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INDIA AND CENTRAL EUROPE

Committee Room 203, SIS
Jawaharlal Nehru University

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10:00–10.10

Welcome Remarks

Rajendra K. Jain, *Jean Monnet Chair, Centre for European Studies, JNU*
Gulshan Sachdeva, *Chairperson, Centre for European Studies, JNU*

10:10 – 10.30

Keynote Address

Rahul Chhabra, *Joint Secretary, Central Europe Division, MEA, New Delhi*

10:30 – 11.40

Session 1: Ambassadors' Roundtable

Chair: Ashok Sajjanhar, *former Ambassador to Sweden and Latvia*

H.E. Miloslav Stasek, *Ambassador of the Czech Republic to India*

H.E. Szilveszter Bus, *Ambassador of Hungary to India*

H.E. Tomasz Łukaszuk, *Ambassador of Poland to India*

H.E. Žigmund Bertók, *Ambassador of Slovakia to India*

11:40 – 12.10

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

12:10 – 13.10

Session 2: Transformation and Transition in Central and Eastern Europe

Chair: Gulshan Sachdeva, *Centre for European Studies, JNU*

Economic Transition in Central and Eastern Europe

Hartmut Elsenhans, *Leipzig University*

Political Transformation and Transition in Central Europe

Bhaswati Sarkar, *Centre for European Studies, JNU*

Social-Cultural Transformation and Transition in Central and Eastern Europe

Sheetal Sharma, *Centre for European Studies, JNU*

The European Union and Eastward Enlargement

Rajendra K. Jain, *Jean Monnet Chair, SIS, JNU*

13:10 – 14:10

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14:10 – 15:15

Session 3: India, Central Europe and the Ukrainian Crisis

Chair: Patryk Kugiel, *Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw*

Role of Central and Eastern Europe in the New Neighbourhood

Ummu Salma Bava, *Centre for European Studies, SIS, JNU*

Poland and the Ukrainian Crisis

Kamil Zajackowski, *University of Warsaw*

India, Central/Eastern Europe and the Ukrainian Crisis

Sanjay Pandey, *Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, JNU*

Russia, NATO and Central and Eastern Europe

Shreya Pandey, *Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi*

15:15 – 15:45

Tea/Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:30

Session 4: India and Central Europe

Chair: Ummu Salma Bava, *Centre for European Studies, JNU*

India and Central and Eastern Europe

Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, *Foreign Editor, Hindustan Times*

India and Central and Eastern Europe: Problems and Prospects

Patryk Kugiel, *Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw*

16:30 – 17:30

Session 5: Economic and Bilateral Relations

Chair: Hartmut Elsenhans, *Leipzig University*

India's Trade and Economic Relations with Central Europe

Gulshan Sachdeva, *Centre for European Studies, JNU*

India and Czech Republic

B. Krishnamurthy, *Pondicherry University*

India and the Baltics

K. B. Usha, *Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, JNU*

17:30 - 18:15

Session 6: Cultural Relations

Chair: Bhaswati Sarkar, *Centre for European Studies, JNU*

India-Poland Cultural Relations

Anna Tryc-Bromley, *Director, Polish Institute, New Delhi*

India-Hungary Cultural Relations

Tibor Kovacs, *Director, Hungarian Information and Cultural Centre, New Delhi*

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