

Tibet: A Global Common or a Bone of Contention
A Conference in Dharamsala
Tuesday, 24 October 2017

9:00-9:10am	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding
9:10 - 9:15am	Welcome address by Mr Thubten Samphel, Director of the Tibet Policy Institute
9:15-9:30am	Inaugural address by Sikyong Dr Lobsang Sangay, President of the Central Tibetan Administration
9:30-9:45am	Keynote address by Prof. Ramu Manivannan, Head, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras, Member of C3S
9:45-9:50am	Vote of thanks by Mr Tenzin Lekshay, Deputy Director of the Tibet Policy Institute

Tea and Refreshment
9:50-10:15am

Session I: Strategic Dimension
Moderator: Mr Tempa Gyaltzen Zamlha

10:15-10:20am	Introduction of speakers and their topics
10:20-10:40am	Dr Ashik J. Bonofer, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Madras Christian College <i>China's Strategic Overtures in South Asia: Time for India to become Proactive</i>
10:40-11:00am	Dr Tenzin Tsultrim, Research Fellow, Tibet Policy Institute <i>Militarisation of the Tibetan plateau</i>
11:00-11:15am	Q&A

Session II: Xi's Tibet Policy
Moderator: Cmde. R. S. Vasani

11:15-11:20am	Introduction of speakers and their topics
11:20-11:40am	Dr. Alagu Perumal Ramasamy, Assistant Professor, Loyola Institute of Business Administration, Member, C3S <i>Tibet under the leadership of Xi Jinping: Where the Narrative of Development for Integration Overwhelms Challenges from Political Estrangement, Insurgency and Separatism</i>
11:40-12:00pm	Mr Tenzin Tseten, Research Fellow, Tibet Policy Institute <i>China's management of Tibetan Buddhism</i>
12:00-12:15pm	Q&A

Session III: Environment & Health
Moderator: Dr. Tenzin Desal

12:15-12:20pm	Introduction of speakers and their topics
12:20-12:40pm	Dr Bikash Kali Das, Member, Young Minds of C3S <i>Understanding the claims of India and China over Tibetan Medicine</i>
12:40-1:00pm	Mr Tempa Gyaltzen Zamlha, Research Fellow, Tibet Policy Institute <i>Looking at the causes of increasing natural disasters in Tibet</i>
1:00-1:15pm	Q&A

**Lunch break
1:15-2:00pm**

**Session IV: Water Wars
Moderator: Prof. Ramu Manivannan**

2:00-2:05pm	Introduction of speakers and their topics
2:05-2:25pm	Mr Rahul Karan, Intern, C3S <i>Water Wars: Resource Conflicts and Geopolitics</i>
2:25-2:45pm	Mrs Dechen Palmo, Research Fellow, Tibet Policy Institute <i>Understanding the power asymmetry in India-China river disputes: A Case study of the Brahmaputra river</i>
2:45-3:00pm	Q&A

**Session V: Culture & Soft Power
Moderator: Dr. Ashik Bonofer**

3:00-3:05pm	Introduction of speakers and their topics
3:05-3:25pm	Ms Asma Masood, Research Officer, C3S <i>Significance of China's Domestic Soft Power Strategies in Tibet</i>
3:25-3:45pm	Dr Tenzin Desal, Research Fellow, Tibet Policy Institute <i>Perilous Journey of Xi's 'Magic Weapon'</i>
3:45-4:05pm	Mr Sundeep Kumar S, Research Officer, C3S <i>Identity in International Politics: The Tibetan Question</i>
4:05-4:25pm	Q&A

Closing Ceremony

4:25-4:40pm	Concluding Remarks & Valedictory address by Commodore R.S. Vasan IN(Retd), Director, Chennai Centre for China Studies
4:40-4:45pm	Vote of thanks by Mr Tenzin Lekshay, Deputy Director of the Tibet Policy Institute

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