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Conference Program

**IR Theory and China-India Relations**

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China and India are both frequently cited as rising states in the international system, which have already gained considerable power and are projected to continue their ascents in the ranks of great powers for the foreseeable future. What does the simultaneous rise of China and India relative to the West, coupled with China’s prospective decline relative to India in the long term, mean for the Sino-Indian bilateral relationship, the Asia-Pacific region, and the global international order? Sino-Indian relations have been subjected to very little inquiry using rigorous theory. This conference is designed to address the theoretical lacunae in the literature on China-India relations by bringing together leading international relations theorists and experts on Chinese and Indian foreign policy. In aggregation, the conference papers aim to advance novel explanations for empirical puzzles in China-India relations, generalize from these explanations to advance new developments in IR theory, and derive prescriptions and predictions for contemporary policy makers.

**Day 1, November 19/20**

1700-1710 November 19, PST, USA

1800-1810 November 19, MST, USA

2000-2010 November 19, EST, USA

0900-0910, November 20, Singapore/Hong Kong Time

**Opening Remarks:**

**Suisheng Zhao**, Professor and Director of the Center for China-US Cooperation at Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, and Founding Editor, Journal of Contemporary China

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*“Balancing, Threats & Wedges in International Political Economy: The Origins and Impact of the Sino-Indian Alliance at the WTO” -* Kristen Hopewell, University of British Columbia

*Discussant*: Gregory Shaffer, Irvine School of Law, University of California

*Moderator:* Suisheng Zhao

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1010 to 1110 November 20, Singapore/Hong Kong Time

*“Rising Powers and Normative Resistance: China, India and the Responsibility to Protect”* -Courtney J. Fung, University of Hong Kong

Discussant: Alvin Camba, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

Moderator: Suisheng Zhao

**Day 2, November 20/21**

1700-1800 November 20, PST, USA

1800-1900 November 20, MST, USA

2000-2100 November 20, EST, USA

0900-1000 November 21, Singapore/Hong Kong Time

1130-1230 November 21, Adelaide Time

*“China-India Face-offs: How Does Reputation Matter?”*

-Deepa Ollapally, George Washington University

Discussant: Priya Chacko, University of Adelaide

Moderator: Suisheng Zhao

1800-1900 November 20, PST, USA

1900-2000 November 20, MST, USA

2100-2200 November 20, EST, USA

1000-1100 November 21, Singapore/HK Time

*“Explaining Chinese Military Coercion in Sino-Indian Border Disputes”*

-Ketian Zhang, George Mason University

Discussant: Avery Goldstein, University of Pennsylvania

Moderator: Suisheng Zhao

Bios of authors and discussants

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