INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN POLICY STUDIES

IFPS ACTIVITIES FROM NOVEMBER 2009 TO OCTOBER 2011

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The Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS) is a Teaching and Research Centre within the University of Calcutta and sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India. Its major objectives include the conduct of research and training programmes in foreign policy issues, with particular focus on their relevance for Indian foreign policy making. The programme consists of undertaking policy oriented and region specific research projects, a M. Phil Course and Short-Term Certificate/Diploma Courses for fresh and mid-career level personnel in the Ministry of External Affairs, as well as other government organizations. Launched in November 2009, the Institute has entered into its second year.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES
I. TEACHING
I.I. M. Phil Programme

- The IFPS happens to be the only Institute in the country where a full-fledged 2 Yr M. Phil. programme on Foreign Policy Studies is being offered. Advertisements for selection are uploaded on the University website as well as published in leading national dailies enabling interested students all over the country to apply for the Course. The popularity of the M. Phil. Course is indicated by a large number of applications received from all over India and abroad. All students admitted to the Course are given honorarium @ Rs. 6000/- each for a period of two years.

- The M. Phil. programme commenced in February 2010. The first M. Phil teaching programme ended in December, 2010. Student seminars, as part of the Course Work, were held on 28/09/2010 and 26/11/2010. The M. Phil. Part-I examination for the students of the first batch were held on 28/01/2011 and 31/01/2011. The results of the M. Phil. Part I examination have been declared. All the students belonging to the first batch have qualified and declared to have become eligible for Part-II which would involve the students writing and submitting their dissertation within one year.

- Second M. Phil session has commenced from 1st April, 2011.

II. RESEARCH

- The Institute has developed an active research agenda and organizes regular interactive programmes, which include civil society-government dialogues. In implementing its academic agenda, the Institute is cooperating and collaborating with other research think tanks and universities at national and international levels. At present the Institute has four major research clusters:
  - Comprehensive Security Agenda for India
  - India's Look East Policy India
  - the West Asian Regional dynamics
  - Peace and Conflict Resolution

The United Nations Organization, as a part of its Academic Impact Programme, has identified 10 universities across the globe as Academic Hubs. The University of Calcutta is the only University of India which has been designated as the Academic Hub and it has been mandated to develop teaching-learning process in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies. The Institute of Foreign Policy Studies will undertake this United Nations mandate for the University of Calcutta.

The four research clusters function in close cooperation with such other existing research Centres of the University as the Peace Studies Group, the Centre for Pakistan and West Asia Studies, Centre for the Study of China and its Neighbourhood, and the Nehru Studies Centre.

The IFPS has also developed academic cooperation with the following Institutions within India and abroad:
II.1. Visiting Fellowship Programme

To facilitate and enrich its research agenda the Institute offers various schemes of Visiting Fellowships to scholars as well as foreign policy practitioners. The schemes of Senior Visiting Fellowships and the 'Ambassadors-in-Residence' programme are designed to invite retired diplomats and senior academics. Along with Foreign Service personnel, officers from the army and other allied defence and government services are encouraged to take part in the Institute's research and teaching activities. The Institute also offers several short term Visiting Fellowships and Visiting Scholar Programmes to Mid Career and Young Scholars to participate in its M. Phil. Programme and contribute to its Occasional Papers, Monographs and Policy Briefs.

II.2. Visiting Fellows (November 2009-October 2011)

1. Ambassador Pramathesh Rath, IFS (Rtd.)
2. Ambassador Amitava Tripathi, IFS (Rtd.)
3. Dr. Sean Costigan (New School, New York)
4. Dr. Anuradha Bhattacharjee (Researcher, Sorbonne, Paris)
5. Prof. Muntassir Mamoon (Professor, University of Dhaka)
6. Sanjana Joshi (Research Fellow ICRIER, New Delhi)
7. Sebastian Zukowski, (Lecturer, University of Adam Mickiewicz, Poland)
8. Ambassador Alok Sen, IFS (Rtd.)
9. Ms. Aleksandra Jaskolska, (Research Scholar, University of Warsaw, Poland)
10. Mateusz Cwetler (Research Scholar, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland)

II.3. Special Lectures Delivered by Visiting Scholars (November 2009-October 2011)

1. Dr. Namrata Goswami (Associate Fellow, IDSA, New Delhi)
2. Dr. Cathal Macall (Associate Professor, University of Edinburgh)
3. Dr. Prabir De (Research Fellow, RIS, New Delhi)
4. Air Comm. Jasjit Singh (Center for Air Power Studies, New Delhi)
5. Dr. Uttam Sinha (Research Fellow, IDSA, New Delhi)
6. Ambassador Rajiv Sikri, IFS
7. Prof. Math Noortmann (Dept. of Political Science, Oxford Brooks University)
8. Shri Indraneel Banerjie (Columnist and Founder, SAPRA India Foundation)
9. Ambassador Sudhir Devare, (DG, ICWA, New Delhi)
10. Shri A. Vinod Kumar (Associate Fellow, IDSA, New Delhi)
11. Shri Alok Rashmi Mukhopadhyay (Associate Fellow, IDSA, New Delhi)
12. Mehmet Ozkan (Researcher, Seville University, Spain)
13. Ambassador Ronen Sen, IFS
15. Prof. Stephen Cohen (Brookings Institution)
16. Dr. Pradip Bhowmick (US State Department)
17. Dr. Biswa N. Bhattacharyay (ADB Institute, Tokyo)
18. Narinder Kakar, Executive Director, UN liaison office, New York of University of Peace

II. IV. Interactive session with
- Hon'ble Vice-President of India Shri M. Hamid Ansari (20th December 2010)
- Mr. Atul Kesap (U.S Foreign Service Officer) held on 1st December 2010.
- Dr. Rekha Dutta Professor of Political Science with students of Monmouth University held on 4th January 2011
- Prof. Chia Juing Cheng , Secretary General and President, Xiamen Academy of International Law, China and Professor Weita Pan, President, Chinese Society of Comparative Law and former Dean of Soochow University, School of Law.
- Dr. F. Louis Peral, Fellow University of Paris, 29th March 2011.
- Professor Amitabh Mattoo, JNU, with on 8th April, 2011.
- HE. Prof. Piotr Klodkowski, Ambassador of Poland to India, on 12th April 2011
- Ms. Nathalene Reynolds, Research Associate, Center for Asian Studies, Islamabad on May 14th 2011.
- Michael Auslin, Yale University, on 16th May, 2011.
- Professor B. B. Bhattacharyya, former VC of JNU on 24th August, 2011.
- Ambassador A. Peter Burleigh, Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. Mission in India on 6th September 2011.
- Shri Sarvajit Chakravarti, Deputy Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi on 8th September 2011.
- Delegates from Danish Foreign Policy Society, Copenhagen, on 10th October, 2011
- Shri Muchukund Dubey, IFS (retd), 25th October, 2011.

III. PUBLICATIONS

III.1. Web Articles
The Institute’s Website is regularly updated with analytical Web Articles on contemporary issues in world politics. The published web articles are listed below:
- EU-India Strategic Partnership: taking the stock : Alok Rashmi Mukhopadhyay
- US led privatized counterinsurgency operations in conflict zones: one mistake followed by another blunder: - Shantanu Chakrabarti
- Fresh sanctions on Iran: will these help? - Kingshuk Chatterjee
- Diminutive hopes on Nuclear Disarmament: - A. Vinod Kumar
- Significance of Turkey - Brazil Nuclear deal: - Mehmet Ozkan
- Kyrgyzstan: Democratization in Crisis - Sreemati Ganguli
- British interest in Turkey’s EU membership - Alok Rashmi Mukhopadhyay & Mehmet Ozkan
- Post ECFA: Taiwan – China Relations - Gunjan Singh
- Incredible India : Impossible Poland: - Sebastian Zukowski
- Why does PRC does not like Liu’s Nobel Prize : Avinash Godbole
- Some Observations on Wen Jiabao’s Forthcoming Visit to India: Gunjan Singh
- Is India Not doing Enough? : Dipanwita Roy Ghatach
- The Taste of Intermittent Freedom in the Garrison State: Atreyee Mitra
- Who is (not) corrupt? An Open Season of Politics in Pakistan: Nasreen Akhtar
India's Nuclear Disaster Management Mechanism: An Assessment: Mohammed Badrul Alam
Forging New Partnership: India and Africa: Mohammed Badrul Alam
Eastern SAARC: A New Paradigm in Regional Relations: Rahul K Bhonsle
India-Japan Relations: It's Economics All the Way: Sanjana Joshi
Dealing with Arab Protests: A Hobson's Choice?: Subhadeep Bhattacharya
Indian Diaspora in the United States and its Political Participation: Mohammad Badrul Alam
The Death of a Lion: Operation Geronimo: Atreyee Mitra
Osama's Death in Pakistan: Advantage India: Subhadeep Bhattacharya
Osama's Death: Delight or dilemma for the U.S.A?: Suchismita Datta
Geronimo Eka and the war thereafter: Chirasree Mukherjee
Is India ready for the return of Taliban in Afghanistan?: Anwesha Ghosh
The new ties of India-US relationship: Is India's Foreign Policy its own?: Dipanwita Roy Ghatak
Recent NSG decision: Setback to quest for India's Energy Security: Mohammad Samir Hussain
"Saying Hello to Old Friend Again!": Analyzing Indo-Poland Contemporary Relations: Aleksandra Jaskolska
European Myth Gone: A Fact 'Pure and Simple': Subhadeep Bhattacharya
The Challenges before the CCP @ 90: Gunjan Singh
The Chinese White Paper on 'Peaceful Development': Worth a Second Glance?: Shantanu Chakrabarti
The Opening Gambit at Kabul: Kingshuk Chatterjee

III.II. Print Publication

A MOU has been signed with the Knowledge World Publishers, New Delhi, to publish Monographs, Policy Briefs and edited volumes of the IFPS. Current publications of the Institute are:


Submitted for Publication

- Kingshuk Chatterjee, 'A split in the middle? Factional Politics in the Islamic Republic of Iran'(in press)
- Amitava Tripathi, 'Prospects for Furthering India-LAC Relations, Need for Appointing a special Envoy of PM to the Region' (in press)

IV. WORKSHOPS HELD AT THE INSTITUTE (November 2009-October 2011)

- National Workshop on Radicalism in the Islamic World: Origins, Contexts and Divergences at Alipore Campus, Calcutta University (22 December, 2009)
- Symposium in collaboration with India-China Institute, The New School, New York, on 'Debates on Culture and Environment in Contemporary China' on 6th January 2011.
International Workshop on *Contemporary Europe: India's Concerns* in IFPS conference room (10 September, 2010)

International Conference (in collaboration with the Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw) on *India and Central Europe in Evolving Global Context* in IFPS conference room (10 January, 2011)

International Conference on *India and the Middle East – Problems and Prospects* at Alipore Campus, Calcutta University. (23 February 2011)

International Conference (in collaboration with RIS, New Delhi) on Ganga-Mekong Cooperation in Grand Hotel, Kolkata (23rd - 24th June 2011).

Round Table Consultation on India-Bangladesh Relation: the way ahead organized by Global India Foundation and Institute of Foreign Policy Studies in the Dept. of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata (16th August 2011).


V. LIBRARY

The IFPS library has a rich collection of about four thousand titles which have been already secured for the IFPS Library. The Library also subscribes to a large number of journals, e-books, databases, in Print and Online Versions. The Library is fully computerized and is linked up with the Calcutta University's OPAC network.

VI. FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

*Language Teaching Programme*

The Institute will soon begin a crash course in elementary Chinese.

*Forthcoming Seminars & Workshops*

- International Conference in collaboration with Australia-India Institute, Melbourne on 'Asian/ Indian Ocean stability and Cooperation' (5-6 Dec. 2011).
- International Conference in collaboration with the Centre for Contemporary India Research and Studies, University of Warsaw, 'Conflicting or Compatible? Worldviews from India, China and Europe'(16-17 February 2011)

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