

Seminar, Book Discussions, Meet the Author
(January, 2019 – December, 2019)

1. Poverty, Chronic Poverty and Poverty Dynamics: Policy Imperatives. Edited by Aasha Kapur Mehta, Shashanka Bhide, Anand Kumar and Amita Shah. Springer, 2018 was discussed on 23rd January, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Prof. S. R. Hashim, Chairman, Institute for Human Development. The other discussants were Prof. Abhijit Sen, Former Member, Planning Commission; Prof. Ravi Srivastava, Professor, Institute for Human Development; and Dr. Rinku Murgai, World Bank.

2. Jahangir: An Intimate Portrait of a Great Mughal by Parvati Sharma. New Delhi: Juggernaut, 2018 was discussed on 15th February, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Amb. K. P. Fabian, former Diplomat & Foreign Policy Analyst. The other discussants were Dr. Anubhuti Maurya, Assistant Professor, History, Bharati College, Delhi University; Dr. Swapna Liddle, Historian and Author; Dr. Vijay Tankha, Former Professor of Philosophy, St. Stephen's College; and Mrs. Alka Goel, Faculty, Inlingua, New Delhi.

3. 100 Ideas to Improve Governance in India by J. K. Dadoo. Mumbai: The Write Place, 2018 was discussed on 25th February, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, Former Secretary General, Rajya Sabha. The other discussants were Shri Pankaj Vohra, Editor, Sunday Gaurdian; Shri Parag Tripathi, Former, Additional Solicitor General of India; and Shri Srikant Velamakami, CEO, Fractal Analytics.

4. On Leaders and Icons from Jinnah to Modi by Kuldip Nayar. New Delhi: Speaking Tiger, 2019 was discussed on 13th March, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri Soli J. Sorabjee, former Attorney General of India. The other discussants were Shri H. K. Dua, Former Editor in Chief, Hindustan Times and Former Rajya Sabha Member; Ms. Sagari Chhabra, Award Winning Author, Columnist and Award Winning Film Director; Ms. Radhika Ramaseshan, Senior Journalist, Consulting Editor, Business Standard

5. Economics of Religion in India by Sriya Iyer. London: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2018 was discussed on 25th March, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri Jairam Ramesh, former Union Minister, Environment and Forest, Author, Economic and Political Commentator. The other panellists were Prof. Rajeev Bhargava, Former Director, Centre for the Study of Developing Studies; Prof. Gurpreet Mahajan, Professor, Centre for the Political Studies School of Social Sciences, JNU; and Prof. Jayati Ghosh; Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, JNU

6. Book Rendition on Finding Radha: the Quest for Love was scheduled on 2nd April, 2019. Performance-Natya Katha on Radha by Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Padma Vibhushan, Classical Indian dancer, Guru, Choreographer, Scholar, Author on Indian

socio-cultural traditions and Member of Parliament. The discussants will be Shri Pavan K. Varma, Prof. Alok Bhalla, Dept. of English, CIEFL, Hyderabad. (retd.), visiting Professor of English at Jamia Islamia and Ambedkar University, Delhi; Ms. Renuka Narayanan, Commentator and Columnist on religion and culture; Ms. Namita Gokhale, Writer and Publisher. The programme will be moderated by Prof. Malashri Lal, Professor (retd.) English Department of the University of Delhi, Member, English Advisory Board of the Sahitya Akademi and serves on the board of the Jnanpith committee for English.

7. The Third Pillar: How Markets and the State Leave the Community Behind by G. Raghuram Rajan. HarperCollins India, 2019 was discussed on 26th April, 2019 was discussed by Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Economist; Former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India. The other discussants were Dr. Ashok V. Desai, Former Chief Consultant, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla, Chairman, Oxus Investment, and Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Director and Chief Executive, ICRIER

8. The Begum: A Portrait of Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Pioneering First Lady. by Deepa Agarwal & Tahmina Aziz Ayub. Penguin, 2019 was discussed on 6th May, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Amb. T. C. A. Raghavan, Former High Commissioner of India to Pakistan The other panellists were Ms. Pragya Tiwari, Journalist, Editor Consultant & Public Policy Advisor and Ms. Namita Gokhale, Writer, Festival Director and Publisher

9. A Crusade against Corruption: On the Neutral Path by Manohar Manoj. Ghaziabad: Economy India, 2019 was held on 27th May, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Anand Kumar, Prof. (retd.) Sociology, Jawahar Lal Nehru University. The other panellists were Prof. K. K. Pandey, Prof. , Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA); Ms. Anupama Jha, Director, Initiative for Transparency and Accountability; and Ms. Anjali Bhardwaj, Co-Convenor of the National Campaign for People's Right to Information

10. Book Rendition on "Draupadi and Her Pancala: Re-asserting their Place in History" edited by Neera Misra and Rajesh Lal was held on 27th June, 2019. Performance- Dukh Devi Draupadi Ka / or Devi Draupadi's Antarkatha by Krishna: Voice by Actor Abhinav Chaturvedi, 'Nanneh', portrayed by Kathak artist, Sadanand Biswas, Gold medalist. Draupadi: Voice by Madhumita Khan, (Director Indu Art Theatre), portrayed by Kathak artist Akanaksha Gairola. The discussants were Dr. Bibek Debroy, Member NITI Aayog and Chairman of Prime Minister Economic Advisory Committee. The other discussants are Dr. Amarendra Khatua, Former Secretary and Director General, ICCR; Ms. Stuti Kackar, Secretary, GOI (Retd.), Cultural Secretary, Govt. of UP; Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Former Cabinet Minister; Dr. Gautam Chikermane, Senior Fellow Observer Research Foundation.

11. The book discussion on "The New Me! A Visionary Treatise to Uplift the Youth in Making the Right Choices" by Ravi N. Tikku. New Delhi: Bookwise,

2019 was held on 28th June, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Lt. Gen. Nirbhay Sharma, Retd. (Ex Governor Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram;; Member UPSC. The other discussants were Shri Rajiv Sikri, Retd. Ex Secy, MEA; Strategic Analyst International Relations; and Prof (Dr) Anand Prakash, Prof. of Psychology & Dean, International Relations (Humanities & Social Sciences).

12. The book discussion on “Lakshmi the Rebel: Culture, Economy And Women’s Agency” by Bidyut Mohanty. New Delhi: Har Anand Publications, 2019. Title will be discussed on 12th July, 2019 at 6:30 pm. The panellists include Prof. Patricia Uberoi, Honorary Fellow and Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies. Prof. Malashri Lal, Department of English, University of Delhi (retd),and Member, English Advisory Board of the Sahitya Akademi; Prof. Raj Kumar, Head, Department of English, Delhi University; and Dr. Sukrita Paul, Poet, Critic, and Academician.

13. What the Economy Needs Now by Abhijit Banerjee. New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2019 was discussed on Friday, 16th July, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Deepak Nayyar, Emeritus Professor, JNU, Former VC, DU Former Professor, New School of Social Research, USA. The other panellists were Dr. Bina Agarwal, Professor of Development Economics and Environment, University of Manchester, UK, Visiting Professor, University of Cambridge, UK; Prof. Bharat Ramaswamy, Professor, Economics and Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute; and Shri Mihir. S. Sharma, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation.

14. India’s Relations with the International Monetary fund: 25 Years in Perspective 1991-2016 by V. Srinivas. New Delhi: Vij Book, 2019 was discussed on 6th August, 2019 under the chairmanship of Dr. Sanjaya Baru, Former Media Advisor to Prime Minister. The other discussants were Shri Vivek Rae, IAS (retd.) Former Petroleum Secretary; Smt. Rita Menon, IAS (retd.)Former Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Trade Promotion Organization; and Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance.

15. Martyrdom to Freedom: 100 Years of Jallianwala Bagh by Rajesh Ramachandran. New Delhi: Rupa, 2019 was discussed on 22nd August, 2019. Shri N. N. Vohra, President, IIC Chaired the programme alongwith the other discussants Ambassador Navtej Sarna, Former Ambassador to USA and High Commissioner to the UK; Shri H. K. Dua, Senior Journalist and Former Member, Rajya Sabha; Prof. Salil Misra, Dean, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University; and Dr. Y. P. Anand, Chairman, GODHULI & Former Director, National Gandhi Museum and Library.

16. Africa in the World Affairs: Politics of Imperialism, the Cold War and Globalisation by Rajen Harshe. Oxon, Routledge, 2019 was discussed on 30th August, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Sudhir Devare, Former Director General of Indian Council of World Affairs. The other discussants were Ambassador Virendra Gupta, Former Indian Ambassador of Tanzania;Prof. Ajay Dubey, Centre for African

Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Dr. Nabarun Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi.

17. Thematic dance presentation was presented by Rama Vaidyanathan (Sangeet Natak academy award recipient and the choreographer); Swashakt (an acclaimed choreography combining traditional Bharat Natyam format with English blank verses on gender rights) was preceded by the book discussion on **Breaking Paths: Stories of Women Who Dared** by Meera Khanna. New Delhi: Niyogi Books, 2019 was discussed on 10th September, 2019. The discussants were Prof. Malashri Lal, Former Professor, Department of English, University of Delhi; Ms. Renuka Narayanan, Journalist, Writer and Diplomat; Ms. Meera Khanna, Author and Gender Rights Activists.

18. The book **Despatches From Kargil** by Srinjoy Chowdhury. Gurgaon: Penguin Books, 2019 was discussed on 25th September, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Lieutenant General Subrata Saha (Retd.) Former Deputy Chief of Army Staff, Member National Security Advisory Board. The other discussants were Lieutenant General Vinod Bhatia (Retd.) Former Director-General, Military Operations, Director, Centre for Joint Warfare Studies; Lieutenant General Mohinder Puri, Former Deputy Chief of Army Staff and Ambassador Ashoke Mukherjee, Former Permanent Representative to the United Nation.

19. The book **The State of Ecology of the Tibetan Plateau** by L. M. S. Palni; Rebon B. Dhar & O. P. Tandon. New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2019 was discussed on 31st October, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Ambassador Deb Mukharji, Former Ambassador to Nepal along with the discussants Vir Sharma Dr. Jitendra, Director, Forestry & Biodiversity, TERI.

20. The book **Indian Cultural Diplomacy: Celebrating Pluralism in a Globalised World** by Paramjit Sahai. Vij Books, 2019 was discussed on 6th November, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Karan Singh. The other discussants were Shri Suhas Borker, Editor, Citizens First TV (CFTV) and Convener, Working Group on Alternative Strategies; Prof. Veena Sikri, Professor & Ambassador and Former DG, ICCR; Convener, South Asia Women's Network (SWAN) & Vice Chairperson, South Asia Foundation (SAF-India); Ms. Shashi Uban Tripathi, Former Indian Ambassador/High Commissioner to Poland, Zimbabwe, Canada; Former Member, Union Public Service Commission; Former DDG, ICCR; Shri K P Fabian, Former Indian Ambassador to Finland, Qatar, Italy; Professor, Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi.

21. The book **The Swachh Bharat Revolution: Four Pillars of India's Behavioural Transformation** by Parameswaran Iyer. HaperCollins, 2019 was discussed on 14th November, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri N. N. Vohra, President IIC. The other discussants are Shri Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog; Ms. Naina Kidwai, Chairperson, India Sanitation Council; Shri Hari Menon, Country Director, Gates Foundation in India.

22. The book **India Emerging: From Policy Paralysis to Hyper Economics** by Sandip Sen & Aarohi Sen. Bloomsbury, 2019 was discussed on 22nd November, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri Anshuman Tiwari, Editor, India Today along with the other discussants Prof. Geethanjali Nataraj, Professor of Applied Economics, IIPA; Dr Naseem Meah, Regional Representative, South Asia, International Rice Research Institute; and Lt. Gen Arun Kumar Sahani PVSM, Director General, The Club of Rome in India.

23. Categories, Creations and Cognition in Vaisesika Philosophy by ShashiPrabha Kumar. Springer, 2019 was discussed on 13th December, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. C. Sinha, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research. The other discussants were Prof. Uma C. Vaidya, Former Vice Chancellor, KKSU, Ramtek, Nagpur. The other discussants were Prof. Ram Nath Jha, School of Sanskrit & Indic Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Prof. Purushottam Billimoria, University of California Berkley, currently USA Fulbright Fellow, Ashoka University; and Prof. Christopher Key Chapple, Doshi Professor of Indic and Comparative Theology at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles

24. Asian Transformation: An Enquiry into the Development of Nations. Ed. by Deepak Nayyar . OUP, 2019 was discussed on 23rd December, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kirit Parikh, Chairman, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe). The other discussants were Dr. Pronab Sen, Director, International Growth Centre; Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, is Director and Head of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP); and Dr. Ajit Ghose, Professor at Indian Human Development