



Third China-India Workshop on Development and Governance

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China and India are the world's two most populous countries sharing a long land border. Despite very different political systems, both countries have pushed forward economic reforms and liberalization in recent decades and, as a result, achieved rapid economic growth and social progress. The two countries also have been cooperating in a number of areas both on a bilateral basis as well as under the auspices of multilateral institutions.

Both countries have been actively exploring ways to improve domestic governance and development by combining international best practices with local characteristics. As such, there is much for the two countries to learn from each other's experiences.

The proposed workshop, to be held on June 7, 2019, at the University of California, Riverside, will seek to bring together scholars working on China and India to share and discuss issues of common interest and concern. These issues may include, but are not limited to, the following: the political economy of economic growth, intergovernmental relations and local governance, policy innovations among local governments, the use of information technology to improve governance, public service delivery, modernization and reform of the civil service, deliberative democracy and civic participation, public accountability and transparency, policy response to demographic challenges such as population growth and aging, as well as Sino-Indian relations.

The workshop will seek to (i) identify the similarities and differences of the major challenges faced by the two countries and their institutional causes, (ii) develop mutual knowledge and consensus on further comparative studies, (iii) establish a network of dialogue and exchange among scholars working on these two countries, and (iv) create new opportunities for research, publications, policy diffusion, and collaboration.

The workshop is being co-sponsored by the University of California, Riverside's School of Public Policy; Fudan University's Center for Comparative Political Development Studies

(SIRPA), Institute for Global Public Policy, and the Center for Gandhian and Indian Studies; and the South Asia Institute of Heidelberg University. We invite scholars from around the world working on China and India to present their research on the aforementioned themes.

The host organization (UC Riverside) will cover the costs of local accommodation in the historic Mission Inn and Spa (<https://www.missioninn.com>) for two nights (June 6th and 7th) and all meals during the workshop. Participants will need to arrange for their travel to Los Angeles or Riverside (closest airport: Ontario or ONT) out of their own funds.

We hope to limit the number of workshop participants to no more than 12 to facilitate in-depth discussion and exchange of ideas. Although participants will not need to prepare a paper for the workshop, the organizers are expecting to invite presenters to prepare papers after the completion of the workshop for inclusion in an edited book volume or special issue of a journal. Among the journals with whom we are exploring special issue publications are the *Journal of Developing Societies*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *India Review*, and *Pacific Affairs and Governance*. World Scientific Publishers have also agreed to publish an edited volume based on the papers presented at the workshop.

Interested scholars are invited to submit their presentation topics and an abstract, as well as a C.V., to china-india-workshop@ucr.edu or anild@ucr.edu by March 31, 2019. Applicants will be informed of their selection by April 30, 2019.