

**Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)  
MaidanGarhi, New Delhi**

**Australian Studies Programme  
School of Social Sciences**

**International Conference  
on**

***India-Australia Relations and Evolving Poly-centric World Order***

**Date and Venue**

26-27 November 2015 at IGNOU, New Delhi

**Concept Note**

Relations between India and Australia are currently upbeat and by most accounts have set the basis and pace for a multi-faceted deeper bilateral relationship impinging on the evolving global order. Indian Prime Minister's recent visit to Canberra has since seen an increased level of engagement by officials on both sides as India seeks to develop a stronger relationship with Australia. The unsavoury acrimony over *Phokaran II* of the late 1990s is now a fast fading memory. The once festering uranium issue too has taken a U-turn to India's advantage.

Admittedly, both India and Australia are at an inflection point. Going through a process of re-adjustment in response to profound transformation of global politics both countries are at the same time grappling with the tension between their past histories and present imperatives. Suffice it to say, the present moment is a historic milestone for both India and Australia.

Claims such as Australia are traditionally given to "Look West" has now yielded place to a policy posturing of even "Act West" on its own initiative. India too claims it has moved away from the "Look East" to "Act East" policy and even beyond towards "Link West"!

However, aspirational these proclamations are, they do represent the beginnings of a new multilateral realignment and global security arrangement. For India, they do represent a significant step beyond its traditional inclinations towards Non-alignment.

It is against the background delineated above, the Conference purports to discuss in-depth

- ❖ what has been the track record of Indo-Australian joint initiatives
- ❖ how effective have they been and
- ❖ what impact these initiatives are likely to make on contemporary developments and events elsewhere in the world such as

- the “rise” of China as a global power,
- the currently evolving geo-strategic construct of Indo-Pacific,
- the concerns of middle powers and multilateral regional organizations and
- the shifting calculus of a no longer hegemonic super-power, the United States.

## **Call for Papers**

Interested scholars, specialists and researchers are invited to participate in the Conference with a paper which has bearing on any of the themes or related themes outlined in the Concept Note.

## **Advice for submitting Abstract and final paper**

- Along with the abstract provide your full name, title, and institutional affiliation and email details. In case there are two or more authors of an article, the corresponding author’s name and affiliation details should be clearly specified on the first page of the article.
- Submit Abstract in about 250 words and the full paper around 6000 words including references.
- All figures, i.e., tables, maps and diagrams should be placed at the appropriate place in the text of the article along with a source or reference.
- Use Oxford style for footnotes and references. Number all the pages of the abstract and full paper.
- Use Oxford pattern for spellings.
- Quotations drawn from a source should be cited without altering spellings.
- Quotations of length more than three lines should be in separate paragraph in single space.
- Words other than English language should be printed in italics.

Timeline for submission of abstract is 30 September 2015 and for the full paper can be 30 October 2015.

## **Registration & Correspondence**

Correspondence for the Conference and registration for participation should be addressed to Conference Coordinator Prof. D Gopal

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