

# India-China Dialogue

## Image and Perceptions: The Role of the Media in India-China Relations

4-5 July 2012

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Despite the massive growth of bilateral trade between China and India, tensions over territorial and political issues have also grown, particularly in the last two or three years.

While some sources of stress are real, their effects are mediated and often enflamed by media depictions and perceptions of these tensions.

In a situation where the Chinese and Indians have limited knowledge of each other and the interactions are dominated by strategic and business concerns, the media can play a constructive role in promoting mutual understanding among the general public.

Is the media really responsible for creating misperceptions between India and China?



Are journalists in the two countries trained and qualified to cover the other?

This Dialogue series seeks to answer these and many more pertinent questions about the role of media in India-China relations.

### SPEAKERS FROM CHINA

**MAO Xiaoxiao** *Xinhua News Agency, New Delhi Bureau*

**ZHOU Yongjin** *Southern Metropolis Daily*

**James LU** *Phoenix TV*

**Peter QIU** *Phoenix TV*

**MAO Siwei** Former Consul General of China in Kolkata

**YANG Tingting** *Global Times*

### SPEAKERS FROM INDIA

**Siddharth VARADARAJAN** *The Hindu*

**M.K. VENU** *Financial Express*

**C. Raja MOHAN** *Indian Express and Observer Research Foundation*

**Manoj K. JOSHI** *Mail Today/India Today*

**Maya MIRCHANDANI** *NDTV*

**Pranab Dhal SAMANTA** *Indian Express*

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## PROGRAMME

### DAY ONE Wednesday, 04 July 2012

- 9:00am - 9:15am** Registration
- 9:15am - 9:30am** Welcome Remarks:  
*Professor Prasenjit DUARA*  
Raffles Professor of Humanities and Director of Research in Humanities and Social Sciences; Director, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore (NUS); and Visiting Professorial Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS)
- Dr C. Raja MOHAN*  
Head of Strategic Studies, Observer Research Foundation, India
- 9:30am - 9:45am** SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS INDIA-CHINA DIALOGUE EVENTS IN SINGAPORE  
*Dr Tansen SEN*  
Head, Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre, ISEAS, Singapore
- Professor Robin JEFFERY*  
Visiting Research Professor, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), NUS
- 9:45am - 11:00am** Panel I: ECOSYSTEM OF NEWSGATHERING  
Chair and Discussant:  
*Mr Ravi VELLOOR* Foreign Editor, The Straits Times, Singapore
- Presenters:  
*Ms MAO Xiaoxiao* Correspondent, Xinhua News Agency, New Delhi, India  
*Mr Pranab Dhal SAMANTA* Chief of Bureau, The Indian Express, New Delhi, India
- 11:00am - 11:15am** Coffee
- 11:15am - 12:30pm** Panel II: ECONOMIC COVERAGE OF INDIA AND CHINA  
Chair and Discussant:  
*Dr Nalin MEHTA* Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute and ISAS, NUS
- Presenters:  
*Ms YANG Tingting* Journalist, Global Times, China  
*Mr M K VENU* Managing Editor, Financial Express, India
- 12:30pm - 1:30pm** Lunch

**1:30pm - 2:45pm** **Panel III: EDITORIAL POLICY**  
Chair and Discussant:  
**Ms GOH Sin Hwee** China News Editor, Lianhe Zaobao, Singapore

Presenters:  
**Mr Siddharth VARADARAJAN** The Editor, The Hindu, India  
**Mr ZHOU Yongjin** Chief International Correspondent, Southern Metropolis Daily, Guangzhou, China

**2:45pm - 3:00pm** Tea

**3:00pm - 4:30pm** **Panel IV: TELE-VISIONS OF INDIA AND CHINA**  
Chair and Discussant:  
**Ms Sharanjit LEYL** Presenter/Producer, BBC News, Singapore

Presenters:  
**Ms Maya MIRCHANDANI** Senior Editor, Foreign Affairs, NDTV, India  
**Mr James LU** Current Affairs Analyst, Phoenix TV, Hong Kong

## **DAY TWO Thursday, 05 July 2012**

**9:00am - 10:15am** **Panel V: THE OP-ED PAGE**  
Chair and Discussant:  
**Dr Ronojoy SEN** Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS

Presenters:  
**Mr Mao Siwei** Former Consul-General of China in Kolkata, India  
**Dr C. Raja Mohan** Head of Strategic Studies, Observer Research Foundation, India

**10:15am - 10:30am** Coffee

**10:30am - 11:45am** **Panel VI: POLITICS, SECURITY AND INTERACTIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA**  
Chair and Discussant:  
**Dr CHEN Gang** Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, NUS

Presenters:  
**Mr Manoj JOSHI** Comment Editor, Mail Today, India  
**Mr Peter QIU** TV Commentator and Moderator, Phoenix TV, Hong Kong

**11:45am - 12:30pm** **SPECIAL PRESENTATION THE SOCIAL MEDIA: ANALYZING THE ONLINE CHINESE PERCEPTION OF INDIA**  
Chair and Discussant:  
**Professor Robin JEFFERY** Visiting Research Professor, ISAS, NUS

Presenter:  
**Associate Professor Simon Shen** Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Hong Kong Institute of Education

**12:30pm - 12:45pm** **Concluding Remarks**  
**Professor ZHENG Yongnian** Director, East Asian Institute, NUS