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Webinar on
“Contemporary Issues in South Asia, particularly those concerning India-Bangladesh relations”

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Brief abstract on the discussion

India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan together account for more than 22% of the world’s population. Their potential for trade, economic, and cultural interaction is considerable and remains significantly under-realised at present.

Both India and Bangladesh stand to lose considerably from not engaging more fully with each other. The economic costs—particularly for India’s Northeast—are substantial, with both countries foregoing opportunities arising from better access to each other’s markets and regional integration.

This webinar brings together experts to discuss the challenges and prospects of regional relations in the Indian subcontinent, with a focus on India–Bangladesh ties.

Key questions to be explored include:

- Where do India–Bangladesh relations stand today?
- What are the key difficulties and constraints?
- What initial steps could be taken to improve the engagement between the countries?
- What is the special responsibility that rests on India in shaping this relationship?
- How do the interests of other countries shape India–Bangladesh relationships?
- How might populism, particularly in relation to the treatment of minorities, affect bilateral relations?

¹ Bangladesh Standard Time (BST)

- How can cultural exchanges, sporting linkages, and business relations be leveraged to build confidence and deepen intersectional engagement?

Discussants



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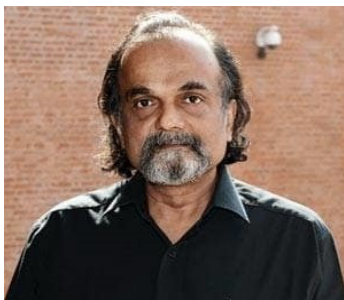


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Moderator



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Schedule

4.00 pm to 4.05 pm IST	Welcome and Introduction
4.05 pm to 4.45 pm IST	Remarks and Views on the topic by Discussants
4.45 pm to 5.00 pm IST	Moderated Discussion among Discussants
5.00 pm to 5.25 pm IST	Q&A and Interactive Discussion with Participants (Online and In-person)
5.25 pm to 5.30 pm IST	Concluding Remarks and Summary

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