

IDEAS Periodical is the monthly newsletter series that bring you updates on the repertoire of research, news & activities undertaken by each IDEAS constellation and lists all the important 'Save the Date' announcements. Here, we share details of our published scholarly work while featuring In the News & In the Spotlight sections for exhibiting the best of what IDEAS Fellows have to offer.

Here you will also find our team's contributions in knowledge generation endeavours such as op-eds, media engagements, conferences, and also learn more about their upcoming projects! To participate in our online events and discussions with the leading minds of the field, please scan the QR codes or copy the links into a browser. Feel free to get in touch with us at ideas@jgu.edu.in for more information on our current and future work, and to engage with IDEAS.

Events Guide

May 2024





URBAN DEVELOPMENT: INJUSTICES AND RESISTANCES IN OUR CITIES

JUST (Justice, Urban Systems and Technology) is a research constellation under IDEAS which aims to work towards creating just cities by examining how public spaces, technologies, and urban development reinforce or transform social inequalities. The panel discussions will discuss some key issues concerning our research group - urban development, justice, and technology.

PANEL 1 - Evictions: Injustices in Urban Development

DISCUSSANT	PANEL SPEAKERS	
		
NAMESH KILLEMSETTY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR & ASSISTANT DEAN, JINDAL SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, IDEAS	ANUJ BEHAL JOURNALIST, RESEARCHER & URBAN PLANNER	AMIT PATEL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON

PANEL 2 - Development or Injustice: Distress & Resistance in our Cities

DISCUSSANT	PANEL SPEAKERS		
			
PREETHI KRISHNAN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, JINDAL GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR & SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW, IDEAS	TIKENDER SINGH PANWAR FORMER DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHIMLA CITY AND AUTHOR OF CITIES IN TRANSITION	RIKTA KRISHNASWAMY DELHI -NCP COORDINATOR OF THE ALL INDIA GIG WORKERS UNION (AIGWU)	KHALID WASIM HASSAN SENIOR ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR



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SATURDAY
4TH MAY 2024

PANEL 1: 9:00-10:15 AM
PANEL 2: 10:20-11:45 AM

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4th May, 2024 (Saturday)
9:00 am - 11:45 am

JUST Curtain Raiser

Urban Development: Injustices and Resistances in our Cities

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5th May, 2024 (Sunday)

10:00 am - 11:10 am

Sāmagāna: Working Paper Series

This series of IDEAS events is a showcase of work-in-progress from each IDEAS Constellation. Sāmagāna represents the philosophy and science of uniting our thought and learning, and denotes the beginning of purposeful creation. As researchers, we juxtapose this historic word as the vision of our Working Paper Discussion series. Herein, we invite the scholarly community to engage with the ongoing research of our Fellows and Associates to help them identify new perspectives and refine the scope of their ongoing research.

Anganwadi as a Site for Resistance

Speaker:

Dr. Preethi Krishnan

Associate Professor, JGLS
Assistant Director & Senior
Research Fellow, IDEAS

Discussant:

Dr. Chetan Sinha

Associate Professor, JGLS
Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS

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SĀMAGĀNA
WORKING PAPER SERIES

Anganwadi as a Site for Resistance

How have Anganwadi workers challenged unequal structures of caste and gender in their daily work as unionised caregivers? the paper argues that the Anganwadi is a social reproduction site where gendered and casteist norms are contested, sometimes with the State, the community or even among the workers themselves.

SPEAKER

Dr. Preethi Krishnan
Associate Professor, JGLS
Assistant Director & Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS

DISCUSSANT

DR. CHETAN SINHA
Associate Professor, JGLS
Senior Research Fellow, IDEAS

DATE & TIME
5th May 2024
10:00 - 11:00 am

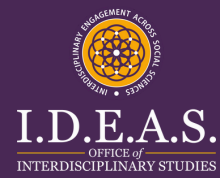
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11 & 12th May, 2024 (Sat-Sun)

10:00 am - 4:30 pm

IDEASx Workshop on Interdisciplinary Approaches to Social Sciences Research

INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH

Methodology is central to social science studies and rests on the axis of ethics. A thorough understanding of social science research methods is linked to both a better career as well as production of knowledge on complex issues of the society. This workshop will introduce participants to conceptual and methodological frameworks in collecting primary data and developing empirical tools and ethical research skills.

REGISTER NOW

DATE: 11 & 12 May, 2024

TIME: 10:00 AM - 04:30 PM

ONLINE

LAST DATE 06TH MAY 2024, MONDAY

Day 1: PANEL I

- Dr. Aejaz Ahmad Wani, Training Specialist
- Dr. Aqsa Agha, Training Specialist

Day 2: PANEL II

- Dr. Shilpi Rajpal, Training Specialist
- Dr. Nupur Nirola, Training Specialist

Fee: 499/-

DAY 1:

- Conceptual Analytical Method and Deparochial Endeavour in Comparative Political Theory
- Participatory Research: Methods & Approaches

DAY 2:

- Case Notes and Histories - Writing Social History of Psychiatry in India
- Making Sense of Quantitative Data using Stata

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Workshop Topics:

- Conceptual Analytical Method and Deparochial Endeavour in Comparative Political Theory
- Participatory Research: Methods & Approaches
- Case Notes and Histories: Writing Social History of Psychiatry in India
- Making Sense of Quantitative Data using Stata

Instructors:

Dr. Aejaz Ahmad Wani
Dr. Aqsa Agha
Dr. Shilpi Rajpal
Dr. Nupur Nirola

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Registration closes on 6th May 2024



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18th May, 2024 (Saturday)

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

The poster is for the event 'Understanding Digital Worlds' on Saturday, 18th May 2024. It features two panels of speakers. Panel 1 is titled 'Feminism in the Digital Age' and includes Nandini Dhar, Shweta Khilnani, Debanjana Nayak, Sramana Majumdar, and Paulomi Bhadra. Panel 2 is titled 'Youth & Digital Cultures on Social Media' and includes Rahul Advani, Chitra Adkar, Tripta Chandola, and Smriti Singh. The poster also includes a QR code for registration, the event date and time, and contact information.

Understanding Digital Worlds

PANEL 1 - Feminism in the Digital Age

Nandini Dhar, Associate Professor, Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities
Shweta Khilnani, Faculty, SGTS Khalsa College, University of Delhi
Debanjana Nayak, Assistant Professor, Presidency University
Sramana Majumdar, Assistant Professor, Ashoka University
Paulomi Bhadra, Assistant Professor, Assistant Director & Research Fellow, IDEAS

PANEL 2 - Youth & Digital Cultures on Social Media

Rahul Advani, Cultural Anthropologist, Brand Strategist and Ethnographer
Chitra Adkar, Assistant Professor, Sophia College for Women, Mumbai
Tripta Chandola, Author, Editor & Ethnographer
Smriti Singh, Assistant Professor, IIT-Delhi, Member Associate, IDEAS

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SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024

PANEL 1: 9:30-11:00 AM
PANEL 2: 11:05 AM-12:30 PM

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TSCMS Curtain Raiser

Understanding Digital Worlds

This constellation aims to examine how social inequalities, norms and identities are transported within social digital spaces. The panel discussions showcase key issues concerning our research group - online misogyny and feminism in digital spaces and forming youth identities and culture on social media.

Speakers:

Nandini Dhar, Associate Professor, JSLH

Shweta Khilnani, Faculty, SGTS Khalsa College, University of Delhi

Debanjana Nayak, Assistant Professor, Presidency University

Sramana Majumdar, Assistant Professor, Ashoka University

Rahul Advani, Cultural Anthropologist, Brand Strategist, Ethnographer

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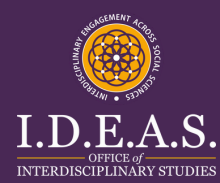
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April 2024



Symposium on History of Indian Economic Thought

13th April 2024

The Online Symposium on the History of Indian Economic Thought, held in collaboration with the Indian Society for the History of Economic Thought (ISHET), was successful in building conversations around a marginalized field in economics - a historical perspective in economics. The speakers covered a range of topics during this 1-day symposium, including thoughts on how to incorporate various Schools of Thought in Indian economics curricula; how personal lives of famous economists have influenced their economic thought; the diversity of Indian economic thought with papers on B.R. Ambedkar, Maulana Maududi, and Dadabhai Naoroji's work on national income accounting; and even explored the discourse surrounding the evolution of pedagogy surrounding political economy in Presidency College.

The event markedly stepped away from a Euro-centricity that usually dominates the field of economics, as well as history of economic thought. It also managed to bring in approaches and thinkers in HET that lie at the margins, and put them together to build a more comprehensive and inclusive study around HET. This event was the first initiative between IDEAS and ISHET, and is the first steps to a continued engagement with ISHET in the following months in the field of research and knowledge building.

Roundtable Discussion on Understanding Lok Sabha Elections 2024

14th April 2024

Panel 1: How May India Vote?

The panel discussion focused on understanding the previous trends and explored the possibilities of how India might vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections in 2024. Drawing from their academic and field experience in analysing Indian elections, the panelists engaged with various social, economic, and cultural facts that might impact the voting pattern in the elections. The diverse perspectives presented created a space for the audience to think and reflect on how the people of India might repose their faith in the current ruling party for a third term. The panelists also reflected on the role of the opposition and whether it has been able to gather support from other political allies to win the Lok Sabha elections this year. Alongside, they also reflected on the role of social media in influencing voters and creating popular opinions through social media platforms.

Panel 2: State of the Indian Economy

The panel discussion successfully identified the economy's challenges to its widest forms and suggested some focused policy changes for the new government. Prof. Majumdar elaborated on how the falling investment rate, declining share of trade to GDP, industrial stagnation, youth unemployment, and sluggish growth of bank credits are indicating some serious structural problems of the economy. M.K. Venu concurred that there were hardly any institutional changes initiated during the preceding decade to address the issues of better delivery of the schemes and reduce corruption. He suggested comprehensive changes in the Company' Laws and other regulatory legislation to control the overall rise of shell companies. Prof. Mehrotra emphasized that since the country's demographic dividend will peak during the next 15 years, focusing on quality employment for the next generations is of primary concern for policymakers. Ms K. Sujatha Rao advocated for prioritization of healthcare provisions in government policy discourse, which has not improved despite the severe negative impact on the growth and development of the country with the COVID-19 outbreak.

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April 2024

Nazariya Inaugural Talk - Critical Dialogue Series

20th April 2024

Talk: Caste and Islam in South Asia: a Genealogy of Contemporary Debates

Speaker: Julien Levesque, University of Zürich

This inaugural event of *Nazariya* was organized by Politics, Society & History (PSH) constellation to discuss the larger debates on the question of caste and 'backwardness' among Muslims in contemporary India. This initiative brought more clarity to the understanding of *Pasmanda* communities and shed light on how the politics of Muslim mobilization around issues of backwardness have historically evolved. The attempt by PSH in organizing this discussion was also to see how the constellation situates their research questions in the light of presented sources, theories, and frames of analysis.

The guest speaker, Dr. Julien Levesque, examined contemporary debates on the Muslim caste in India by providing a genealogy of various categories in use. He attempted to locate the origin of these debates in several historical junctures in the colonial period. While returning to the basic question "whether a caste system existed among Muslims?", Julien analyzed a plethora of historical and anthropological research spanning two centuries to show how the current political mobilization of the *Pasmanda* Muslims is impacted by concepts shaped historically. This talk deepened and complicated our understanding of the present debate on caste.

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Roundtable Discussion on Understanding Lok Sabha Elections

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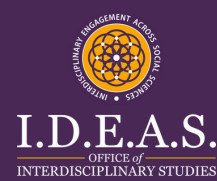
Nazariya Critical Dialogue Series: Talk 1 by Dr. Julien Levesque

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Inclusive Governance, Developed Kurukshetra

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lhg-p42Q42A&ab_channel=IDEASatJGU

Fellows in the News



In India and China's Recent Spar over Arunachal, Infrastructure is the Key

Gunjan Singh

Manila's newfound resistance against Chinese aggression upsets Beijing

Gunjan Singh

Can China play a positive role in mitigating the Iran-Israel conflict?

Gunjan Singh



Mera Power: Women's employment, agriculture, youth employment, migration and urbanisation.

Avanindra Nath Thakur

महिला सशक्तीकरण पर फोकस बढ़ने के नतीजे सकारात्मक, लेकिन उन्हें बराबरी पर लाने के लिए ढांचागत बदलाव करने पड़ेंगे

Avanindra Nath Thakur

Canadian Accusation of Chinese interference in elections

Gunjan Singh

डेमोग्राफिक डिविडेंड के लिए सिर्फ 15 साल का समय बचा, इसलिए बेहतर उच्च शिक्षा के साथ रोजगार सृजन में तेजी जरूरी

Avanindra Nath Thakur

Can the Philippines resist Chinese aggression?

Gunjan Singh

Fellow in the Spotlight



IDEAS Senior Research Fellow, **Dr. Avanindra Thakur**, Professor at Jindal School of Government & Public Policy and co-Lead of the Understanding Indian Economy Constellation, was part of an engaging **Panel Discussion on Contemporary Agricultural Policies in India: Challenges and a Way Forward** as part of the JSGP Policy Forum at Taj Mansingh, Delhi with Dr. Gurpreet Singh

Dr. Prachi Bansal, Dr. Nivedita Sharma and Dr. Nilachal Acharya.

On 12 April, 2024, Prof. Thakur also delivered a **lecture on 'O.L.S. Regression and Relevant Diagnostic with R'** in a **Workshop on Econometrics** organized by Sumy State University (Ukraine) and Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University, India.



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In Press

Forthcoming Publications

Book Review: Disruptive Technologies for the Militaries and Security by Dr. Ajey Lele

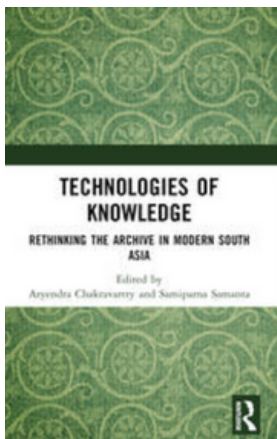
Mohit Vashisth

This book discusses various critical and advanced elucidations on strategic technologies. The focus is less on extrapolating the future of technology in a strict sense, and more on understanding the Disruptive Technology paradigm. It is widely accepted that technology alone cannot win any military campaign or war. However, technological superiority always offers militaries an advantage. More importantly, technology also has a great deterrent value. Hence, on occasion, technology can help to avoid wars.

Review Essay: Beyond the Binaries: Tracing the evolution of Hindu-Muslim Friendship in South Asian Intra-Muslim Discourses and Debates

Ambreen Agha

After the end of Muslim political sovereignty in South Asia, how did Muslim scholars grapple with the possibilities and dangers of Hindu-Muslim friendship? How did they negotiate the incongruities between foundational texts and attitudes toward non-Muslims that were informed by the premodern context of Muslim empire and the realities of British colonialism, which rendered South Asian Muslims a political minority? In this groundbreaking book, SherAli Tareen explores how leading South Asian Muslim thinkers imagined and contested the boundaries of Hindu-Muslim friendship from the late eighteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries. He argues that often what was at stake in Muslim scholarly discourse and debates on Hindu-Muslim friendship were unresolved tensions and fissures over the place and meaning of Islam in the modern world. This book considers a range of topics, including Muslim scholarly translations of Hinduism, Hindu-Muslim theological polemics, the question of interreligious friendship in the Qur'an, intra-Muslim debates on cow sacrifice, and debates on emulating Hindu customs and habits.



Technologies of Knowledge Rethinking the Archive in Modern South Asia

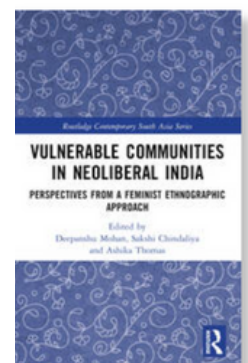
Edited by [Aryendra Chakravarty](#), [Samiparna Samanta](#)

Assistant Director (Research) & Senior Research Fellow, Kaushalya Bajpayee, has authored a chapter in this book titled "Alternative Technologies: A Different Road to Development." Edited by Member Associate, Samiparna Samanta, this book traces the role of technology in shaping, curating, disseminating and archiving knowledge and life in South Asia. It focuses on empirical studies of transformative social processes unleashed by technological intervention in colonial and postcolonial contexts, which have changed our everyday lives and created new sites of domination and resistance, new archives of history.

Vulnerable Communities in Neoliberal India Perspectives from a Feminist Ethnographic Approach

Edited by [Deepanshu Mohan](#), [Sakshi Chindaliya](#), [Ashika Thomas](#)

This book offer an ethnographic critique of modern, neoliberal India from the perspective of studying the daily lives-livelihoods of marginalised, unsecured, informal vulnerable communities residing in the urban, peri-urban spaces across the nation, including case studies from : pastoralists, fisher-folk, and handicraft workers of Kashmir, weavers of Kutch, and the factory workers and artisans of the Delhi capital.





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Work in Progress

Ongoing projects and working papers

Regulatory Challenges of Deepfakes in India



Tushar Sharma

The focus of the research is to address specific areas of regulatory gaps concerning deepfakes in India. By conducting a comparative legal analysis, this paper can identify best practices from other countries and recommend policy frameworks that can be adapted to the Indian context. Also, by integrating insights from the comparative legal analysis and the effectiveness of awareness campaigns, this paper provides comprehensive recommendations that prioritize legislative advancements while also addressing the need for enhancing public awareness and understanding of the legal implications of deepfake technology.

Inclusive Governance, Developed Kurukshetra

A Human Development Agenda Report for Kurukshetra District

This report lays down an action plan for overall development of Kurukshetra district of Haryana, based on an analysis of its current socio-economic conditions. The report first outlines the demographic, social and economic profiling of the district, using various secondary data sources such as Census, NFHS, Statistical Abstract for Haryana, etc. It then identifies the key target areas of development, such as livelihood, health and education, based on secondary data analysis, as well as insights from field interviews. For each of these target areas, the report discusses some of the critical challenges faced by the district, along with potential interventions to address them. A comparative analysis for the district is also done vis-a-vis the state of Haryana on all parameters. Lastly, based on the findings, an extensive list of short-term, medium-term, and long-term policies will be suggested towards improving the living standards of the population. This will provide a clear road map to policy makers for achieving inclusive development in the district.

Unravelling China's Mineral Hegemony: Implications for Global Energy Security and Strategic Operations



Mohit Vashisth



Nikita Vats

The project seeks to investigate China's changing position in the worldwide energy transition, particularly its significant influence on essential mineral supply networks. Concentrating on the implications for global geopolitical dynamics, it examines current and emerging challenges within the global mineral supply chain and evaluates potential future trends. Furthermore, the study delves into the importance of critical minerals in bolstering national security, with a specific focus on India, uncovering vulnerabilities and suggesting a policy framework to mitigate risks and ensure consistent supply. Leveraging recent events, it recommends strategies for diversification, technological progress, and international partnerships to reinforce critical mineral supply chains, thereby strengthening India's defence manufacturing capabilities and fortifying national security in the face of geopolitical uncertainties.



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Leveraging Brisbane Port's Success for Kolkata Port's Sustainability



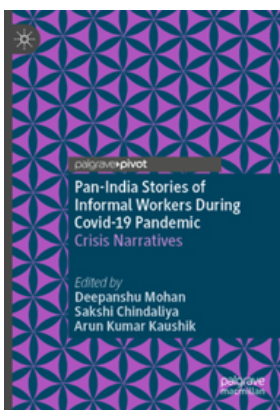
Nikita Vats



Mohit Vashisth

This project aims to undertake a comparative examination between Brisbane Port and Kolkata Port, aiming to generate policy recommendations for improving the sustainable operations of Kolkata Port by drawing on successful strategies implemented at Brisbane Port. The endeavour involves scrutinising the operational obstacles faced by Kolkata Port, juxtaposing them with the accomplishments of Brisbane Port, and suggesting policies focusing on upstream restoration, maintenance of river boundaries, modernisation of dredging techniques, efficient sediment disposal, and adoption of eco-friendly practices. The primary objective is to provide a practical roadmap for Kolkata Port Trust and its stakeholders to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and promote environmental sustainability. By amalgamating lessons learned from Brisbane and tailoring solutions to suit Kolkata's distinct riverine environment, this project seeks to offer novel insights for effectively tackling port challenges.

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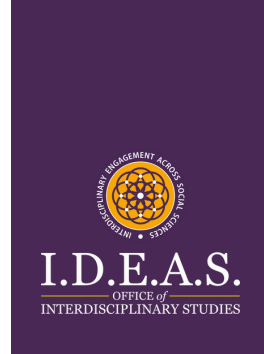


Pan-India Stories of Informal Workers During Covid-19 Pandemic: Crisis Narratives

Edited by Deepanshu Mohan, Sakshi Chindaliya, Arun Kumar Kaushik

This book delves into the application of feminist ethnography by engaging with the lived experiences of vulnerable workers, factory workers, artisans, small scale entertainment providers and others, who occupy India's informal workforce across its deeply stratified labour-market landscape. Set up in a post pandemic context, the book studies and critically reflects on the vulnerable state of India's workforce, capturing the daily emergencies, livelihood of marginalized communities.

International Collaborations



Prof. Deepanshu Mohan, Dean IDEAS, Professor of Economics at Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities and Director of Centre for New Economic Studies recently embarked on a new role as **Visiting Professor at the Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**. During his term at LSE, he will work towards dissemination of research previously undertaken in different projects across Cambodia-India and develop research collaborations between IDEAS, JGU and LSE think tanks and centres. We are looking forward to collaborating with other UK partners on projects and knowledge exchange that align with IDEAS research vision.



The Indo-Pacific Research Centre has been launched at Murdoch University in 2023 to raise awareness of the critical issues facing the region and foster collaborations to address them. The Centre consolidates the research strengths within Murdoch's Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines as well more broadly across the University to address these significant challenges. It builds upon the formative Asia Research Centre's international reputation for high impact research and training and draws in research expertise from the Africa Research Group and the Centre for Responsible Citizenship and Sustainability.

The IPRC plays an important role to the development of academic diplomacy in the region specifically contributing to region-building through the creating of shared-knowledge communities and networks between governments, the private sector and academia throughout the Indo-Pacific, through the production of intellectual and policy-making outcomes. The expertise harnessed within the IPRC will also contribute intellectually to reconsidering what the Indo-Pacific means in terms of the key 21st century issues pertaining to development, governance and security – conceptually, geographically, politically, culturally and strategically.

Prof. Poulomi Bhadra, co-lead of the Transitional Spaces, Culture and Media Studies Constellation, IDEAS is working in collaboration with the Centre for India-Australia Studies, the Center for Media Development & Communication Rights and IPRC scholars towards a collaborative Australia-India Project in Misinformation and Fact-Checking.