



# Foreign Policy Conversations

## Webinar on "The Geopolitics and Economics of COVID-19: Views on China and the World" 8th May 2020; 5:00 - 6:15 pm (India time)

COVID-19 has foisted major challenges on the world, and the geopolitical and economic fallouts of this pandemic will shape the world as we knew it. China's handling of the pandemic has drawn varying responses. IIT Madras China Studies Centre presents this Webinar as part of the 'Foreign Policy Conversations' lecture series, featuring experts from the United Kingdom, Singapore, Hong Kong, mainland China and India.

### Key talking points:

Of new geopolitical competition Or the cusp of a changing world order?  
Retreat from globalisation Or renewed multi-national cooperation?  
Informed views on China (historical longview)

### Featured Experts

- \* Rana Mitter, Director of the University China Centre, **University of Oxford**
- \* C Raja Mohan, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, **National University of Singapore**
- \* KC Kwok, Director of AsiaGlobal Fellows Program at **The University of Hong Kong**, former Government Economist of the Hong Kong SAR Government and Regional Chief Economist of Standard Chartered Bank for East Asia
- \* WU Yongping, Professor of the School of Public Policy and Management, **Tsinghua University**
- \* Anuradha Balaram, former Chief Economic Adviser and Member Secretary, Kerala State Planning Board [**Indian Economic Service (1986-2016)**]
- \* Alka Acharya, former Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and currently Professor at **Jawaharlal Nehru University**

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## About the speakers

Professor Rana Mitter, St Cross Fellow, is currently Director of the University China Centre, University of Oxford. His most recent book *China's War with Japan, 1937-45: The Struggle for Survival* (US title: *Forgotten Ally*) was named as a 2013 Book of the Year in the Financial Times and the Economist, was named a 2014 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title, and won the 2014 RUSI/Duke of Westminster's Medal for Military Literature.



Professor C Raja Mohan is currently Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. He was founding director of Carnegie India, New Delhi, and the Henry Alfred Kissinger Chair in International Affairs at the United States Library of Congress, Washington DC, from 2009 to 2010. He has previously served on India's National Security Advisory Board.

Mr. KC Kwok is the AsiaGlobal Fellows Program Director of the Asia Global Institute at The University of Hong Kong. He was the Government Economist of the Hong Kong SAR Government (2004 – 2008) and the Regional Chief Economist of Standard Chartered Bank for East Asia (1991 – 2004).



Professor Wu Yongping teaches at the School of Public Policy and Management (SPPM), Tsinghua University, Beijing. He was Associate Dean at SPPM between 2007 and 2015. He works on state-owned enterprises and China's development, government and market in China; industrial policy in China, chiefly.

Dr. Anuradha Balam served as a member of the Indian Economic Service from 1986 to 2016 in various advisory capacities. She has previously served as Chief Economic Adviser and Member Secretary, Kerala State Planning Board, and is currently Member of the Board of Governors of IIM Indore.



Professor Alka Acharya teaches at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). She is former Director of the Institute of Chinese Studies. She was nominated by the Indian government as a member of the India-China Eminent Persons Group (2006-2008) and has served as member of the National Security Advisory Board, Government of India.