

**Seminar, Book Discussions, Meet the Author**  
**(1st February, 2018 – 31st December, 2018)**

1. “A Memoir of Pre-Partition Punjab: Ruchi Ram Sahani, 1863-1948” by Neera Burra, ed. New Delhi: OUP, 2017 was discussed on 9th February, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Amb. T.C.A. Rangachari, Former High Commissioner of India to Pakistan. The other discussants were Prof. Mridula Mukherjee, Former Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library; Prof. Salil Misra, ProVice-Chancellor, Ambedkar University; Prof. Gursharan Kaur Aurora, Retd. Professor, Sikkim Manipal University
  
2. “The 21st Century: Geopolitics, Democracy and Peace”. Oxon: Routledge, 2017 by Balmiki Prasad Singh was discussed on 28th February, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Shri Jagmohan, Former Governor, Jammu and Kashmir. The other discussants were Shri H. K. Dua, Senior Journalist and Former Rajya Sabha Member; Shri S. D. Muni, Distinguished Fellow, IDSA; and Prof. Amrit Srinivasan, Former Head, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Delhi.
  
3. “Technology and International Relations”. New Delhi: OUP, 2017 by Bhaskar Balakrishnan was discussed on 13th March, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt. of India. The other discussants were Ambassador Bhaskar Balakrishnan, Former Ambassador of India to Greece, Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic; and Ambassador Shyam Saran, Former Ambassador of India to Myanmar, Indonesia and Nepal
  
4. “The Wisdom of Vasistha: A Study on Laghu Yoga Vasistha from a Seekers Point of View” by Raghunandan. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2018 was discussed on 21st March, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Karan Singh. The other discussants include Prof James Larson, Rabindranath Tagore Professor (Emeritus) of Indian Cultures and Civilisation, Indian University, Bloomington and Professor Emeritus, Department of Religious Studies, California University, Santa Barbar, USA; Professor Ram Nath Jha, School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, JNU, Delhi; Dr G C Tripathi, Director, B. L. Institute of Indology, Delhi; and Prof. Jai kant Sharma, HOD, (Vyakaran) Lal Bahadur Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth of Delhi.
  
5. “The Changing Face of Imperialism: Colonialism to Contemporary Capitalism” by Sunanda, Sen & Maria Cristina Maecuzzo. Oxon: Routledge, 2018 was discussed on 4th April, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Aditya Mukherji, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU. The

other discussants were Prof. Chirashree DasGupta, Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, JNU; Prof. Jayati Ghosh, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning; and Prof. Prabhat Patnaik, Economist and Political Commentator

6. “Sidney, Spenser and the Royal Reader” by Shormistha Panja. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017 was discussed on 11th April, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Christel R Devadawson, Professor and Head, Department of English, DU alongwith the discussants Prof. RW Desai, formerly Professor of English, DU; Prof. Denys P Leighton, Professor of History, Ambedkar University; and Dr. Alka Pande, Director, Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre.

7. “India’s Heritage of Gharana Music: Pandits of Gwalior” by Meeta Pandit. Gurgaon: Shubhi Publications, 2018 was discussed on 27th April, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Vaypeyi, Hindi Poet and Music –lover. The other discussants were Ms. AshaRani Mathur, former Music Producer, author and editor; Ms. Manjari Sinha, Musicologist and Critic; and Ms. Shailaja Khanna, Musicologist.

8. “Identity, Society and Transformative Social Categories: Dynamics of Construction, Configuration and Contestation” by Debal K. SinghaRoy. New Delhi: Sage Publication, 2018 was discussed on 30th May, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Prof. T. K. Oommen, Professor Emeritus, JNU. The other discussants were Prof. Surendra S Jodhka, Professor of Sociology, JNU; Prof. Tulsi Patel, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University; Prof. Praveen Jha, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU; and Dr. Ankur Datta, South Asian University

9. “Data Science Landscape: Towards Research Standards and Protocols” by Usha Munshi Mujoo and Neeta Verma. 1st ed. Springer, 2018 was discussed on 13th June, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Neeta Verma, DG National Informatics Centre alongwith other discussants Prof. Vinod K. Sharma, IIPA; Prof. K. K. Pandey, IIPA; Prof. Geethanjali Nataraj, IIPA; and Prof. O. P. Wali, IIFT

10. “Seven Decades of Independent India: Ideas and Reflections” by Vinod Rai and Amitendu Palit. Gurgaon: Penguin Random House, 2018 was discussed on 29th June, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Shri Vinod Rai, Retd. Comptroller and Auditor General. The other discussants were Shri T. N. Ninan, Chairman, Business Standard; Prof. C. Raja Mohan, Strategic Thinker and Columnist, Director Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore; and Shri Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of south Asian Studies, National University of Singapore.

11. "Regional Satraps and the Battle for India Foreign Policy" by Kalyani Shankar. New Delhi, ICWA & Vij House, 2017 was discussed on 13th July, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Shri H. K. Dua, Senior Journalist and Former Rajya Sabha Member. The other discussants were Prof. S. D. Muni, Distinguished Fellow IDSA & Prof. Emeritus, JNU; Prof. Muchkund Dubey, Former Foreign Secretary, President CSD; and Shri K. Raghunath, Former Foreign Secretary.

12. "There's Something in the Air: 70 Life Stories from India and Italy" edited by Lorenzo Angeloni and Maria Elettra Verrone. New Delhi: Juggernaut Books, 2018 was discussed on 23rd July, 2018 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Ambassador of Italy to India, Lorenzo Angeloni. The other discussants were Shri Anil Wadhwa, former Ambassador of Italy, Senior Fellow & Cluster Leader, Vivekananda International Foundation; Shri Aman Nath, Founder & Chairman of Neemrana Hotels; and Ms. Maria Elettra Verrone, First Secretary, Embassy of Italy in India.

13. "Frankenstein or, The Modern Prometheus" by Mary Shelley. Gurgaon, Penguin, 2016 was discussed on 8th August, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Amb. K. P. Fabian, former Diplomat & Foreign Policy Analyst. The other discussants were Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, President, South Asian University; Dr. Promodini Varma, Consultant, South Asian University, Principal (retd.) Bharati College; and Dr. Anjana Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Delhi

14. "All Doors Opened: An Autobiography" by Inder Sharma. New Delhi: Allied Publishers, 2018 was discussed on 29th August, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Shri Vinod Kumar Duggal, IAS, former Home Secretary. The other discussants were Shri Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Indian Railway Board Shri Vinod Zutshi, IAS, former Secretary, Ministry of Tourism; and Prof. (Dr.) Manohar Sajjani, Director Tourism Management Amity Institute of Travel & Tourism.

15. "She Goes to War: Women Militants of India" Rashmi Saksena. New Delhi, Speaking Tiger, 2018 was discussed on 6th September, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Shri M. Maroof Raza, Army Officer (retd.) Consultant and Expert Strategic Affairs. The other discussants were Dr. Ajai Sahani, Executive Director, Institute of Conflict Management; Dr. Sanjoy Hazarika, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative; and Ms. Maya Mirchandani, Ashoka University.

16. “India-China Relations 1947-2000: A Documentary Study” by Avtar Singh Bhasin. 5 Vols. New Delhi: Geetika Press, 2018 was discussed on 20th September, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Amb. Kishan S. Rana, Prof. Emeritus and Senior Fellow at DiploFoundation and Former Indian Ambassador. The other discussants were Amb. Ashok K. Kantha, Former Indian Ambassador to China; Amb. Vijay Nambiar, Former Indian Ambassador to Algeria, Afghanistan, Malayasia, China, Pakistan; and Prof. Alka Acharya, Professor of Centre for East Asian Studies (Chinese Studies) School of International Studies, JNU.

17. “Equity and Access: Health Care Studies in India” edited by Purendra Prasad and Amar Jesani. New Delhi: OUP, 2018 was discussed on 5th October, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ramila Bisht, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences. The other discussants were Ms. Shailaja Chandran, Former Secretary in the Ministry of Health; Prof. Dean Dreze, Honorary Professor, Delhi School of Economics; and Prof. Ravinder Kaur, Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Delhi.

18. “Kama: The Riddle of Desire” by Gurcharan Das. Gurgaon: Penguin Random House, 2018 was discussed on 17th October, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Karan Singh, Indian Politician, Philanthropist and Poet. The other discussants were Prof. Malashri Lal, Prof. of English, DU; Prof. Rukmini Bhaiya Nair, Professor Emeritus (Literature) IIT, Delhi; Ms. Poonam Saxena, Hindustan Times.

19. “Lost Glory: India’s Capitalism Story” by Sumit K. Majumdar. New Delhi: OUP, 2018 was discussed on 12th November, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Shri R. C. Bhargava, Chairman Maruti Suzuki India Limited. The other discussants were Shri Pradip Baijal, Chief, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Retd.); Dr. Chandan Mitra, Journalist; and Shri Paranjoy Guha Thakurta, Journalist.