

**INSTITUTE OF SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES  
5<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA  
SOUTH ASIA: BEYOND THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS**

**Wednesday, 4 November 2009  
Grand Ballroom, Level 2, Grand Hyatt Singapore  
10 Scotts Road, Singapore 228211**

**PROGRAMME**

8.45am **Registration and Coffee**

9.30am **WELCOME ADDRESS**  
Ambassador Gopinath Pillai  
Chairman, Management Board  
Institute of South Asian Studies

9.40am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**South Asia: Beyond the Global Financial Crisis**  
Mr K. Shanmugam  
Minister for Law  
Republic of Singapore

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

10.30am **Tea Break**

10.45am **PLENARY SESSION I**  
**SOUTH ASIA OUTLOOK I**  
Chairperson  
Professor Tan Tai Yong  
Director  
Institute of South Asian Studies

**Socio-economic Developments in South Asia: Issues and Outlook**  
Mr Mani Shankar Aiyar  
Former Union Cabinet Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas  
India

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

11.30am **PLENARY SESSION II**  
**REVIVING ECONOMIC GROWTH IN SOUTH ASIA**  
Chairperson  
Dr S. Narayan  
Head of Research and  
Visiting Senior Research Fellow  
Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore

**Role of Financial Institutions in South Asia**  
Professor Dilip M. Nachane  
Director  
Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research  
Mumbai, India

**South Asia Economic Integration: Challenges and Prospects**

Dr Nagesh Kumar  
Chief Economist and Director  
Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division  
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific  
Thailand

**South Asia and Extra-regional Economies: Cooperation versus Competition**

Dr Amitendu Palit  
Visiting Research Fellow  
Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

12.50pm **Lunch**

1.50pm **PLENARY SESSION III  
SOUTH ASIA OUTLOOK II**

Chairperson  
Professor Tan Tai Yong  
Director, Institute of South Asian Studies

**Political Developments in South Asia: Issues and Outlook**

Mr Sartaj Aziz  
Vice-Chancellor, Beaconhouse National University, Lahore; and  
Former Federal Minister for Finance, Planning and Economic Affairs,  
and Foreign Affairs, Pakistan

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

2.35pm **PLENARY SESSION IV  
MEETING SOUTH ASIA'S SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS**

Chairperson  
Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury  
Senior Research Fellow  
Institute of South Asian Studies

**Achieving Global Standards of Governance in South Asia**

Mr Padamvir Singh  
Director  
Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration  
India

**Education Policies in South Asia: Needs and Responses**

Mr Pawan Agarwal  
External Consultant  
Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, India

**Dealing with Environmental Challenges in South Asia**

Dr Atiq Rahman  
Executive Director  
Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

3.55pm **Tea Break**

4.10pm **PLENARY SESSION V  
TACKLING CONFLICTS IN SOUTH ASIA**

Chairperson

Professor Ishtiaq Ahmed  
Visiting Research Professor  
Institute of South Asian Studies

**Prospects for Conflict Resolutions in South Asia**

Dr Dayan Jayatileka  
Former Permanent Representative to the United Nations  
Sri Lanka

**Extremism and Terrorism: Challenges for South Asia**

Professor Rasul Bakhsh Rais  
Professor of Political Science  
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences  
School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law  
Lahore University of Management Sciences  
Pakistan

**The Major Powers and Conflicts in South Asia**

Professor T. V. Paul  
James McGill Professor of International Relations  
Department of Political Science  
McGill University, Canada

**QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

5.30pm **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

Professor Tan Tai Yong  
Director  
Institute of South Asian Studies

5.35pm **End of Conference**

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