

## **Invitation to GIGA Talk**

### **A Rising Global Power: How India Sees the World**

#### **Speakers:**

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Dr. Meena Singh Roy (IDSA)

#### **Chair:**

Dr. Sandra Destradi (GIGA)

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India has become a major player in international affairs. It engages in forums like the BRICS summits, it aspires to gain a permanent seat on the UN Security Council, and it is the world's largest arms importer and one of the largest contributors of UN peacekeepers. Yet, not much is known about India's foreign policy priorities and perceptions in Germany. The singular mix of idealism and pragmatism that has characterised Indian foreign policy over the past several decades is puzzling to many Western observers. India has pursued a policy of strategic autonomy and cooperation with different partners – from the United States and the EU to Russia and Iran, to the other emerging powers – without binding itself too closely to any one of them.

Experts from the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), India's most important security think tank and GIGA's partner institute in India, will help us to understand India's foreign and security policy and to gain insights into New Delhi's approach to a range of current international issues. How does India perceive its security environment? What are the consequences of the United States' "pivot to Asia"? What is India's take on recent events in Ukraine? How does India's energy diplomacy shape its relations with countries in the Middle East and Central Asia?

The lectures will be held in English.

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