



Talk & Discussion on
Great Game to Great Goal: On Fast-Tracking Trade and Connectivity in Eastern South Asia

With
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Keynote speaker

Prof. Sudeep Chakravarti



[Sudeep Chakravarti](#) is the Director of the Center for South Asian Studies (C-SAS) at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB), where he also teaches conflict studies, South Asian literature, ethics, and journalism. He is the author of ten books that encompass history, ethnography, conflict, and conflict resolution, geopolitics, geo-economics, and the intersection of democracy and development. These include *The Eastern Gate: War and Peace in Nagaland, Manipur and India's Far East* (Simon and Schuster, 2022); *Plassey: The Battle that Changed the Course of Indian History* (Aleph Book Company, 2020); *The Bengalis: A Portrait of a Community* (Aleph Book Company, 2017); *Highway 39* (Fourth Estate, 2012); and *Red Sun* (Penguin, 2009). His next book is *Fallen City*, a psycho-political narrative set in 1970s

Delhi, to be published in August 2024. He has written nearly a thousand articles, columns and essays within the arc of pre-Partition to present-day South Asia for major global and South Asian publications, and has for three decades advocated conflict resolution and enhanced trade and connectivity in South Asia in general and Eastern South Asia in particular. Sudeep began his career at The Asian Wall Street Journal and subsequently held leadership positions at Sunday, India Today, the India Today Group, and HT Media in a media career spanning thirty-five years. A fuller CV can be accessed [here](#).

Context of the talk

With increasing talk of enhancing bilateral, trilateral and regional trade, and connectivity between India and its neighbours, the future is now a matter of urgent understanding and cooperation. It is also time to revisit some old and eminently workable regional frameworks and approaches that were jettisoned on account of South Asian politics. These need to be married to new ideas and proposals whose time has come. Taken together, all of it needs to be knitted within the South Asian realpolitik in general and the increasingly productive realpolitik of Eastern South Asia — a region that includes Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal and its several eastern and northeastern states, and has ambitious China to the north and fractious Myanmar to east. The Great Game that has for long hobbled the region needs to now be transformed to a Great Goal. The talk will discuss the prospects and problems of this journey for shared peace and prosperity.

Hosts



[Prof. Ajit Parulekar](#) is currently the Director of the Goa Institute of Management (GIM) and is a Professor of Marketing in the Health Care Management Programme. He holds a PhD in Marketing and has a Masters in Marketing, Pharmacology & Health Economics. His areas of interest include branding, access to healthcare, sustainable business models & the future of learning.

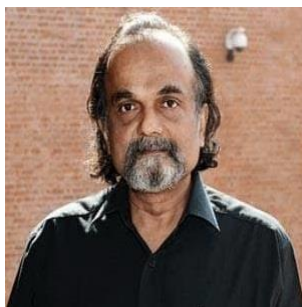
He has led sustainability initiatives at the GIM and in the communities around the Institute and founded an Incubation Centre funded by the Govt. of India. He also spearheaded the establishment of the Health Care Management Programme at the Institute in 2013.



[Prof. Imran Rahman](#) is serving his second term as the Vice Chancellor of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB). He has been with ULAB since 2006, and held the positions of Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dean of Business and Professor of Finance. Before joining ULAB, Imran was a faculty member at the Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka for twenty-two years. Prof Imran is a director of the Foundation for Learning, Teaching and Research (fLTR), a non-profit which aims to improve the capacity and quality of teaching and research in universities. He is Chair of the Board of Trustees of Teach for Bangladesh. He served as

an independent director in two public limited finance companies. In 1994, he co-founded a merchant bank and led it for six years. One of the first professionally set up merchant banks of the country, EVRD was involved in issue management, private portfolio management, private placement, international brokerage, financial advisory, and equity research. He studied at the London School of Economics, Manchester Business School, and the University of Dhaka.

Discussant



[Prof. Sebastian Morris](#) is Senior Professor and Chair of the Centre for Public Policy and Governance at the Goa Institute of Management. He retired from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad after over 25 years of teaching, research and consultation. His principal interests are the Indian economy, infrastructure development and regulation, the public sector and governance, international trade and investments, macroeconomics, and small industry. His recent books have been: *Macroeconomic Policy in India since the Global Financial Crisis - Trends, Policies and Challenges in Economic Revival Post COVID* (Springer Nature, 2022); (ed.) *The Difficulty of Being Gajendra Haldea - Reflections on His Life and Legacy* (Bloomsbury, 2023) and (ed.) *The India Infrastructure Report 2023 – Urban Planning and Development* (Bloomsbury, 2023).

Moderator



[Prof. Kingshuk Sarkar](#) is Associate Professor in the area of General Management and Public Policy Area at the Goa Institute of Management. He had earlier served as labour administrator for more than two decades with the Govt. of West Bengal. His interests include labour & industrial economics, development economics, business economics, labour administration and labour laws, plantation economics and labour, labour laws and labour administration, employment relations and informal labour. In the past, he has worked as a faculty at the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida specializing in labour laws and labour administration. He has also worked as Assistant Professor in the National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, in connection with works related to BPL Census 2011.

Schedule of the event

5.30 pm to 6.00 pm	Registration and Refreshments
6.00 pm to 6.05 pm	Welcome (Dr. Pushkar and Ms. Bernice de Souza)
6.05 pm to 6.10 pm	Inaugural Remarks by Prof. Ajit Parulekar, Director, GIM
6.10 pm to 6.15 pm	Inaugural Remarks by Prof. Imran Rahman, Vice Chancellor, ULAB
6.15 pm to 6.20 pm	Setting the Context (Prof. Sebastian Morris, Chair, CPPG-GIM)
6.20 pm to 7.00 pm	Keynote address by Prof. Sudeep Chakravarti, Director, C-SAS, ULAB
7.00 pm to 7.25 pm	Open session, discussion and Q&A (Moderated by Prof. Kingshuk Sarkar, Member, CPPG)
7.25 pm to 7.30 pm	Vote of Thanks (Ms. Christal Ferrao)

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