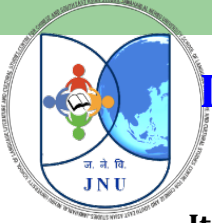


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## ICS-HYI Multi Year Doctoral Fellows from the Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies

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It is a matter of great pride that in the last five years, eight students from the CCSEAS made it to the prestigious Institute of China Studies-Harvard Yenching Institute (ICS-HYI) Multi Year Doctoral Fellowship. The Fellowship was inaugurated in 2014 with an aim to train the next generation of scholars on China studies. The fellowship is awarded to those who are enrolled in the doctoral programme in Indian universities. In the first year, the selected candidate would strengthen Chinese language capabilities in India and thereafter spend one year in a Chinese university and the third year at the HYI in the United States. The CCSEAS congratulate all of them and share their credentials here in the order of the year when they were awarded.

**Severin Kuok** is currently pursuing her Ph.D. from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India in the School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies (SLL&CS). She has done her Bachelor's and Master's degree from the Center for Chinese and South East Asian Studies (CCSEAS) in JNU and was awarded the Vimla Saran Gold Medal for the highest CGPA in MA in Chinese language in 2012. Severin's MPhil dissertation was on the Chinese diaspora community in India under the guidance of Prof. B R Deepak, and she continues to work on the same subject for her doctoral research. She was a member of the editorial and research team for an Encyclopedia of India-China cultural contacts produced under the aegis of the



Governments of India and China in 2014. She qualified the University Grants Commission – National Eligibility Test in June 2012 and has been engaged by the CCSEAS, JNU as a guest faculty since July 2012. Severin's paper titled, "Chinese Diaspora in India: The Impact of 1962 and Search for Identity" was published in the Review of Global Politics, Taiwan (2015). Prior to her current stint in academics, Severin has done her B.Com (Hons.) from Sri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University and has a Diploma in Business Management from New Zealand.

**Madhurendra Jha** 茅笃亮 is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Chinese Studies, Doon University, India. As a recipient of the ICS-HYI fellowship, he was a visiting fellow at Peking University and Harvard University for the academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively.

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His areas of interest are Chinese language, literature and culture. He is pursuing his Ph.D. from CCSEAS, Jawaharlal Nehru University under Prof. B.R.Deepak on the works of the Chinese film director Jia Zhangke. He has also been involved with the India-China Translation Program and the SCO translation project, under which he has published Wang Shuo's 《看上去很美》 (*Looks Beautiful*) in Hindi as *Dikhne Mein Khoobsurat* and Rajinder Singh Bedi's *Ek Chadar Maili Si (Ordained by Fate)* in Chinese as 天意注定. His third book, the Hindi translation of Wang Meng's 《青春万岁》 (*Long Live Youth*) is under publication.

**Shagufta Yasmin** is pursuing her Ph.D. from the Centre of East Asian Studies, School of International Studies at JNU. She has completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Chinese language and literature from the School of Languages, JNU. Her doctoral thesis is on 'China's Environmental Diplomacy: A Study of its Environmental Cooperation with the United States of America and India, 1997-2019'. She has taught Chinese language at the Central University of Jharkhand. She completed her M.Phil research on 'China's Environmental Diplomacy: Negotiations on Climate Change Proposals: 1997-2013', from CEAS, SIS, JNU. She

was one of the recipients of the 2017 ICS-HYI Multi-Year Doctoral Fellowship. As a part of this fellowship, she spent one year (2017-2018) at Central China Normal University, Wuhan.



Also for the next academic year (2018-2019), she worked on her doctoral thesis under the mentorship of Professor Zhang Haibin at the School of International Studies at Beijing University. In the third year (2019-2020) of her fellowship, she worked on her thesis at the Harvard Yenching Institute, Massachusetts under the mentorship of Professor Karen Laura Thornber.

**Md Yasin** is pursuing his Ph.D from the Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. He is also a recipient of Harvard Yenching Institute – Institute of Chinese Studies Multi-Year Fellowship 2018. He primarily focuses on China's UN policy. He has previously taught at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and Apeejay Stya University as an assistant professor (contractual). He was a recipient of MHRD/China Government Scholarship 2014-15 and one of the sponsored attendees of BRICS programme at Fudan University, Shanghai. He studied at Central China Normal University (2018-19) and Peking University (2019-20). He regularly presents at national





and international conferences and seminars. His recent works include *“Post Pandemic Panorama: Chinese Soft Power Through Health Diplomacy”* NIICE Commentary 4051 and *“China’s Twiplomacy Beyond the Great Firewall”*. He has also written for Tamkang University Journal, China Daily and 环球时报. His Ph.D thesis is titled *“Self-Image and China’s Role in UN Security Council and Peacekeeping, 2002 – 2018”*.

**Nishit Kumar** is a Doctoral Candidate at the Centre for Chinese and South East Asia Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. His proposed Ph.D. thesis is entitled *“China and the Nobel Prize: Reception and Impact of the Literature Prize to Mo Yan.”*



His research interests include contemporary

Chinese literature, World literature, Reception studies, Translation studies, Chinese *huaju* (话剧), and the politics of art and literature. He received his B.A. and M.A. in Chinese language, literature and culture from the Centre for Chinese and South East Asia Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. He completed his M.Phil. from the same department and the title of his M.Phil. dissertation is *“Evolution of Huaju (话剧) in Modern China: A Study of Select Works, 1907 -1949”*. In 2018, he was awarded the Institute of Chinese Studies-Harvard Yenching Institute (ICS-HYI) Doctoral Fellowship. He was also a visiting fellow at the Peking University and at the Harvard University in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 respectively.

**Saloni Sharma** holds a Master’s of Arts in Chinese from Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.



Currently, she is pursuing her PhD from BITS Pilani, Goa on Chinese Ecological Thought. She has been awarded with several scholarships and fellowships including the ICS-HYI Fellowship, Junior Research Fellowship, Young India Fellowship and the Erasmus Mundus Scholarship. Her research interests lie in China’s environmental philosophies and governance.

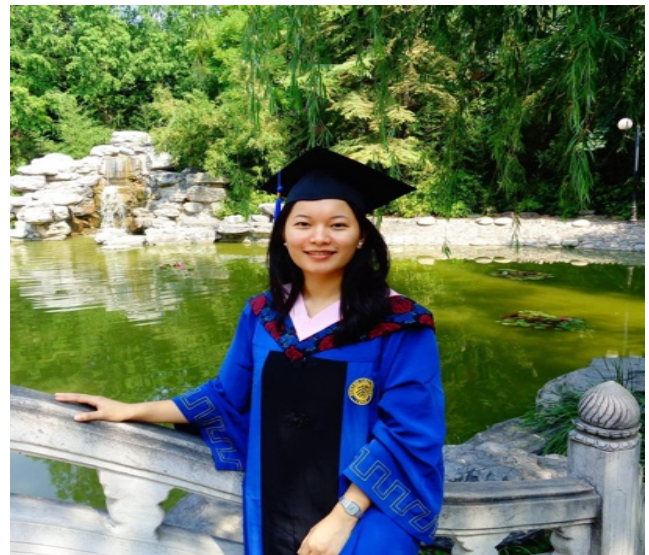
**Shanky Chandra** is a PhD scholar from Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. His research interests include modern and contemporary Chinese Science Fiction.



The title of his PhD thesis is “Socio-Political and Cultural Factors in the Making of Chinese Science Fiction Writer Liu Cixin: Understanding The Three-Body Problem”. Chandra took his B.A. (2011) and M.A. (2013) in Chinese language and literature, and M.Phil. (2016) in Comparative Literature (Dissertation Title: Premchand and Lu Xun: A Comparative Analysis of Two Great Contemporaries, 1918- 1936) from Jawaharlal Nehru University at New Delhi, India. In 2013, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has awarded the Chinese Government Scholarship to Shanky Chandra for Post Graduate Diploma at Beijing Language & Culture University, (Higher level 1 & 2) 2013-2014. Chandra taught Chinese language and literature at St. Stephen’s College (2014-2019), Delhi University. He completed the Advance Mandarin Teacher Training Program from National Taipei University of Education Chinese Language Education Center, Taipei, Taiwan in July 2018. Recently, he spent one year at

Department of Modern and Contemporary Chinese Language and Literature at School of Chinese Language and Literature of Beijing Normal University (BNU) as a senior visiting scholar under the supervision of Prof. Wu Yan (HYI fellowship). He is also a member of the International Forum of Chinese Language Teachers (国际汉语教师微信群) and its official Account e-journal (国际汉语教师 500 强公众号).

**Shubhda Gurung** is a Yenching scholar’15. She holds a Master’s degree in China studies from the Yenching Academy of Peking University, Beijing. She completed her second Master’s degree in Chinese Language, Literature and Cultural Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. As a recipient of the UNESCO - Great Wall Fellowship’18, she spent a years’ stint at the Beijing Language and Cultural University, Beijing as a senior visiting scholar. She has previously worked as a China consultant with the Government of India, New Delhi. Presently, she is a doctoral candidate at



the Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, JNU. She is also a recipient of the Institute of Chinese Studies- Harvard Yenching Institute multi-year doctoral fellowship’20.



## Faculty Honours

**Prof. B. R. Deepak** nominated as Member of the International Advisory Committee, Hainan University China, and Member of the International Advisory Committee, University of Texas and Dallas, USA

## Faculty participation in conferences

### Prof. B. R. Deepak

1. Deepak, B. R. "Translation of Chinese Classics, modern and contemporary works in India: Untranslatability or cultural disequilibrium?" 5<sup>th</sup> Winter School on Foreign Languages UGC-HRDC, JNU New Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020
2. Deepak, B. R. "Sources in Chinese Classical Literature" 5<sup>th</sup> Winter School on Foreign Languages UGC-HRDC, JNU New Delhi on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020
3. Deepak, B. R. "Bridging the gaps in China studies in India" Workshop on China studies in India on 23 January 2020 at IIC, New Delhi
4. Deepak, B. R. Invited lecture on "India-China relations in the Light of Internal & External Dimensions 2019- 2025" at Savarkar Institute of Strategic Studies in Mumbai on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Media articles

1. Deepak, B. R. "डोनाल्ड ट्रंप के भारत दौरे से इस कदर चिढ़ा चीन की मीडिया ने इसको बताया एक 'दिखावा'" 2 March 2020, Dainik Jagran  
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2. Deepak, B. R. "China sarcastic, suspicious about Trump's India visit" Sunday Guardian 29 February 2020  
[https://www.sundayguardianlive.com/opinion/china-sarcastic-suspicious-trumps-india-visit?fbclid=IwAR2G8LAVZfeUFAFH38fTZFuG6yiiNSipcYt-r7kWKVOCbFNYbK6o\\_lJaBhE](https://www.sundayguardianlive.com/opinion/china-sarcastic-suspicious-trumps-india-visit?fbclid=IwAR2G8LAVZfeUFAFH38fTZFuG6yiiNSipcYt-r7kWKVOCbFNYbK6o_lJaBhE)
3. Deepak, B. R. "China and the Coronavirus" interview with KH Phoenix TV 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
<http://share.fengshows.com/article.html...>
4. Deepak, B. R. "Translation of Chinese works in India" an interview with Rongcheng Literature Net 10 January 2020

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