Guru, JNU : Economic Growth and Social Justice

- Discussant : **Marie-Caroline Saglio-Yatzimirsky**, INALCO, Paris

Joel Ruet, London School of Economics & CERNA, Paris: *The Rise of Indian Industries and New Models of Development*

- Discussant: **P.K. Das**, CSSSC Kolkata

Frédéric Landy, Paris X University: *The challenge of Agriculture at the Time of Reforms*

- Discussant : **Surajit Mukhopadhyay** CSSS Kolkata

JUNE 1st AFTERNOON 14.30 – 17.45 hrs

Academic Session Four: India and the World

Chair : Christophe Jaffrelot

This session will address not just India's foreign policy, but also, and more broadly, the multiple means India is using today for expanding her presence and reshaping the world order on many accounts, as for example through her « soft power » and her diaspora.

Speakers:

Jean-Luc Racine CEIAS-CNRS: *The Idea of India and the Future World Order*

- Discussant : **Sumit Ganguly**, Indiana University & IEP-Paris

Varun Sahni, JNU: *India in the World Today*

- Discussant : **Arnaud d'Andurain**, Policy Planning Staff, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Aminah Mohammad, CEIAS: *The Soft Power of the Indian Diaspora*

- Discussant: **Pralay Kanungo** JNU, New Delhi

**1745 – 1840 hrs
Valedictory Session**

Co-Chairs: Jean-Luc Racine and Balveer Arora, Joint Convenors

Concluding Remarks and Summing-Up : Jean-Luc Racine

Valedictory Address T.C.Anant, Member Secretary, ICSSR, New Delhi

Valedictory Address Claude Blanchemaison Former Ambassador of France to India

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks : Balveer Arora

The seminar is organised under the umbrella of the Indo-French Programme for Cooperation in Social Sciences, headed in Paris by France Bhattacharya

Participation is free. Seats are limited. No registration

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