

Department of Political Science
Kalindi College
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INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES
ON
CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL ISSUES
(2020-21)

REPORT



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The Department of Political Science, Kalindi College, organized a very educative International Webinar Series which comprised a series of 8 webinars, between 16 February 2020 to 20 April 2021, themed around contemporary global and political issues related to South Asia, international relations, India's Foreign policy, China's Belt and Road Initiative, Iran's Nuclear Policy, religion and politics in the Middle East, etc. to provide students and faculty members an opportunity to listen and learn from the most prolific and acclaimed scholars and professors to expose them to a much deeper understanding and a broader perspective on these issues. A total of 10 expert speakers were invited from the most eminent universities across the globe, including Columbia University, New York, USA, Tel Aviv University, Israel, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway, John Hopkins University, Washington D.C., Griffith University, Australia, RAND Corporation, California, USA, University of Delhi, and JawaharLal Nehru University, Delhi, India and so on. The initiative for the webinar series was taken to enhance the teaching-learning experience of the students and faculty members of the department to the best of scholarship on pressing global issues, utilizing the time during the ongoing pandemic. However, the varied and exciting list of topics and expert speakers drew students, research scholars, and faculty members across Delhi University, JawaharLal Nehru University, Jamia Millia Islamia, and even outside Delhi the lectures. The students and faculty members benefited greatly from the lectures. All the lectures were very educational, enriching, and insightful and helped to understand that particular topic in a very detailed manner. The overall response was overwhelming as the registered participants swelled to 499 and 325 in the 1st and the 7th webinar, respectively. For the

entire webinar series, there were 2,213 registered participants, including 722 participants from institutes other than Kalindi College.

All the webinars were conducted by the International Webinar Series Convenors, Dr. Priyabala Singh and Dr. Nivedita Giri, and the Teacher-in-Charge of the Political Science Department, Dr. Manila Narzary. The series was made possible with constant support, guidance, and encouragement by Principal Dr. Naina Hasija and the former Principal Dr. Anjula Bansal. Overall, the International Webinar Series was a great learning experience for both the students and the faculty members across institutes. Below are the concise details and photos of all the 8 webinars:

INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES DETAILS

S.No.	DATE & TIME	GUEST/EXPERT SPEAKER	TOPIC	Registered Participants	Registered Participants Other than Kalindi College
1.	16/02/21 4.00 pm	<p>Prof. Harsh V. Pant, Professor of International Relations, Deptt. of Defence Studies, King's College London, London, U.K.</p> <p>Prof. Veena Kukreja, Head, Deptt. of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi, India.</p>	India's Foreign Policy: New Directions	499	195
2.	18/02/21 8.00 pm	<p>Prof. Daniel Markey, Senior Research Professor in International Relations, John Hopkins University, Washington D.C. the USA.</p>	China and the Geopolitics of South Asia	282	117
3.	5/03/21 4.00 pm	<p>Prof. Charles Freilich, Department of Political Science, Tel Aviv University, Israel & Columbia University, New York, USA.</p>	Iran's Nuclear Program	279	64

4	10/03/2021 5.30 pm	Prof. Stig Jarle Hansen, Head, International Relations Programme, Norwegian University of Life Sciences ,Norway.	Africa in the Emerging World Order	113	57
5	12/03/2021 4.30 pm	Prof. Rafiq Dossani, Director, Centre for Asia Pacific Policy, RAND Corporation, California, USA.	Demystifying the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)	215	47
6	18/03/2021 5.30 pm	Prof. Hassan Abbas, Distinguished Professor of International Relations, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., USA.	Politics and Religion in the Middle East Today: Policy Implications for the Biden Administration	242	66
7	26/03/2021 4.30 pm	Prof. Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra , Director, Mahatama Gandhi Center, Hindu University of America Florida, USA.	Leveraging Soft Power to Realize National Interest: Reflections on India's Foreign Policy Since Independence	258	25
8	20/04/2021 3.00 pm	Prof. Ian Hall , Professor Of International Relations, Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University (Nathan Campus), Queensland. Australia. Prof. Swaran Singh, Prof. & Chair, Centre for International Politics, Organization & Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.	India's East Asia Strategy	325	151

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WEBINAR 1
TOPIC
**INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY:
NEW DIRECTIONS**
DATE & TIME
**16 FEBRUARY 2021
4 PM (IST)**

GUEST SPEAKER
PROF. HARSH V. PANT
PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE STUDIES
KING'S COLLEGE LONDON
UNITED KINGDOM

OPENING REMARKS
PROF. VEENA KUKREJA
HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
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DELHI, INDIA

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WEBINAR 1: INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY: NEW DIRECTIONS

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Webinar 2
TOPIC
**CHINA AND THE GEOPOLITICS
OF SOUTH ASIA**
DATE & TIME
**18 FEBRUARY 2021
7:30 PM (IST)**

PROF. DANIEL S. MARKEY
SENIOR RESEARCH PROFESSOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
JOHN HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, DC, USA

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Webinar 2
China And The
Geopolitics of South Asia
with
Prof. Daniel S. Markey



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Webinar 3

TOPIC
IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

DATE & TIME
**5 MARCH 2021
4 PM (IST)**

Prof. Charles Freilich
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, ISRAEL &
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK, USA

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Webinar 4

TOPIC
**AFRICA IN THE EMERGING
WORLD ORDER**

DATE & TIME
**10 MARCH 2021
5.30 PM (IST)**

Prof. Stig Jarle Hansen
HEAD, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME
NORWEGIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES
AKERSHUS, NORWAY

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Webinar 5
TOPIC: **DEMYSIFYING THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI)**
DATE & TIME: **12 MARCH 2021 4:30 PM (IST)**



Prof. Rafiq Dossani
DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR ASIA PACIFIC POLICY
PROFESSOR, FARDEE RANDE GRADUATE SCHOOL
RAND CORPORATION, CALIFORNIA, USA

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Webinar 6
TOPIC: **POLITICS AND RELIGION IN THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY: POLICY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION**
DATE & TIME: **18 MARCH 2021 5:30 PM (IST)**



Prof. Hassan Abbas
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
NEAR EAST SOUTH ASIA CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES
NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C., USA

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Webinar 6
Politics and Religion in the Middle East Today: Policy Implications for The Biden Administration
with
Prof. Hassan Abbas



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Webinar 7
TOPIC
LEVERAGING SOFT POWER TO REALIZE NATIONAL INTEREST: REFLECTIONS ON INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY SINCE INDEPENDENCE
DATE & TIME
28 MARCH 2021
4:30 PM (IST)

Prof. Debidatta A. Mahapatra
DIRECTOR, MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRE
HINDU UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
FLORIDA, USA

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Webinar 7
Leveraging Soft Power to Realize National Interest: Reflections on India's Foreign Policy Since Independence
with
Prof. Debidatta A. Mahapatra



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Webinar 8
TOPIC
INDIA'S EAST ASIA STRATEGY
DATE & TIME
20 APRIL 2021
3 PM (IST)

Guest Speaker Prof. Ian Hall
PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RESEARCH), GRIFITH ASIA INSTITUTE
GRIFITH UNIVERSITY, NATHAN CAMPUS
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Opening Remarks & Chair Prof. Swaran Singh
DEPUTY CHAIR
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