

INDIA-EU Roundtable**'Strengthening relations between Europe and India:
Which partnership for the Twenty First Century?'**

**13th February 2015
09.30 - 18.00 at the Shaw Library (LSE)**

Programme

9.30 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.15 Welcome and Introduction

**Maurice Fraser, LSE
Ruth Kattumuri, LSE
Raphaelle Khan, King's College**

10.15 – 11.45 Session 1: The peacock and the stars: general issues, mutual perceptions, worldviews and global evolutions

This session will discuss the past and present institutional engagement and general involvement between India and the European Union (including European Member States). It will also explore self-perceptions, mutual perceptions and perceptions of global order.

Perceptions, partly a function of interactions and mutual understanding, have often been identified as one of the issues hindering the development of stronger relations between the EU and India. To a larger extent, they raise questions on the nature of India and Europe's evolution within on the dynamics of international politics.

Chair: Anand Menon, King's College London

**Participants: Michael Arthur, former High Commissioner in New Delhi
Maria Castillo-Fernandez, India Unit, European External Action Service
Karine Lisbonne-De Vergeron, Global Policy Institute**

Roundtable discussion and Q&A

11.45 – 12.00 **Tea/coffee**

12.00 – 13.30 **Session 2: Partners in trade and development cooperation?**

Trade and economic cooperation have been the main drivers behind India-EU relations. It is also the area in which changes could be the clearest in the medium term, as negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (launched in 2007) are currently underway.

In this context, this roundtable aims at discussing the sectors that have driven India-Europe trade relations, the trend and factors that could influence them in the short and longer term and the pros and cons of the EU-India Free Trade Agreement. It will also appraise the impact of the global economic crisis and the Eurozone crisis on trade dynamics and FDI flows and wonder which areas of cooperation could be new engines of a stronger partnership.

Chair: **Eddie Gerba**, LSE

Participants: **Michael Gasiorek**, University of Sussex
Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, ECIPE
Ramon Pacheco Pardo, King's College London

Roundtable discussion and Q&A

13.30 – 14.30 **Lunch break**

14.30 – 16.00 **Session 3: Security cooperation and strategic issues: which engagement? Which convergence?**

As 'strategic partners', India and the EU have enhanced political dialogue and cooperation on peace and security-related issues. Several areas of cooperation echo shared concerns about terrorism, regional issues (such as the situation in Afghanistan) and humanitarian questions.

In this context, this roundtable can reflect on the strategic priorities of European Member States, the EU and India; the current state, evolution and issues of EU-India security cooperation and influence in South Asia and beyond; and the extent to which their approach to security has differed. Also of interest will be potential new areas of co-operation, aid strategies and the securitisation of climate-change related issues in broader regional issues.

Chair: **Gideon Rachman**, The Financial Times

Participants: **Hans Kundnani**, European Council on Foreign Relations
Harsh Pant, King's College London
Chris Sell, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Roundtable discussion and Q&A

16.00 – 16.15 **Coffee/Tea**

16:15 – 17:45 **Session 4: International institutions and global governance**

Multilateral forums represent a particular stake for both the EU and India. Both have promoted multilateralism as part of a broader discourse on common values and a multipolar order. This trend partly corresponds to a growing consensus on the need to tackle global issues such as climate change and nuclear non-proliferation at the multilateral level. However, the meanings that India and the EU have attributed to multilateralism and their vision of a multipolar order may bear important differences, which appear through practice.

This roundtable will consequently focus on the real and potential divisions, complementarities and opportunities of a shared vision between the EU and India in global governance. It will question the extent to which both actors have behaved as normative powers and which meaning they attribute to that. In this respect, considering the EU-China and the India-US partnership, and changing global power shifts will be of interest.

Chair: **Ruth Kattumuri**, LSE

Participants: **Ehtisham Ahmad**, LSE

Nishana Jayawickrama, Commonwealth Secretariat

Benjamin Kienzle, King's College London

Gareth Price, Chatham House

Roundtable discussion and Q&A

17:45 – 18:00 **Concluding remarks**