



**SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS AND POLITICS**  
Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam  
*in association with*



**KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**KSHEC BRAIN GAIN PROGRAM**

[CLICK HERE](#)



**ONLINE WORKSHOP**

SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUE PAPERS  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023



Meeting ID: 826 4910 4554  
Passcode: 168757

# **INDIA'S STRATEGY TOWARD GREAT POWERS: BALANCING AND DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT REVISITED**

## **Programme**

17:00-17:10 (India Time) Opening Remarks: T.V. Paul and C. Vinodan (co-editors)

---

### **Panel I: 17:10-18:30**

Paper 1. **Sino-Indian Rivalry and Balance of Power Theory: Explaining India's Underbalancing**, T.V. Paul, McGill University

Paper 2. **Heated Engagements: Asian Great Powers and Climate Governance**  
Miriam Prys-Hansen, German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg

Paper 3: **Limits of India-US Relations: Balancing through Strategic Autonomy and Multi-alignment**  
Josukutty CA, Kerala University & Uma Purushothaman, Central University,  
Kasargod, Kerala

Discussants : Nicolas Blarel, Leiden University  
Swaran Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University

---

### **Panel II: 18:30-20:00**

Paper 4: **Strategic Autonomy and India's Hedging Policies in the Indo-Pacific**  
C. Vinodan and Anju Lis Kurian, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala

Paper 5: **India's Proactive Neutrality in Ukraine War: Dissecting its Determinants and Dilemmas**, Swaran Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Paper 6: **The Rivalry Moves West? Accounting for India's engagement of China in the Middle East**, Nicolas Blarel, Leiden University

Paper 7: **India and the Big Powers in South Asia: Balancing Regional Interests and Bilateral Relations**, D. Suba Chandran, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore

Discussants: Miriam Prys-Hansen, German Institute for Global and Area Studies, Hamburg  
Jojin V. John, Mahatma Gandhi University