

# EU INDIA THINK TANKS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## *EU-India: Strategic Partners in 2020 and beyond*

Tuesday 14 January 2020, 09:00 – 14:00, Taj Palace, New Delhi

08:30 – 09:00      **Registration and Tea/Coffee**

09:00 – 09:15      ***Welcome and opening remarks***

By EU Delegation to India and Bhutan, and Dr. Samir Saran, President, Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

09:15 – 10:15      ***High level session: EU and India global priorities***

Chaired and moderated by Ms. Shada Islam, Friends of Europe, Brussels

- Ambassador of the European Union to India and Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Ugo Astuto
- Amb. (ret.) Ms. Bhaswati Mukherjee
- Dr. C Raja Mohan, ISAS

**Q & A**

10:15 – 11:45      ***Key challenges in 2020***

Chaired and moderated by Dr. Constantino Xavier, Fellow, Brookings India, New Delhi

- Amb. Ms. Neelam Deo, Director, Gateway House - Indian Council on Global Relations, Mumbai
- Mr. Manuel Lafont Rapnouil, Head of the Policy Planning Division of the French MFA
- Dr. Ondrej Ditrych, Director of the Institute of International Relations, Prague
- Dr. Heather Grabbe, Open Society European Policy Institute, OSEPI
- Mr. Rudra Chaudhuri, Carnegie India
- Dr. Maaïke Okano-Heijmans, Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute, The Hague

**Q & A**

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11:45 – 12:00 **Tea Break**

12:00 – 13:30 ***Taking forward the EU-India Strategic Partnership***

Chaired and moderated by Prof. Ummu Salma Bava, Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Centre for European Studies, JNU

- Ms. Caroline Vinot, Head of Division, European External Action Service, Brussels
- Mr. Mihir Sharma, ORF
- Dr. Gareth Price, Chatham House
- Dr. Steven Blockmans, CEPS
- Dr. Shruti Pandalai, IDSA
- Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva, Chairperson and Jean Monnet Chair, Centre for European Studies, JNU

**Q & A**

13:30 – 14:00 ***Conclusion and way ahead***

Chaired and moderated by Dr. Nicola Casarini, Senior Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

- Ms. Shada Islam, Friends of Europe, Brussels
- Dr. Constantino Xavier, Fellow, Brookings India
- Prof. Ummu Salma Bava, Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, Centre for European Studies, JNU
- Ms. Friederike Tschampa, Head of Political Affairs, EU Delegation to India and Bhutan

14:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

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