

International Conference on
**Indo-U.S. Relations: Change, Continuity and
Transformation**



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CONFERENCE AGENDA

April 19, 2022 [TUESDAY] | DAY 1

10:30 AM: **Tea/Coffee Break**

11:00 AM - 12:50 PM: **Inaugural Session**

- Welcome Address - **Dr. D Dhanuraj**, Chairman, CPPR
- Opening Remarks (virtual) - **Ms. Judith Ravin**, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General in Chennai, India
- Remarks (virtual) - **Shri Sujeet Kumar**, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Government of India
- **Inaugural Panel Discussion on Indo- U.S. Relations**
Panellist 1: Mr. Michael Kugelman, Deputy Director and Senior Associate for South Asia-Wilson Centre, USA
Panellist 2: Amb T.P. Sreenivasan, Advisor, CPPR, former Ambassador, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations
Moderated by Ms. Anne Lee Seshadri, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate General in Chennai, India
- Vote of Thanks - **Mr. Prasant Kumar Jena**, Senior Officer Operations, CPPR

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM: **Lunch**

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: **Session 1: The U.S.A. and India: Building synergies in the global platforms**

- **Chair: Dr. Josukutty C.A.**, Associate professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala.
- **Panellist 1: Prof. (Dr.) G. Gopakumar**, Advisor, CPPR, Former Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod
- **Panellist 2: Dr. Harinder Sekhon (virtual)**, Strategic and Foreign Policy Analyst
- **Panellist 3: Mr. Aditya Ramanathan**, Associate Fellow, Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM: **Tea/Coffee Break**

3:45 PM - 5:15 PM **Session 2: The U.S.A. and India: Convergences and Challenges in Clean Energy and Climate Change**

- **Chair: Dr. Anu Unni**, Associate professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala.
- **Panellist 1: Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Gadnayak**, Senior Technical Advisor, Disaster Risk Management & Emergency - UNDP, Rwanda
- **Panellist 2: Dr. Dhanasree Jayaram (virtual)** - Research Fellow, Centre Marc Bloch (CMB), Germany

End of Day 1 Activities

7.30 pm: **Dinner (only for residents)**

April 20, 2022 [WEDNESDAY] | DAY 2

8:00 AM: **Breakfast (only for residents)**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM: **Session 3: The U.S.A. and India: Trade, Connectivity and Economic Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges**

- Opening Remark (virtual) by **Mr. Dustin Bickel** Economic Officer, U.S. Consulate General Chennai

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- **Chair: Mr. Deepak L. Aswani**, Chairman & MD, Aswani Lachmandas Group
- **Panellist 1: Dr. R P Pradhan**, Distinguished Fellow (Political Economy), CPPR; Associate Professor, BITS Pilani, Goa
- **Panellist 2: Mr. Kapil Kaul**, National President, IACC, Mumbai

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM: **Tea/Coffee Break**

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM: **Session 4: The U.S.A. and India in the Indo-Pacific (including emerging technologies, maritime trade, maritime security)**

- **Panellist 1: Mr. Vikram Singh**, Senior Advisor, Asia Program at USIP, USA
- **Panellist 2: VAdm. M. P. Muralidharan (retd)** - Hon. Distinguished Fellow (Maritime & Defence Studies), CPPR; Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (retd)
- **Panellist 3: Dr. Uma Purushothaman**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod
- **Moderated by : Ms. Sharon Susan Koshy**, Research Associate, CPPR

1:15 PM - 1:30 PM: Concluding Remarks - **Dr. Reetika Syal**, Senior Officer, Research, CPPR

1:30 PM: **Lunch**

2:30 PM **Departure of participants**