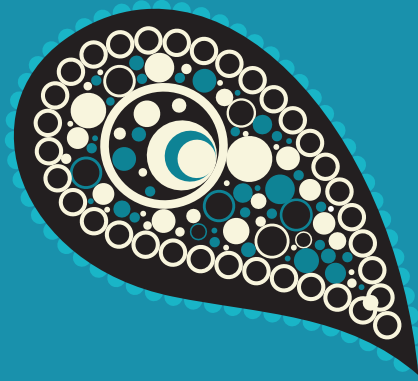




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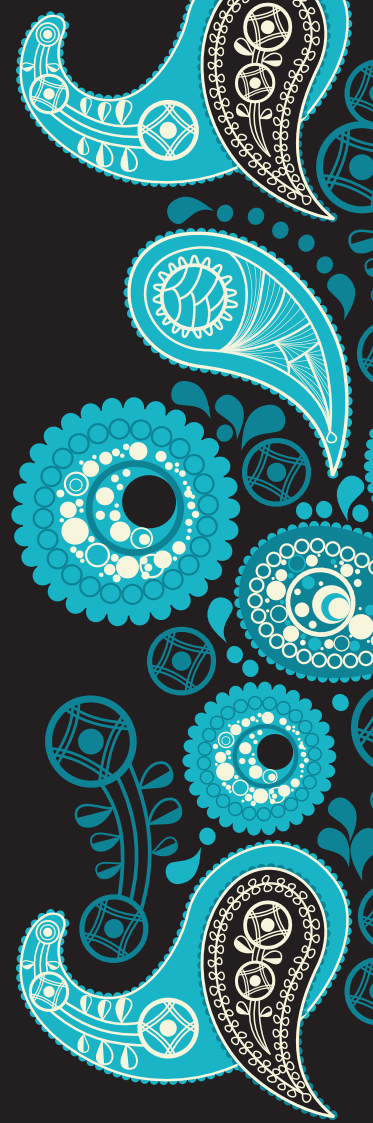
# The Argumentative Indian

Critical Debates in the World's Largest  
Democracy & Perspectives from Australia

31 October - 2 November 2012

Carrillo Gantner Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre  
The University of Melbourne

# Programme



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## Tuesday 30 October, 2012

Time	Activity
1900	Dinner hosted by the Consul General of India, Dr Subhakanta Behera and launch of <i>The Reluctant Superpower: Understanding India and its Aspirations</i> , Edited by Amitabh Mattoo, Melbourne University Press, Melbourne, 2012  By Invitation Only

## Wednesday 31 October, 2012

1500 – 1700	<p>Pre-Conference Seminar: Skills, Education and Federalism – India and Australia *Victoria University in collaboration with the Australia India Institute</p> <p>Paper 1: Skills, Education and Federalism in Australia: Challenges and Opportunities</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Peter Dawkins, Vice-Chancellor, Victoria University</li><li>• Dr Radhika Gorur, Research Fellow, the Victoria Institute, Victoria University</li><li>• Professor Bhajan Grewal, Professorial Fellow, Centre for Strategic and Economic Studies, Victoria University</li></ul> <p>Paper 2: Education and Federalism in India: Evolution of Intergovernmental Relations</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Atul Sarma, Former Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University</li><li>• Professor Alakh N. Sharma, Director, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi</li><li>•</li></ul> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad</li><li>• Binod Khadria, Professor of Economics and Education, Jawaharlal Nehru University</li><li>• C. Raj Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University</li></ul> <p>Chair: Ross Garnaut, Vice-Chancellor's Fellow, The University of Melbourne, Professorial Fellow, The University of Melbourne, Distinguished Professor, The Australian National University</p>
1800 - 1900	<p>Australia India Institute Annual Oration: Reasoning Beyond the Past</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glyn Davis, Vice-Chancellor, The University of Melbourne</li></ul> <p>Chair: Robert Johanson, Chairman, Australia India Institute</p> <p>*15 minute question and answer to follow the lecture</p>

1930	<p>Opening Gala Dinner - By Invitation Only</p> <p>Dinner speakers:</p> <p>Jeff Connolly Chief Executive Officer, Siemens Kiran Bedi, Social Activist and Retired Police Officer</p> <p>Please note this is a ticketed event</p>
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# Thursday 1 November, 2012

Time	Activity
0800- 0900	Registration
0900 - 0930	Welcome and Inaugurations Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Amitabh Mattoo, Director, Australia India Institute</li><li>- Susan Elliott, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement), The University of Melbourne, Deputy Chair Australia India Institute</li><li>- Robert Johanson, Chairman, Australia India Institute</li><li>- Biren Nanda, High Commissioner for India</li></ul> Master of Ceremonies: Ms Pera Wells, Fellow, Australia India Institute
0930 - 1030	Opening Keynote Lecture: India in a Changing Asia Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- M.K Narayanan, Governor of West Bengal</li></ul> Chair: Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria and Patron of the Australia India Institute *15 minute question and answer to follow lecture
1030- 1100	Break
1100 - 1230	Session One: Foreign Policy in a Changing Asia Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sadanand Dhume, Writer and Journalist, American Enterprise Institute</li><li>- David Malone, President, International Development Research Centre, Canada, Rector Elect, United Nations University, Tokyo</li><li>- Siddharth Varadarajan, Editor, <i>The Hindu</i></li><li>- Michael Wesley, Strategic Analyst Commentator</li></ul> Chair: Gareth Evans AC QC, Chancellor, Australian National University, Distinguished Fellow, Australia India Institute *15 minute question and answer to follow panel debate
1230 - 1330	Lunch
1330 - 1500	Session Two: The State of the Economy: Past, Present and Future *Launch of the Australia and India: <i>Partners in Research, Celebrating Australia's Year in India</i> publication by Jane den Hollander, Vice-Chancellor, Deakin University Host of session: Jane den Hollander, Vice-Chancellor, Deakin University Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rajiv Kumar, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry</li><li>- Ila Patnaik, Journalist and Professor at National Institute of Public Finance and Policy</li><li>- Rohini Somanathan, Professor of Economics at the Delhi School of Economics</li><li>- John Webb OAM, Distinguished Fellow, Australia India Institute</li></ul> Chair: Maxine McKew, Former Member of Parliament & Vice-Chancellor's Fellow, The University of Melbourne *15 minute question and answer to follow panel debate
1500 - 1530	Break
1530 - 1700	Session Three: Economics, Resources and the Trade Relationship Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Deepak Saxena, Managing Director, Riverina Oils &amp; Bio Energy (ROBE)</li><li>- Nik Senapati, Managing Director India, Rio Tinto</li><li>- Dipen Rughani, National Chairman, Australia India Business Council, NSW</li><li>- Ravi Bhatia, President, Australia India Business Council, Victoria Branch</li></ul> Chair: Howard Ronaldson, Secretary, Department of Business and Innovation, State Government of Victoria *15 minute question and answer to follow panel debate
1700 - 1730	Break
1730 - 1815	Special Address: India's Political System - the Way Forward Speaker: Kiran Bedi, Social Activist and Retired Police Officer Chair: Brian Hayes QC, Murray Chambers *15 minute question and answer to follow special address
1815 - 1900	Special Address: My Vision of India Speaker: Akhilesh Yadav, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Chair: Neville Roach, Chairman, Advisory Board for Australia and New Zealand, Tata Consultancy Services and Member of the International Advisory Committee, Australia India Institute *15 minute question and answer to follow special address
2000	Institute Dinner - By Invitation Only Dinner Speaker - Shankkar Aiyar, celebrated Journalist Indian classical dance performance by Mrs Rajshree Behera

# Friday 2 November, 2012

Time	Activity
0800 - 0900	Registration – Day Two
0900 - 1000	Keynote Lecture: The Burden of Democracy – India After 65 Years Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Pratap Bhanu Mehta, President and Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi</li></ul> Chair: Dr Subhakanta Behera, Consul General of India in Melbourne *15 minute question and answer to follow lecture
1000 - 1030	Break
1030 - 1145	Session Four: Australia and India's Political System and its Political Class: The Way Forward Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Nandini Sundar, Professor of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics</li><li>– Jay Panda, Member of Parliament of India (Lok Sabha), Biju Janta Dal</li><li>– Andrew Robb AO, Federal Member for Goldstein, Shadow Minister for Finance, Deregulation and Debt Reduction, Chairman of the Coalition Policy Development Committee, Liberal Party of Australia</li><li>– Marsha Thomson, Member of Parliament, Member for Footscray, Australian Labor Party</li></ul> Chair: Greg Sheridan, Foreign Editor, <i>The Australian</i> *15 minute question and answer to follow panel debate
1145 - 1300	Session Four Continued: Australia and India's Political System and its Political Class: The Way Forward Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Alex Hawke MP, Federal Member for Mitchell, Liberal Party of Australia</li><li>– Nirmala Sitharaman, National Spokesperson for Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)</li><li>– Jude Perera, State Member for Cranbourne, Australian Labor Party</li><li>– Raashid Alvi, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Indian National Congress Party and National Spokesman</li></ul> Chair: John McCarthy, Chair of the Australia-India Council and National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. *15 minute question and answer to follow panel debate
1300 – 1400	Lunch
1400 - 1530	Session Five: Skills, Knowledge, Innovation and the Demographic Dividend Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Ramakrishna Ramaswamy, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad</li><li>– Narendra Jadhav, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, Member, National Advisory Council, Government of India</li><li>– Binod Khadria, Professor of Economics and Education, Jawaharlal Nehru University</li><li>– Fazal Rizvi, Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne</li><li>– C. Raj Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University</li><li>– Arun Sharma, DVC (Research &amp; Commercialisation), Queensland University of Technology</li></ul> Chair: Ms Marion van Rooden, Executive Director, Labour Markets and International Education, Department of Business and Innovation, State Government of Victoria *15 minute question and answer to follow panel debate
1530 - 1600	Break
1600 - 1730	Session Six: The Media Revolution: Myth and Reality Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– HK Dua, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Senior Journalist and Political Commentator</li><li>– Jawhar Sircar, Chief Executive Officer, Prasar Bharati, Government of India</li><li>– Rory Medcalf, Lowy Institute for International Policy, Fellow, Australia India Institute</li><li>– Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, Institute South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore</li></ul> Chair: Geraldine Doogue AO, Radio National, Australian Broadcasting Corporation *15 minute question and answer to follow panel debate
1730 – 1830	Valedictory Session: India's Political Imagination: Myths, Dreams and Reality Speaker: Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Former Governor of West Bengal Chair: Professor Amitabh Mattoo, Director, Australia India Institute *15 minute question and answer follow valedictory session
1900	Institute Dinner - PM24 - By Invitation Only Dinner Speaker – Robyn Davidson, Author

Time	Activity
0830 - 1430	<p data-bbox="355 192 1326 226">University of Adelaide, School of Economics Australia-India Services Dialogue Roundtable</p> <p data-bbox="355 237 1481 528">India and Australia share many common interests in the development of the service sector. Their service sectors are connected with each other to a high level, with significant transactions in education, tourism and information technology. However there is also common interest in many questions about service sector development, including the determinants of productivity growth and employment. There is interest in India in the Australian response to structural change and to the importance of driving higher growth rates of productivity in services. There is interest in Australia in the model of development in India and the different path of service sector development, compared to China for example. Researchers in both countries share a common interest in the development and application of policy related research in the service sector. The services business sector in both economies continues to examine options for direct business relations as well as the scope for cooperation in order to compete in third country markets.</p> <p data-bbox="355 539 552 573">Dialogue Themes:</p> <ol data-bbox="355 595 1481 1043" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="355 595 1445 651">1. Identify trends in the services sector in both economies and in the evolution of business strategy in that context (the business theme)</li><li data-bbox="355 674 1437 887">2. Compare and consolidate research on services of mutual interest (the research theme), including:<ul data-bbox="403 730 1015 887" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="403 730 839 763">• services trade and its measurement</li><li data-bbox="403 775 663 808">• services innovation</li><li data-bbox="403 819 908 853">• services productivity and its measurement</li><li data-bbox="403 864 1015 898">• services regulatory reform and underlying principles</li></ul></li><li data-bbox="355 909 1469 965">3. Review current policy issues in services within each economy and discuss those which are examined in other forums, including the WTO and in bilateral agreements (the policy theme)</li><li data-bbox="355 987 1481 1043">4. Provide options for education for participants from both economies in service sector development and policy issues (the capacity building theme)</li></ol> <p data-bbox="355 1066 620 1099">Roundtable Participants:</p> <ul data-bbox="355 1122 1430 1541" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="355 1122 1134 1155">• Mandar P Oak, Head, School of Economics, University of Adelaide</li><li data-bbox="355 1167 1305 1200">• Christopher Findlay, Executive Dean, Faculty of Professions, University of Adelaide</li><li data-bbox="355 1211 1302 1245">• Philippa Dee, Associate Professor, Crawford School, Australian National University</li><li data-bbox="355 1256 1166 1290">• Andrew McCredie, Executive Director, Australian Services Roundtable</li><li data-bbox="355 1301 1270 1335">• Alison Burrows, Services and Investment in India, Department of Foreign Affairs</li><li data-bbox="355 1346 1393 1402">• Neville Roach, Chairman, Advisory Board for Australia and New Zealand, Tata Consultancy Services and Member of the International Advisory Committee, Australia India Institute</li><li data-bbox="355 1413 1150 1447">• Rupa Chanda, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore</li><li data-bbox="355 1458 1118 1491">• Binod Khadria, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</li><li data-bbox="355 1503 1430 1541">• Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi</li></ul>

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\*Please note: running parallel to the conference on Friday 2 November, 2012 is a workshop, run in collaboration with the University of Adelaide. If you would like to attend the roundtable please register with Dr Lisa Topelmann-Weder, Project Manager, School of Economics & Waite Research Institute, The University of Adelaide - [lisa.topelmannweder@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:lisa.topelmannweder@adelaide.edu.au)

Please note seats are limited.