



**Indian Council of World Affairs
Australian Institute of International Affairs and
Australia India Institute Dialogue**

Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne, 147–149 Barry Street, Carlton
Tuesday 18 March 2014, 8.30am–4.30pm

8.30am: Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Ms Zara Kimpton OAM, National Vice-President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs
- Professor Amitabh Mattoo, Director, Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne
- His Excellency Biren Nanda, High Commissioner of India to Australia

9.15am: Session I: The International Situation

Trigger Speakers

- Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs
- Ms Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

10.30am: Morning Tea

11.00am: Session II: The Regional Situation: Indo-Pacific Region

Trigger Speakers

- Ambassador Sheel Kant Sharma, Former Secretary General, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- Professor Nick Bisley, Executive Director, La Trobe Asia and Editor-in-Chief, *Australian Journal of International Affairs*

12.15pm: Lunch

1.00pm: Session III: The State of the Nations: Australia and India

Trigger Speakers

- Professor Darvesh Gopal, Director, School of Social Sciences, Indira Gandhi National Open University
- Ms Sushi Das, Opinion Editor, *The Age* and author of *Deranged Marriage*



2.15pm: Afternoon Tea

2.45pm: Session IV: The Bilateral Relationship: Political, Economic, Defence and Strategic Issues

Trigger Speakers

- Defence and Maritime Ties – R ADM (Retd) Vijai S. Chaudhari, Former Indian Defence Advisor to Australia and Additional Director, Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, New Delhi
- Politico-Strategic Issues – Dr Pankaj Jha , Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs
- Dr Christopher Kremmer, Senior Lecturer, University of Melbourne, former India correspondent and author of *Inhaling the Mahatma*

4.15pm: Concluding Remarks

- Ambassador Rajiv K. Bhatia, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs
- Ms Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

4.30pm: Dialogue concludes

Dialogue Participants:

- Ms Manika Jain, Consul General of India, Consulate General of India, Melbourne
- Mr John Richardson, Victoria State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Mr Brendan Hodgson, Victorian State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Dr Meg Gurry, Academic Researcher at Australia India Institute and Author of *India: Australia's Neglected Neighbour?*
- Dr Swati Parashar, Lecturer in Politics and International Relations and Member of Global Terrorism Research Centre (GTreC), Monash University
- Dr Sally Percival Wood, Alfred Deakin Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University
- Ms Aakriti Bachhawat, Book Review Editor, *Australian Journal of International Affairs*
- Mr Giridharan Ramasubramanian, Youth Representative, Australian Institute of International Affairs



- Ms Ashleigh Sharp, Youth Representative, Australian Institute of International Affairs