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WORKSHOP

on

GEOECONOMICS AND INDIA IN A MULTIPOLAR WORLD

22 to 25 September 2025



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Deadline: September 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This intensive workshop examines the dynamic interplay between economics and strategy in defining India's position in the modern global order. Participants will be trained on essential questions regarding trade, sovereignty, and globalisation, while analysing India's policy decisions within a swiftly evolving multipolar context. The program integrates lectures, debates, and a practical simulation exercise, culminating in a field visit to the Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) in Delhi, to provide students with both theoretical and experiential knowledge.

WHO CAN JOIN?

The workshop is open to PhD Scholars, Master's students and advanced undergraduate (senior UG) students from disciplines such as international relations, political science, economics, law, and related fields. It is particularly suited for those seeking to deepen their understanding of how economic instruments shape statecraft and policy in today's multipolar world.

CREDITS, CERTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT

- Participants will be awarded two academic credits upon successful completion of the workshop. As part of the assessment, they will be required to submit a short, evaluated essay at the end of the programme.
- Students who meet the requirements will also receive a Certificate of Completion.
- Please note that a minimum of 75% attendance is mandatory to qualify for both credits and certification.

WORKSHOP CONVENERS



PROF. (DR.) HINDOL SENGUPTA
Professor, Jindal School of
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PROF. (DR.) HEBATALLAH ADAM
Professor and Associate Dean for
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DAY 1: MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: ImaginariumSavitri Jindal Faculty Office Block (Ground Floor)

WORKSHOP INAUGURATION: 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM



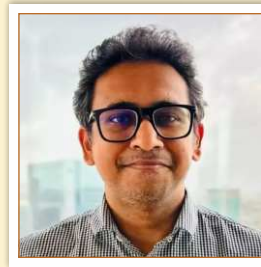
PROF. (DR.) SREERAM S. CHAULIA
Professor and Dean,
Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA),
Director General Jindal India Institute

SESSION 1: 11:15 AM – 01:00 PM

DOES GEOECONOMICS TRUMP GEOPOLITICS?



**AMBASSADOR PRABHAT
PRAKASH SHUKLA (RETD.)**
Former Diplomatic Advisor to the
Prime Minister of India



**MR. HARSH
MADHUSUDAN GUPTA**
Fund Manager,
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SESSION 2: 02:00 PM – 04:00 PM

ATMANIRBHAR VYAPAR (SELF-RELIANCE IN COMMERCE): INDIA AS A TRADING POWER



DR. SAON RAY
Visiting Professor
Indian Council for Research on
International Economic Relations (ICRIER),
New Delhi



PROF. SABYASACHI SAHA
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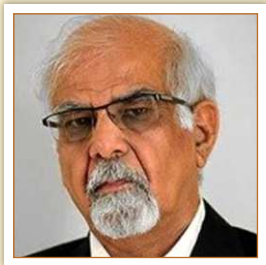
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DAY 2: TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: ImaginariumSavitri Jindal Faculty Office Block (Ground Floor)

SESSION 3: 11:00 AM – 01:00 PM

ENERGY AND INDIA'S SOVEREIGNTY



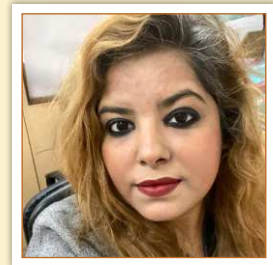
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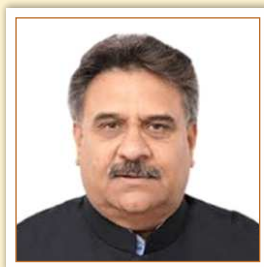


DR. MANJARI SINGH

Founding Member, Greater West Asia Forum, India, and Associate Editor, Journal of World Affairs Voice of the Global South

SESSION 4: 02:00 PM – 04:00 PM

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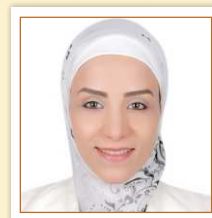
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DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

Venue: ImaginariumSavitri Jindal Faculty Office Block (Ground Floor)

SESSION 4: 11:00 AM – 01:00 PM

GEOECONOMIC FRAGMENTATION AND THE END OF GLOBALIZATION?



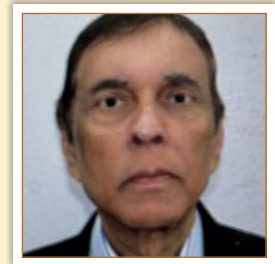
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PROF. GAUTAM SEN

Lecturer (Retired),
London School of Economics &
Political Science (UK)
(online)

SESSION 5: 02:00 PM – 04:00 PM

SIMULATION SESSION: INDIA'S GEOECONOMIC MOVES IN A MULTIPOLAR WORLD



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DAY 4: THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

FIELD VISIT: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

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BIOS OF THE SPEAKERS

Prof. (Dr.) Hindol Sengupta

Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs Director, Jindal India Institute
O.P. Jindal Global University

Professor (Dr.) Hindol Sengupta is Professor of International Relations at the Jindal School of International Affairs at the O. P. Jindal Global University, a top-ranked liberal arts university in India. He is also Director of the Jindal India Institute, the think-tank of the O. P. Jindal Global University.

Previously, he has been vice president (strategy) at Invest India, the investment promotion agency of the government of India under the Ministry of Commerce. He created the Strategic Investment Research Unit (SIRU) within Invest India in 2019 and built a 12-member team working primarily on foreign direct investment and trade policy and data analysis.

He is also a multiple award-winning historian and author of 13 books published around the world. He won the Wilbur Award in 2018 for *Being Hindu: Understanding a Peaceful Path in a Violent World*, the first book on Hinduism to win the prestigious prize given by The Religion Communicators Council of America. He won the PSF Prize for public service in India in 2015. Past winners of the prize include the late Indian scientist and President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. His book *Recasting India: How Entrepreneurship is Revolutionizing the World's Largest Democracy* was short-listed in 2015 for the Hayek Prize given by the Manhattan Institute in memory of the Nobel laureate economist F. A. Hayek. In 2020, his book *The Man Who Saved India: Sardar Patel and his idea of India* was awarded the Valley of Words prize for Best Non-Fiction Book of the Year. In 2023, he was given the Kalinga Literature Festival prize for Best Biography for *Sing, Dance and Pray*. In 2024, he was awarded the SKOCH Foundation award for contribution to history and literature. In 2025, he was awarded the Sir Jadunath Sarkar Fellowship for the Foundation for Indian Historical and Cultural Research (FIHCR).

Sengupta is a World Economic Forum Young Global leader. He has been Senior Fellow for India's best-known liberal think-tank, the Centre for Civil Society, and Senior Fellow at India's biggest think-tank, the Observer Research Foundation. He was educated in South Asian history and politics as a Chevening Scholar at Worcester College, Oxford, and in business and finance as a Knight-Bagehot Fellow at Columbia University. He has a doctorate in international relations from the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

Prof. (Dr.) Hebatallah Adam

Professor and Associate Dean for Doctoral Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs
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Prof. (Dr.) Hebatallah Adam is a distinguished scholar, academic leader, and editor with over two decades of expertise in International Economic Development. She is currently Full Professor of Economics and Associate Dean for Doctoral Studies at the Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA), O.P. Jindal Global University, India. Prior to this, she served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (Master's Programme) at JSIA. She is a recipient of the UAE's 10-year Golden Residence Visa (Geniuses of Talent) in recognition of her outstanding academic contributions.

Before joining JGU, Dr. Adam held academic positions at Ain Shams University, the German University in Cairo, Badr University, and the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport. She is the founder of three influential institutions: the Jindal Centre for the Global South, the Global South Research Foundation (GSRF), and the Africa Dialogue Forum (ADF)—each committed to advancing research, policy, and cross-sector collaboration to address development challenges and opportunities within the Global South.

Her academic credentials include a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Ain Shams University (Egypt), Poitiers University, and the I.A.E. de Paris – Sorbonne University (France). Her research focuses on International Development Economics, Global South Studies, Political Economy of Development, Green Economics, and International Trade. She has an extensive publication record in Scopus-indexed journals and with leading international publishers such as Springer, Routledge, and Palgrave Macmillan.

Ambassador Prabhat Prakash Shukla (retd.)

Former Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister of India

Ambassador Prabhat Prakash Shukla is a Distinguished Fellow and Member of the Advisory Council at the Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi. A career diplomat with the Indian Foreign Service (1974–2011), he held senior postings in Moscow, Brussels, London, and Kathmandu, and served as Diplomatic Adviser to the Prime Minister of India (1996–2000). He concluded his 37-year career as India's Ambassador to Russia before retiring in 2011.

Born in New Delhi in 1951, Ambassador Shukla was educated at the Delhi School of Economics, where he completed his Master's degree. Since retirement, he has been actively engaged in policy research and strategic affairs, contributing to national and international discourse on diplomacy and security. He has been a diplomatic adviser to three Indian prime ministers.

Mr. Harsh Madhusudan Gupta

Fund Manager, Ionic Asset

Mr. Harsh Madhusudan Gupta has over 15 years of experience in investing and research, with deep expertise in Indian public equities. He has served as Chief Investment Officer at Ashika Group, Director at NSE GIFT City, and consultant with Bain & Company in the US and UK, focusing on private equity due diligence.

A CFA charter holder, Harsh holds an AB in Economics from Dartmouth College and an MBA from INSEAD. He is the coauthor of two books, *Derivatives* and *A New Idea of India*, the latter endorsed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is currently Fund Manager of the India PIPE Fund at Ionic by Angel One. Harsh is also co-author of *A New Idea of India*.

Dr. Saon Ray

Visiting Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi.

Dr. Saon Ray is Visiting Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi. An economist specializing in industry and international trade issues, her areas of interest include global value chains, technological upgrading of Indian industries, free trade agreements and trade creation effects, technology transfer, foreign direct investment, efficiency and productivity of firms, energy and climate change related issues. She has published widely on these issues in books and journal articles. Her Ph.D. in Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University examined the role of intellectual property rights in transferring technology to developing countries.

Prof. Sabyasachi Saha

Associate Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi

Dr. Sabyasachi Saha is Associate Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, where he has been engaged since 2013 in various academic and policy roles. He specializes in innovation economics, trade and technology, and development policy, and has co-edited two volumes published by Springer alongside numerous research articles and policy briefs.

Dr. Saha has actively contributed to UN forums, G20, BRICS, and South Asian think-tank networks, with a focus on partnerships, regional cooperation, and technology facilitation for the SDGs. He was a member of the Thematic Group on Sustainable Technologies for India's forthcoming Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2020. He is also the Editor of the *South Asia Economic Journal* (Sage) and coordinates Government of India's ITEC capacity-building programmes at RIS.

A recipient of the WIPO Prize for Young Scholars and fellowships from DAAD and the Government of India, Dr. Saha holds a PhD in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). He has presented his work at leading global institutions including NUS, Georgia Tech, University of Warsaw, and HTW Berlin.

Dr. Surjit Bhalla

Former Executive Director, IMF for India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka
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Dr. Surjit Bhalla is an Indian economist, author, and columnist. He served as Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and was a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Over his career, he has advised the Government of India as Chairperson of the High-Level Advisory Group on Trade and as Economic Adviser to the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

Bhalla has held academic, policy, and research positions at the Delhi School of Economics, NCAER, the Brookings Institution, the World Bank, RAND Corporation, and think tanks in New Delhi. He has also worked with Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank. Since 2002, he has been a regular participant in the Aspen Institute Program on World Economy and a Contributing Editor at The Indian Express since 2014.

An influential voice on globalization, economic policy, and India's socio-economic dynamics, Bhalla has authored several books, including *Imagine There's No Country* (2002), *Second Among Equals* (2007), *Devaluing to Prosperity* (2012), *The New Wealth of Nations* (2017), and *Citizen Raj* (2019).

He holds a PhD in Economics and an MPA from Princeton University, and a BS in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University.

Dr. Come Carpentier de Gourdon

Distinguished Fellow with India Foundation and the
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Dr. Come Carpentier de Gourdon is the Convener of the Editorial Board of *World Affairs: The Journal of International Issues*, a quarterly publication sponsored by the Kapur Surya Foundation in New Delhi, India. He divides his time between India, France, Italy, and Switzerland, and has lived and traveled in over fifty countries across four continents. He serves as a consultant to Indfos Industries Ltd, founded by philosopher and futurologist J.C. Kapur, and has advised several companies and organizations in India and Europe. Over the years, he has been associated with numerous international initiatives, including the Nuclear Disarmament Forum, the Foundation for Global Dialogue (Switzerland), the Tissot Economic Foundation (Switzerland), the Global Commission to Finance the United Nations, the Business Council for Sustainable Development (France), and Planet India Ltd. (New Delhi).

In the late 1980s, while in the United States, he contributed to the design of Live Earth, a globally broadcast environmental concert, and drafted a blueprint for a World Environment Bank. In 1999, he co-founded the Telesis Academy in Switzerland, devoted to exploring ancient wisdom traditions of East and West within a contemporary scientific framework.

Dr. Manjari Singh

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Dr. Manjari Singh specializes in contemporary West Asian and Middle Eastern affairs. She is a founding member of the core committee of the Greater West Asia Forum, India, launched in collaboration with the Embassy of Israel in India, and serves as Associate Editor of *Journal of World Affairs: Voice of the Global South* (Sage Publications). She is the author of *India and the Gulf: A Security Perspective* (Routledge) and co-author of *Persian Gulf 2018: India's Relations with the Region* (Palgrave Macmillan). Her editorial contributions include co-editing *Islamic Movements in the Middle East: Ideologies, Practices and Political Participation* (KW Publishers) and *National Security Challenges: Young Scholars' Perspective* (Pentagon Press).

Dr. Singh has participated in five track dialogues, most recently the first multi-stakeholder Track 1.5 dialogue on the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) in Abu Dhabi (2024). She previously taught at Amity University and served as Associate Fellow at the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS). Her research has been published widely in journals and think tanks in India and abroad. She holds a PhD in West Asian/Middle Eastern Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, with a dissertation on sustainable development in Jordan, and is a Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Fellow. In addition to her academic work, she is frequently interviewed by international and national media on Middle Eastern affairs and contributes opinion pieces to leading newspapers. Dr. Singh has also held editorial positions as Assistant Editor of *Contemporary Review of the Middle East* (Sage Publications) and Managing Editor of *CLAWS Journal* (KW Publishers).

Ambassador Anil Trigunayat

Former Ambassador of India to Jordan, Libya, and Malta;
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Ambassador Anil Trigunayat is a former member of the Indian Foreign Service with an illustrious diplomatic career spanning over three decades. He has served in Indian Missions across Côte d'Ivoire, Bangladesh, Mongolia, USA, Russia, Sweden, Nigeria, Libya, and Jordan, as well as in key divisions of the Ministry of External Affairs, including Economic, West Asia and North Africa, and Consular Affairs. He also held the position of Director General/Joint Secretary for the Gulf & Haj Divisions in New Delhi. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Moscow in the rank of Ambassador, and prior to his superannuation in May 2016, he was India's Ambassador to Jordan and Libya, and High Commissioner to Malta (2012–2016).

Amb. Trigunayat holds a postgraduate degree in Physics from Agra/Kumaon University and pursued studies in Russian history, culture, and language at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. As a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University, he conducted research on WTO and Regional Trading Blocs. He is actively engaged in academic and policy circles and is a member of the All-India Management Association/Delhi Management Association, the Oxford and Cambridge Society of India, and the Association of Indian Diplomats (former Ambassadors). He also serves as an Honorary Member of the International Trade Council, Brussels.

Ms. Ruchita Beri

Senior Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi

Ms. Ruchita Beri is a Senior Fellow at the Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi. She has over three decades of research experience on international relations, political economy, and security in Sub-Saharan Africa, India–Africa relations, and emerging powers in Africa and the Indian Ocean region. Earlier, she served as Senior Research Associate and Centre Coordinator for Africa, Latin America, Caribbean, and UN Studies at MP-IDSA, New Delhi.

Ms. Beri is a member of the Africa Committee of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and serves on the Executive Board of the Forum for Indian Development Cooperation (FIDC). She is the former President of the African Studies Association of India (ASA). She has lectured widely, including at the National Defence College, Foreign Service Institute, and Army War College, and has participated in numerous international conferences.

She has published over 100 articles and book chapters, co-edited several volumes on India–Africa engagement and security, and served as editor of *Africa Trends* (2012–2023). She is on the editorial boards of *Africa Review* (Brill), *Austral* (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul), and *Development Cooperation Review* (RIS, New Delhi).

Ms. Beri holds an M.Phil. in African Studies from JNU, New Delhi, and an advanced diploma in Conflict Studies from Uppsala University, Sweden.

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Ambassador Manjeev Singh Puri is a former Ambassador of India to the European Union, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Nepal, and currently serves as a Distinguished Fellow (Earth Science and Climate Change) at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). A member of the Indian Foreign Service since 1982, he has held key diplomatic assignments in Germany, South Africa, Oman, Thailand, Venezuela, and at the United Nations, where he was Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative of India.

Amb. Puri's expertise lies in climate change, sustainable development, and multilateral diplomacy. He was India's lead negotiator at the UN on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and played a central role in climate change negotiations, including the UNFCCC Conferences of Parties in Copenhagen, Montreal, Bali, Bonn, and Poznan. He also contributed significantly to India's engagement in the G8-G5 Summits and the Major Economies Forum.

He holds a B.A. (Honours) in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi and a Master's in Management, and continues to advise on global governance, sustainability, and climate diplomacy.

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Dr. Gautam Sen, B.Sc (Econ) Ph.D. (London), is one of the creators of the graduate program in International Political Economy at the London School of Economics & Political Science, where he has taught for over two decades, as Director and Lecturer in the Masters in Politics of the World Economy. Dr. Sen was a go to advisor to three Prime Ministers in India and Nepal. He has also been a senior consultant with the UNDP and UNIDO. Dr. Sen was also an adviser to the Brunei Investment Corporation and Barclays Capital. Dr. Sen has lectured to NATO officers in Brussels and high-ranking officers at the Royal College of Defence Studies, London. Dr. Sen has published extensively. He is co-author of 'Analyzing the Global Political Economy', Princeton University Press, 2009. He is currently co-authoring a book for Simon Schuster publishers, on India's Economic Reforms.