National Chengchi University College of International Affairs Center for India Studies Annual Report Academic Year 113

Center Name	Center for India Studies
Director	Chen Ping-kuei
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Participants	**I. Key Personnel**
	(e.g., Executive Director, Advisors, etc.)
	• **On-campus:**
	  ○ Center Director: Associate Professor Chen Ping-kuei, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University
	  ○ Center Researcher: Professor Liou To-hai, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University
	  ○ Center Researcher: Associate Professor Wei Mei-chuan, Graduate Institute of Development Studies, National Chengchi University
	  ○ Center Researcher: Assistant Professor Chen Nai-hua, Department of Ethnology, National Chengchi University
	• **Off-campus:**
	  ○ Center Researcher: Lee Ssu-hsien, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University
	  ○ Center Researcher: Professor Chen Wei-hua, Department of Public Safety, Taiwan Police College

	II. Other Personnel *(e.g., assistants, staff, or contracted personnel)* • **On-campus:** o Assistant: Ho Wei-Hao, Master's student, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University o Assistant: Kuo Shih-Hung, Master's student, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University o Assistant: Chuang Chieh-mei, Master's student, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University
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Work Achievements and Future Work Plan

I. Work Achievements for the Current Academic Year

1. The Taiwan Association of Indian Studies held its annual conference at National Chengchi University on September 28, 2024, with more than 100 participants. The conference received funding support from the National Science and Technology Council and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. The Director of the India Studies Center participated in the **TaiwanPlus Taiwan Talk** news program in the capacity of Director of the Center.
3. The Center hosted two graduate students from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Akshat Mayne and Bharat Joshi, who came to Taiwan for short-term research with support from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC). Akshat Mayne also delivered a lecture in a course offered by the Department of Diplomacy.
4. Three Taiwan Fellows were hosted by the Center during the academic year: Titika Passi, Raj Sharma, and Raosaheb Bawaskar.

The Center also referred another scholar, Sagina Walyat, to Professor Mei-Chuan Wei, who hosted the scholar at the Graduate Institute of National Development.

5. Participated in **The International Forum on the Changing Indo-Pacific Geopolitical Landscape**, organized by the India Studies Center of National Tsing Hua University.
6. Participated in the **Diwali celebration** organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
7. Hosted a delegation of young scholars and opinion leaders from Indian think tanks.
8. Participated in a dinner hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for a delegation from the **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)**.
9. Hosted Indian scholar Titika Passi, who also delivered a lecture in a course.
10. Professor Alka Acharya of the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University delivered a lecture.
11. Professor Nai-Hua Chen of the Department of Ethnology at National Chengchi University joined the Center.
12. Established an independent website for the Center: *Center for India Studies, National Chengchi University*



13. Designed the Center's logo.
14. Wei-Hao Ho, a master's student in the Department of Diplomacy and a research assistant at the Center, participated in the **Raisina Dialogue Student Competition** and presented the results of a collaborative research project to representatives from various countries at the Raisina Dialogue.
15. The Department of Diplomacy hosted Indian scholar Alagu Perumal, who delivered a lecture in a course on political conflicts surrounding India's language policy.

16. Met with Prashan Singh, head of the East Asia Studies program at the **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA)**. He was hosted at the Center for International Relations during the year.
17. The research findings of last year's visiting scholar, Aadil Brar, were published by **Carnegie India**.
18. Invited the Indian scholars hosted by the Center during the current year to organize a **South Asia Round Table** to discuss the political situation following Narendra Modi's re-election.
19. Visiting scholar Raj Sharma published an op-ed in the **Taipei Times**.
20. Jointly applied with Assistant Professor Mithila Bagai of Jawaharlal Nehru University for the National Science and Technology Council's **Taiwan–India International Value-Added Research Project**.

II. Work Plan for the Next Academic Year

1. Visit academic institutions in India, subject to the availability of funding.
2. Publish two articles on India accumulated through research conducted over the past several years.
3. Publish an academic article on India and China in the **BRICS** framework.
4. Collaborate with **The Storm Media** to publish a policy-oriented article on South Asia every three months.
5. Host visiting scholars from South Asia and invite them to deliver lectures and share their expertise in courses at National Chengchi University. In the first semester of 2025, the Center plans to host Chemi Rigzin.
6. Consolidate the Center's research personnel and strengthen academic exchanges with India.
7. Continue serving as a board member of the Taiwan Association of Indian Studies.
8. Participate in the annual conference of the Taiwan Association of Indian Studies.

9. Participate in the India panel organized by the Taiwan Association of Indian Studies as part of the **2025 annual meeting of the International Studies Association**.
10. Seek resources to hire research assistants and provide training for the Center's assistants. As the current assistants are expected to graduate, the Center plans to recruit two additional assistants.

III. Other Activities



Taiwan Association of Indian Studies Annual Conference





Lecture by Titika Passi



The Center hosted a delegation of young scholars and opinion leaders from Indian think tanks and organized a roundtable forum. Ambassador Mu-Min Chen subsequently assumed his post as Taiwan's representative in India shortly after the forum.