

Prospects for EU-India Security Cooperation

September 26, 2016

Observer Research Foundation Programme Agenda

10:00 – 10:30 **Registration**

10:30 – 11:00 **Opening Remarks and Round of Introductions**

Opening Remarks: **Sunjoy Joshi**, Director, Observer Research Foundation

11:00– 12:15 **Session 1: Radicalisation and Terrorism**

Radicalisation and terrorism are among the major security concerns for governments worldwide, and both the EU and India have experienced their devastating effects. Countering these challenges requires a continuous exchange of ideas, information and approaches, increased coordination and cooperation within and between states and shared understanding of the drivers of radicalisation.

Moderator: **Samir Saran**, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation

Speaker:

Gareth Price, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House – The Royal Institute of International Affairs

Discussants:

Roderick Parkes, EU Institute for Security Studies

Kanchi Gupta, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

Ummu Salma Bava, Director, Europe Area Studies Programme and Professor of European Studies at the Centre for European Studies, and Co-ordinator, The Netherlands Prime Minister's Grant, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

12:15– 13:15 **Lunch**

13:15 – 14:30 **Session 2: West Asia (the Middle East)**

West Asia (the Middle East) has become a major source of instability. Fragile political, economic, and social environments provide a breeding ground for conflict as well as transnational criminal networks smuggling drugs, people and weapons. Europe and India both rely on the Middle East for oil and gas and millions of Indians work there. The internal dynamics of the countries of West Asia, regional divisions and foreign interventions, have profound implications for India and the EU.

Moderator: **Roderick Parkes**, EU Institute for Security Studies

Speaker:

Kanchi Gupta, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation

Discussants:

Anthony Greg Shapland, Associate Fellow, Chatham House – The Royal Institute of International Affairs

Florence Gaub, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

14:30 – 14:45

Tea/Coffee

14:45 – 16:00

Session 3: Maritime security

Maritime security offers a rich and wide spectrum of concerns that are of vital interest to both India and the EU. Enhancing maritime governance in the Indian Ocean, countering illegal activities (piracy, smuggling, IUU fishing), improving the safety of navigation and sustainably managing maritime resources are areas that require effective international cooperation.

Moderator: **Harsh Pant**, Distinguished Fellow and Head Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation

Speaker:

Eva Pejsova, Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies

Discussants:

Alexander Eric Vines, Director of Area Studies; International Law; and Head, Africa Programme - Chatham House – The Royal Institute of International Affairs

Abhijit Singh, Senior Fellow and Head, Maritime Initiative, Observer Research Foundation

16:00 – 16:45

Wrap-up Session

This session will explore potential next steps for EU-India cooperation in the field of security, assessing which issues offer the greatest scope for enhanced cooperation and what that cooperation would comprise.

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