



**India International Centre
Max Mueller Marg
New Delhi (India) 110003**

**Governance and Integration through Free Trade Agreements
(GIFTA)**

**Workshop 3: Asian Free Trade Agreements
16-17 November 2015**



Day I: 16th November 2015

9.00 – 10.00 am: Registration (Hall 2, Terrace Peregola, IIC)

10.00 – 11.00 am: Opening Plenary Session

Chair: Sangeeta Khorana (Bournemouth University)

Key Note Speakers:

Manab Majumdar, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
Rajat Kathuria, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations

11.00 – 11.30 pm: Coffee/Tea Break

11.30 – 12.30 pm: Asian Free Trade Agreements: Legal Dimensions – Investment

Chair: Leila Choukroune (Centre for Sciences and Humanities)

Julien Chaisse (Chinese University Hong Kong)
Investment regimes in Asian FTA

Guillaume van der Loo (Centre for European Policy Studies)
Legal and political challenges for the conclusion of the EU-Singapore FTA: an analysis of the agreement's investment (protection) chapter

12.30– 1.30pm: Networking Lunch

1.30 – 3.00pm: Asian Free Trade Agreements: Legal Dimensions – Trade

Chair: Julien Chaisse (Chinese University Hong Kong)

Pallavi Kishore (Jindal Global Law School)
Problems in the Interpretation of Article XXIV of GATT

Prabhash Ranjan (South Asian University)
Saving WTO from Irrelevance: Augmenting the Supervisory Role of WTO on FTAs

James J. Nedumpara (Jindal Global Law School)
Trade Remedies and Preferential Trade Agreements: Need for Fine Balancing

3.00 – 3.30 pm: Coffee/Tea Break (Photo session on lawns of IIC)

3.30 – 5.00 pm: Economics Dimensions - Asian FTAs

Chair: Manoj Pant (Jawaharlal Nehru University)

Somesh Mathur (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur)
Assessment of Proposed India-China Free Trade Agreement: A General Equilibrium Approach

Shailendra Kumar (Ministry of Health, Government of India)
Making FTAs Work in South Asia: A Trade in Services Perspective

Rahul Arora (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur)
Tariff Liberalization under RCEP Trade Agreement and Its Impact on Member Countries: A General Equilibrium Analysis Using GTAP Approach

Day II: 17th November 2015

9.30 – 10.30 am: Panel Discussion –India and Asian Value Chains

Chair: Christian Wagner (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik)

Panellists: Amita Batra, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Anil Bhardwaj, Federation of Indian Micro & Small and Medium Enterprises

10.30 – 11.20 am: Insights into Asian Strategy

Chair: Deb Kusum Das (Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations)

Antara Ghosal Singh (Indian Maritime Institute)
Indian Perspective on China's Charm Offensive in the Developed World

Sarbjit Singh (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur)
Declining Trade Costs and Impact on Bilateral Trade Flows: A Study on Asian Trading Partners

11.20 –11.45 am: Coffee/Tea Break

11.45 am – 1.15 pm: Dynamics of Asian Trade Agreements

Chair: Guillaume van der Loo (Centre for European Policy Studies)

Sandeep Kaur Bhatia (Central University of Punjab)
Can SAFTA be a Successful Free Trade Bloc? Evidence from Asian FTAs

Sohyun Lee (London School of Economics)
A Step Forward to East Asian Regionalism: Comparing Negotiation Approaches of Korea-ASEAN FTA and Japan-ASEAN CEP

Biswajit Nag (Indian Institute of Foreign Trade)
Value Chains between India and ASEAN

1.15- 2.15 pm: Networking Lunch (Photo session on lawns of IIC)

2.15 -3.45 pm: Asian FTAs: Business Opportunities and Procurement Provisions

Chair: Jayathi Ghosh (Jawahar Lal Nehru Uuniversity)

Kavitha Mathad (Institute of Management Bangalore)
India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement Business Opportunities and Challenges: Some Policy Implications

Surabhi Joshi (Indian Institute of Technology Indore)
Impact Estimation of Public Procurement in Trading Agreements

Vijay Rajmohan and Amlan Ray (Amrita University)
Government Procurement as a Negotiation Tool: A study of India's FTAs

3.45 -4.15 pm: Panel Discussion

Ujal Singh Bhatia (WTO Appellate Body member)

Rajeev Kher (Member of Competition Appellate Tribunal and Former Trade Secretary)

4.15 -4.30 pm: Closing Address: *EU Trade Policy 2015*

Maurizio Cellini (Delegation of the European Union to India)

4.30 pm: Closing Remarks

Leila Choukroune (CSH) and Sangeeta Khorana (Bournemouth University)

PRESENTATION GUIDELINES FOR PAPER PRESENTERS:

Time slot for each paper presentation is 30 minutes max. This includes 15-20 minutes presentation by each speaker followed by 10 minutes feedback and discussion on the paper. Please note that feedback will be provided to each presenter by session chair as well as participants.

Please also bring your powerpoint presentation on USB stick and give it to Sneha Kapoor to upload before your session.

Additional Information:

Local contact: Sneha Kapoor (Mobile: + 91 (0) 9899883186)

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Practical Information for Conference

VENUE:

No.40, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi, India 110003

Phone: + 11 2461 9431

Website: www.iicdelhi.nic.in

Map from airport to IIC: <http://maps.google.co.in/maps?hl=en&tab=wl>

TRANSPORTATION / PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Delhi has a bus network and a metro train system. You can also use auto rickshaws which can be flagged down while walking on the road, these are metered. Please note that you may be overcharged if they are not cautious. Taxis are suggested to be the best and can be arranged at the hotel where one is staying. Taxis can be hired for half day (4-5 hrs) or full days (8 hrs). There are also city cabs that run from point to point and are very reliable.

Meru cab service is the city cab service. The number is + 11 4422 4422.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Time Zone**
The time zone in Delhi is GMT + 5:30 hours
- **Telephone codes**
India country code is + 91 and Delhi is +11.

When dialling from within the country, one has to dial 011 when dialling a landline from a mobile and no code if dialling from another landline number. In case one has to call a local STD mobile number, one has to prefix the number with 0.

- **Currency**

The Indian currency is rupee. The present exchange rate is approximately 46.08 rupees to a dollar (currency converter <http://xe.com/ucc/>).

Bank notes are Rs. 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000/-. Coin denominations are Rs.1, 2, 5 and 10. Please note that 50 paisa, is half of a rupee and 25 paisa is one fourth of a rupee.

- **Electric points**

India uses voltage of approx 230v. Its sockets usually have three rounded holes. More details available at: http://users.telenet.be/worldstandards/electricity.htm#plugs_d.

- **Tourism**

There are many places to sightsee in and around Delhi. Details are available at <http://tourism-delhi.com/delhi-sightseeing.html>.

Directions to the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi

Address: India International Centre (IIC), 40 Max Mueller Marg, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi - 110003

Contact Number: 011 - 24619431

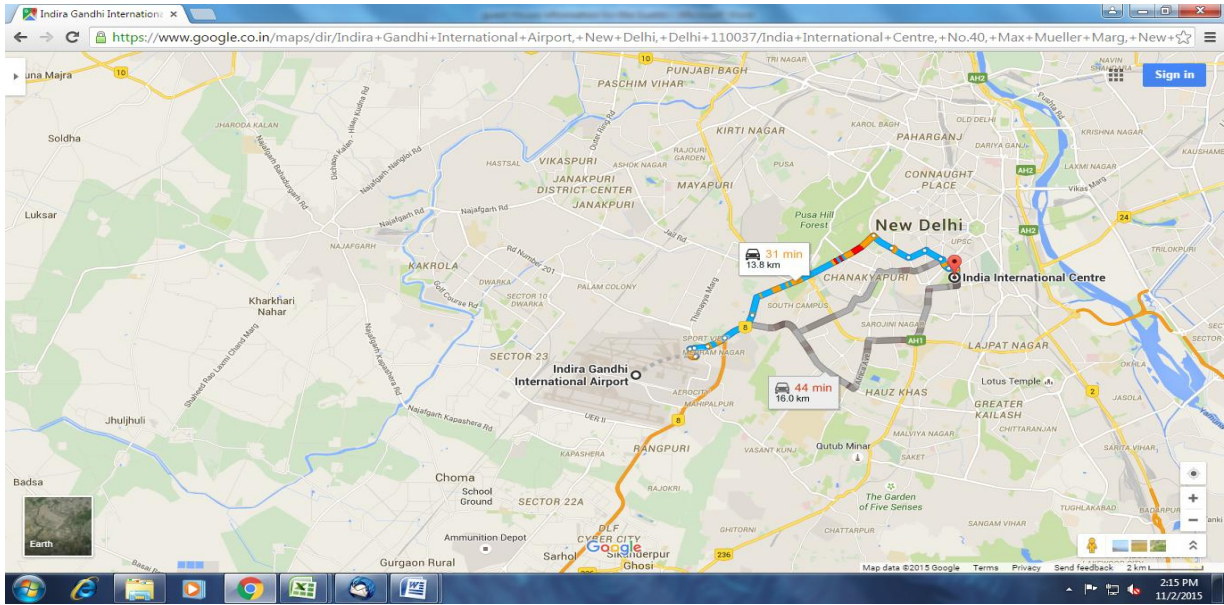
Distance from Indira Gandhi International Airport: 13.8 Kms via NH8

This place can be easily accessed via prepaid taxis available at the airport.

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See Google Map below:

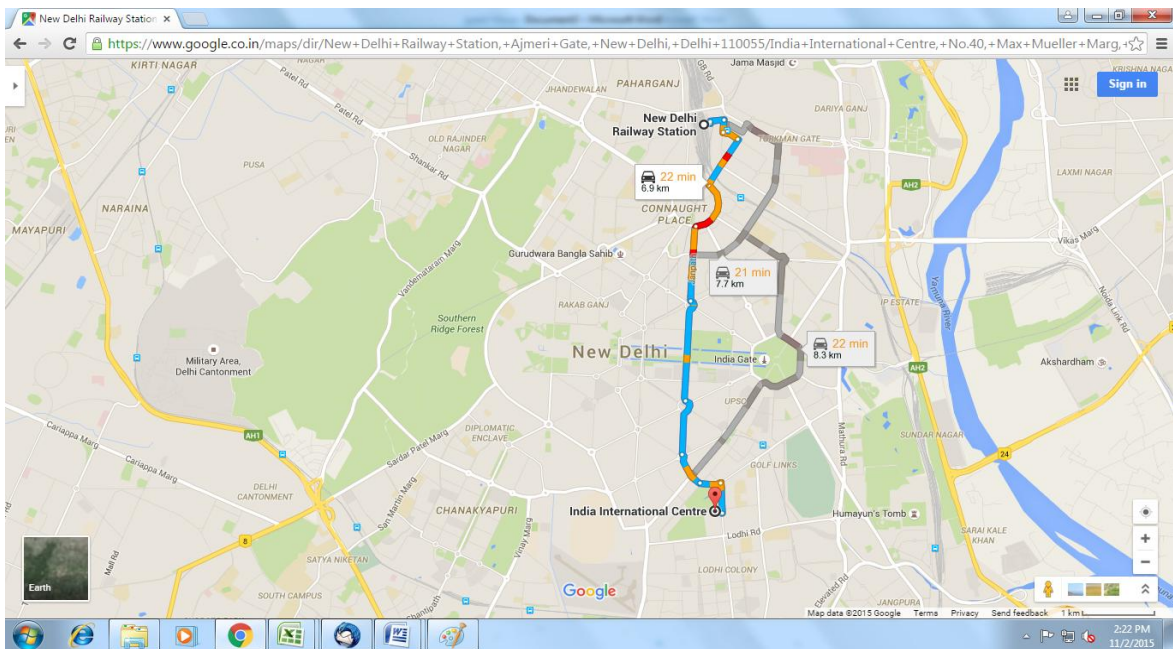
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Distance from New Delhi Railway Station to India International Centre: 6.9Kms via Janpath.

This can be easily accessible via an Auto Rickshaw.

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Commuting With Delhi Metro

From Indira Gandhi International Airport:

- 1) Board metro from T-3 metro station which is the airport's own metro station.
- 2) Get down at New Delhi Metro Station.
- 3) Board the Yellow Line metro going towards Huda City Centre.
- 4) De-board at Jorbagh metro station.

From Domestic Airport:

- 1) Board metro from Delhi Aero City metro station which is the airport's own metro station.
- 2) Get down at New Delhi metro station.
- 3) Board the yellow line metro going towards Huda city Centre.
- 4) De-board at JorBagh metro station.

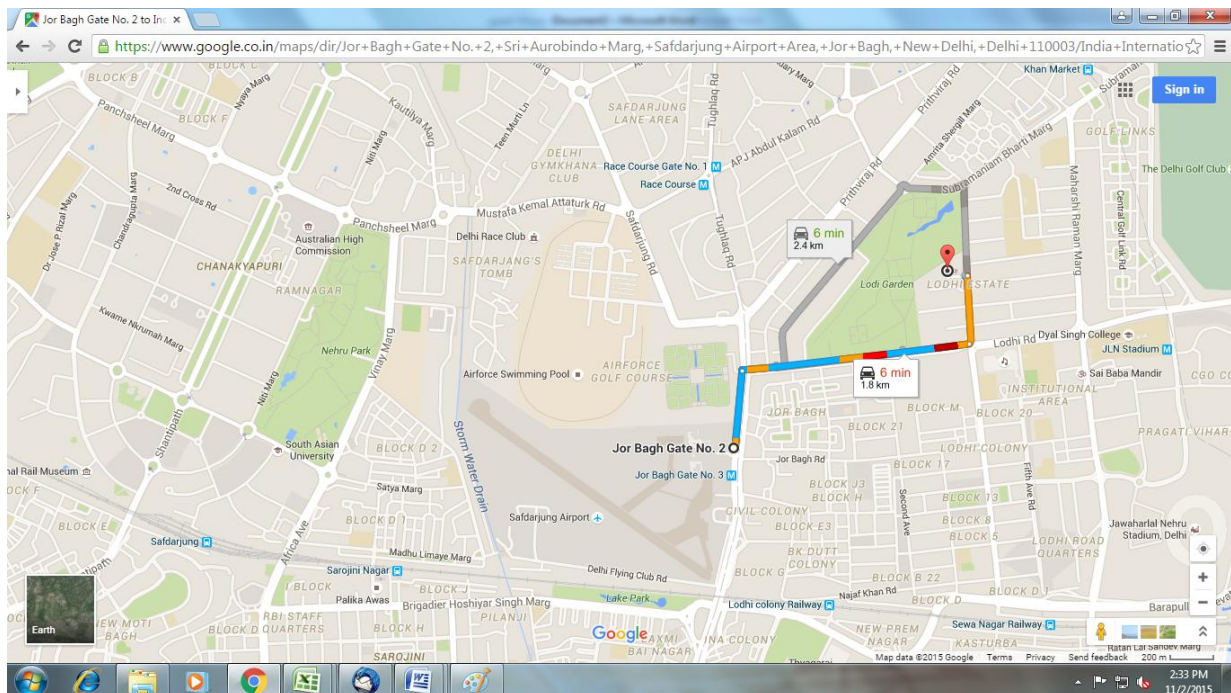
From New Delhi railway station:

- 1) Board the yellow line metro towards Huda City Centre from New Delhi metro station.
- 2) De-board at JorBagh metro station.

Once at JorBagh metro station, you can take an auto-rickshaw further.

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Tourist attractions near The India International Centre:

- Lodi Gardens
- Khan Market
- Gandhi Smriti
- India Gate
- Rajpath