

New Perspectives on Intercultural Studies
An International Conference in honour of **Prof. Tan Chung**

Venue: Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, 5 R.P. Road

Dates: December 05-06, 2008

PROGRAMME

December 05, 2008, Friday

Inaugural Session: 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Welcome	:	Dr. Radha Banerjee
Introductory Remarks	:	Prof. Patricia Uberoi
Address	:	H. E. Mr. Zhang Yan, Ambassador of PRC
Keynote Address	:	Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty
Address	:	Prof. Shahid Amin
Address	:	Mr. Shiv Shankar Menon, Foreign Secretary
Presidential Address	:	Mr. Chinmaya R. Gharekhan

Tea break: 4:15 p.m.– 4:40 p.m.

Session I: 4:40 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Representations of Cultures: Images and Imaginings

Chair: Prof. Kamal Sheel

Presentations:

Prof. Zhou Ning	:	“Co-orientalizing: Images of China and India in Japan”
Mr. Ravi Boothalingam	:	“Through Sacred China to Xanadu : An Illustrated Lecture”
Prof. Brij Tankha	:	“Asian Imaginings”

December 06, 2008, Saturday

Parallel Sessions II & III

Session II: 9:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Cultural Creativity: Exchange and Dialogue

Chair: Ambassador Vinod Khanna

Presentations:

Prof. Shih Chih-yu	:	“Bridging Civilizations through Nothingness: from Rabindranath Tagore to Nishida Kitaro’s “Place” in Manchuria
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Dr. B. R. Deepak : “Indian Literature in China and Ji Xianlin”
Dr. Ravni Thakur : “Creating a Generation of China Specialists: Prof Tan Chung and Chinese Studies in India”

Session III: 9:15 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Women and Inter-cultural Experiences

Chair: Prof. Patricia Uberoi

Presentations:

Dr. Bidyut Mohanty : “A Pan-Asian Perspective on Women in Rice Culture”
Dr. Sabaree Mitra : “The Chinese Experience of Theorizing Women through Intercultural Dialogue : “Contribution of Li Xiaojiang”.
Dr. Parnal Chirmuley : “What women want’: The Language of Rights in Women’s Magazines”

Tea break: 11:10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Parallel Sessions IV & V

Session IV: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Images and Narratives across Cultures

Chair: Prof. G. P. Deshpande

Presentations:

Prof. Amiya Dev : “Intercultural Studies and Comparative Literature”
Dr. Rimli Bhattacharya : “Overlapping Spaces: Notes on the Verbal and Visual in Chinese and Indian Traditions”
Dr. Heeraman Tiwari : “Texts and Traditions: Reading Indian Intercultural Practices”

Session V: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Inter-cultural Interactions and Trade

Chair: Prof. Brij Tankha

Presentations:

Prof. Jerry Schmidt : “Cultural Understanding and Misunderstanding: James Lloyd Ashbury and China's First Mission to the West.”
Dr. H. P. Ray : “India-China Trade prior to the Influx of the Europeans”
Dr. Madhavi Thampi : “Three Examples of Sino-Indian Cultural Diffusion through Trade in the 19th Century”

Lunch break: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Session VI: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Representations of Cultures: Images, Issues and Visions

Chair: Prof. Jerry Schmidt

Presentations:

Dr. Avijit Banerjee : “Indian Cultural Influence on Ancient China”

Dr. Najaf Haider : “Translating Texts, Straddling Worlds: Issues of Inter-Cultural Communication in the Mughal Empire”

Prof. Patricia Uberoi : “China in *Bollywood*”

Prof. Arttatrana Nayak : “Five Principles in Chinese Philosophical Literature”

Tea break: 3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Concluding Session: 3:50 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Intercultural Interactions in a Globalizing World

Moderator: Ambassador C. V. Ranganathan

Speakers: Prof. J. P. S. Uberoi, Prof. Amiya Dev, Prof. Shail Mayaram, Prof. G. P. Deshpande.

Response : Prof. Tan Chung

Presidential Address :

Concluding Remarks : Prof. Patricia Uberoi

Valedictory Address :

Vote of Thanks : Dr. Sabaree Mitra