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One-Day Academic Workshop

The Indo-Pacific: Quest for Security, Status and Peaceful Change

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Programme

10.00-10.45Hrs Hrs: Session1: Workshop Introduction

- Jojin V John, MG University and TV Paul, McGill University; Lead Discussant: Ian Hall, Griffith University

10.45-11.00 Hrs: Tea Break:

11.00-12.30 Session 2: Mapping International Order Transition in The Indo-Pacific

Chair: TV Paul, McGill University

- Navnita Chadha Behera, University of Delhi, Delhi and Surinder Mohan, University of Delhi, Delhi, *Paper Title: Contested Elements and Efficacy of Order-building in the Indo-Pacific*; Lead Discussant: Shibashis Chatterjee, Jadavpur University
- Jaeyoung Kim, San Diego State University, San Diego, USA; *Paper Title: Status Trajectory, Secondary States, and the Rise of China in the Indo-Pacific*; Lead Discussant: Kuyoun Chung, Kangwon National University
- Carlos E. Juárez, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA; *Paper Title: Spheres of Influence and Regional Orders: Latin America and the Indo Pacific in the Age of Geoeconomics*; Lead Discussant: TV Paul, McGill University

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15:00 Hrs Session 3: Indo-Pacific Order Transition and Secondary States

Chair: Carlos E. Juárez, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

- Giorgio Shani, International Christian University, Tokyo, *Paper Title: Re-Envisioning the Indo-Pacific After Liberal Hegemony*; Lead Discussant: Navnita Chadha Behera University of Delhi
- Kuyoun Chung, Kangwon National University, South Korea; *Paper Title: South Korea's Bounded Diversification: Alliance Constraints, Threat Perception, and Limited Strategic Autonomy*; Discussant: Jaeyoung Kim, San Diego State University
- Mumin Chen and Anand Chauhan, National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), Taiwan; *Paper Title: Taiwan as a Pivotal Security Actor in a Multiplex Indo-Pacific: Integration, Agency, and Strategic Adaptation*; Lead Discussant: Rani D. Mullen, College of William and Mary



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15:00-15.15 Tea Break

15.15-16.45 Session 4: India and Indo-Pacific Order

Chair: Navnita Chadha Behera, University of Delhi (TBC)

- Shibashis Chatterjee, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India; *Paper Title: India's Navigation of the Indo-Pacific: A Constructivist Explanation of Order, Autonomy, and Identity*; Lead Discussant: Giorgio Shani, International Christian University (TBC)
- Rani D. Mullen, College of William and Mary, USA; *Paper Title: Soft Power and Status: Comparing the Strategies of India and Indonesia in the Indo-Pacific*; Lead Discussant: Surinder Mohan, University of Jammu (TBC)
- Ian Hall, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, *Paper Title: India as a Middle Power in a Multiplex Indo-Pacific?*; Lead Discussant Jojin V John, MG University
