

*Centre for Public Policy and Governance ,Ramjas College, University of
Delhi – International Political Science Association (RC-28)*

International Conference

On

Re-thinking Politics, Policy and Governance in Federal Systems: India and the World

Venue: Ramjas College, Conference Hall, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India
November 14-16 , 2013

Day 1

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Registration : 9.00 am

Inaugural Session: 9.30 a.m. - 10.15 a.m.

*Welcome and Chair: Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Chair and Principal, Centre for Public Policy and
Governance, Ramjas College, University of Delhi*

Inaugural Address

Chief Guest: Professor, Dinesh Singh, Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi

Plenary Address: Shri Anil K Agarwal, Chairman, Governing Body, Ramjas College

Introductory Remarks:

Dr. Sonja Walti, Conference Chair, Chair-IPSA RC-28, American University,
Washington, USA

Dr. Rupak Chattopadhyay, President and CEO, Forum of Federations, Canada

Dr. Rekha Saxena, Conference Chair, Department of Political Science, University of
Delhi, and Honorary Vice-Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism (CMF)

**Vote of Thanks: Tanvir Aeijaz, Conference Convener, Ramjas College, University of
Delhi**

Tea: 10.15a.m.-10.45 a.m.

Special Public Lecture: 10.45 a.m.-11.45 a.m.

Address by Prof. Dinesh Singh

Vice- Chancellor , Univ. of Delhi

Introduction: **Zoya Hasan**, Professor, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Inaugural Special Public Lecture

Upendra Baxi

(Former Professor of Law and Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi)

Topic: *'The Place of Rights and Justice in Multilevel Governance'*

Thematic Sessions

Session I: 11.45 a.m.–1.45 p.m.

Theme: Constitutional Design and Institutional Functioning in Federal System

Chairs: **Rupak Chattopadhyay**, CEO, Forum of Federations
Zoya Hasan, CPS, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Discussant: **Badrul Alam**, Professor, Department of Political Science,
Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi

Papers: Democratic Accountability in India's Multilevel Federalism:
Constitutional Design and Institutional Interaction
Balveer Arora, Chairman, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi
The Institutional Design of FDI in India - Problems and Issues
Leila Choukroune, Director, Centre for Sciences and Humaines , Delhi
Probing the Relationship between Authority Migration and
Developments in the Party System in India - a Longitudinal Analysis
(1950 - 2009)
Wilfried Swenden, Associate Professor, University of Edinburgh, UK
Regional Leaders and Regional Parties: What Function do they
Perform in Indian Federal System
Sanjay Kumar, Professor, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies,
Delhi
Union Model of India: A Critical Exploration
Ajay K. Singh, Professor, Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Hamdard,
Delhi

Political Monitoring in a Nested Game: Presidential Rule in Federal India

Thomas D. Lancaster, Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University, USA

Rapporteur: **Amna Mirza**, Assistant Professor, DDU College, University of Delhi

Lunch: 1.45 p.m. - 2.15 p.m.

Session II: 2.15 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

*Theme: Governing Diversity in Federal Systems - I
(Under the Auspices of Centre for Multilevel Federalism, New Delhi)*

Chairs: **Leila Choukroune**, Centre for Science and Humaines, N.Delhi

Balveer Arora, Centre for Multilevel Federalism, New Delhi

Discussant: **Ash Narain Roy**, Director, Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi

Papers: Diversity-claims and Equality-claims in Indian Federalism: Searching for Democratic Intention

Harihar Bhattacharya, Professor, University of Burdwan, West Bengal

Deliberating Diversity: Groups in India's Constitution

Ashok Acharya, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi

Federalism and Decentralization as an Institutional Framework for Celebrating Diversity - Drawing from Ongoing Experiments in South Sudan and Myanmar

Sandeep Shastri, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Jain University, Bangalore

Humane Governance in Jammu & Kashmir: Issues & Concerns

Gull Wani, Director, UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Kashmir, Kashmir

Issues in Ladakh

Navnita Chaddha Behera, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi

Exploring the Demands for New States in India

Ashutosh Kumar, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Punjab, Chandigarh

Rapporteur: **Sri Ram Pandeya**, Assistant Professor, Ramjas College, University of Delhi

Tea: 3.45 p.m.-4.00 p.m.

Session III: 4.00 p.m.-5.30 p.m.

*Theme: Governing Diversity in Federal Systems- II
(Under the Auspices of Centre for Multilevel Federalism, New Delhi)*

Chairs: **Tishyarakshit Chatterjee**, Director, Indian Institute of Public Administration

- Discussant:** **M P Singh**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Multilevel Federalism
A S Narang, Former Professor, Indira Gandhi National Open University
- Papers:** Need for Rethinking Contours of Federalism for More Inclusive and More People-oriented Governance in Jammu and Kashmir
Rekha Chowdhury, University of Jammu, Jammu
Accommodation of Diversity in India
D Raja, Leader, Communist Party of India
Gujarat Model of Governance
Nilanjan Mukhopadhyay, Journalist, India
Minority Culture
Mollica Dastidar, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
Coalitional Federalism and Neighbourhood Policy of India: A Case Study of West Bengal
Pratip Chattopadhyaya, University of Kalyani, West Bengal
Federalism and Cultural Accommodation: Lessons from India and Micronesia
Thomas O. Hueglin, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada
- Rapporteur :** **Pallavi Borgohain**, Assistant Professor, Ramjas College, University of Delhi

Dinner: 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

Day 2
Friday, November 15, 2013

Session IV: 9.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.

*Theme: Joint Policy Process and Service Delivery in MultiLevel Systems
(Under the Auspices of Forum of Federations)*

- Chairs:** **Wilfried Swenden**, Associate Professor, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh, UK
Satyajit Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
- Discussant:** **Paranjoy Guha Thakurta**, Political Analyst, India
- Papers:** Service Delivery in Federal Systems: The German Case
Wolfgang Renzsch, Professor, Monnet Chair of European Studies, Germany
Environmental Governance across Levels of Government
Sonja Walti, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration and Policy, American University, USA
Joint Service Delivery and Reform in Federal Systems
Rupak Chattopadhyaya, President and CEO, Forum of Federations, Canada
Flood Management in Uttarakhand: Recent Experiences

Ravi Dhingra, Former Additional Secretary, Inter-State Council Secretariat

Service Delivery in Rural India: Comparing Devolution Across States
V N Alok, Associate Professor of Finance, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Delhi

Workplace Practice and Diversity in Canada: Employment Policy in Global Modernity

Lesley Alan Jacobs, Professor, University York, Canada and Lorne Foster, Director, Diversity and Human Right Certificate (DHRC), University of York

Rapporteur : **Ashutosh K. Jha, Assistant Professor, B R Ambedkar College, Delhi University**

Tea: 11.30 a.m.-11.45 a.m.

Session V: 11.45 a.m.-1.45 p.m.

Theme: Evaluating Joint Policy Process in India

Chairs: **Kamal Narayan Kabra, Former Professor at Institute of Public Administration**

K. Sudarshan, Dean, Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Discussant: **Ashutosh Kumar, Professor, Punjab University, Chandigarh**

Papers

Federations, Political Dynamics and Policy Pathways: Patterns of Autonomy, Engagement and Resistance
Dolly Arora, Professor of Political Science, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Delhi

Federalism and Education Policy in India and US
Kumar Suresh, Professor, National University for Educational Planning and Administration, Delhi

Federalism and India's Foreign Policy
Shanta Verma, Associate Professor, Department. of Political Science University of Delhi

Environment Policy and Civil Society in India

Subhendu Ranjan Raj, Associate Professor, PGDAVE College, University of Delhi and Fellow, CMF

Are PPPs the Instrument for Transforming Public Services in India?

Tanvir Aeijaz, Assistant Professor, Ramjas College, University of Delhi, and Fellow, CMF

Rapporteur: **Devika Malhotra, Assistant Professor, Ramjas College, University of Delhi**

Lunch: 1.45 p.m. - 2.15 p.m.

Session VI: 2.15 p.m.-4.15 p.m.

Theme: Administrative, Legal and Financial Dimensions of Federal Governance

- Chairs:** **Wolfgang Renzsch**, Monnet Chair of European Studies, Magdeburg University, Germany
Ujjwal K Singh, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
- Discussant:** **Deb K. Das**, Ramjas College, University of Delhi
- Papers** Independent Regulatory Authority
M P Singh, Senior Fellow, Centre for Multilevel Federations and Niraj Kumar, Assistant Professor, Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi
Federalization of Treaty Making Power in India
Rekha Saxena, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
Parliamentary Committee in Federal System,
Rajesh Jha, Assistant Professor, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi
Legal Dimension to Indian Federalism
Khagesh Gautam, Assistant Professor of Law, Jindal Global University, Sonapat
The emerging Dimensions of Distributive Fiscal Politics in India
Chanchal K. Sharma, Assistant Professor, MAC College, Haryana
- Rapporteur :** **Annapurna Sharma**, Assistant Professor, MLN (E) College, University of Delhi

Tea: 4.15 p.m.—4.30 p.m.

Session VII: 4.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.

Theme: Good Governance and Decentralisation in Federal Systems

- Chairs:** **Sonja Walti**, Conference Chair, American University, USA
George Mathew, Chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, Delhi
- Discussant:** **Madhulika Banerjee**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
- Papers** Good Governance Initiatives from the Centre and the States in Post '91 India
Rumki Basu, Professor, Department of Political Science, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi
A Political Perspective on Decentralized Governance
Satyajit Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
INGO decentralization, legitimacy and Multi-level Governance
Francisco Obino, London School of Economics, U K
Small States and Politics of Development: Story of Uttaranchal

Pampa Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh

Urban Governance in North-West Region: A Case Study of Chandigarh

Manoj Tetotia, Assistant Professor, HUDCO Chair Coordinator, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID)

Local Leadership and the Idea of Representation: Exploring Kalinganagar Tribal Movement in Orissa

Biswajit Mohanty, Associate Professor, Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi

Rapporteur : **Devki Nandan, Assistant Professor, Maharaja Agrasen College, Univ. of Delhi**

Dinner: 7.30 p.m. -8.30 p.m.

Day 3

Saturday, 16 November 2013

Session VIII: 9.30 am-12.00 noon

Theme: *Inter-governmental Relations and Conflict Resolution in Federal Systems*

Chairs: **Louise Tillin, Department of Politics, King's College, London**

Bidyut Chakrabarty, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi

Discussant: **Nasreen Chowdhory, Assistant professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi**

Papers: Public Security in the Indian 'Union'

Ajay K Mehra, Director, Centre for Public Affairs

Federalism and Maoist Insurgency in India

Niranjan Sahoo, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, Delhi

Democracy and Armed Struggle

Saroj Giri, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi

Analysing Centre-State Role in Non-implementation of Forest Rights Act

Rajesh Ranjan, Social Activist

Vulnerabilities of Checks and Balances in Indian Federalism: The Case of the Adarsh Society Scam in Mumbai

Vaidehi Tandel, Reseach Scholar, University of Mumbai, Mumbai

Governmental Arrangements to Protect Migrant Workers' Human Rights: An Indian Experience

Pradipta Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, HMM College for Women, Dakshineswar, West Bengal

Rapporteur : Avantika Singh, Ph.D Scholar, University of Delhi

Tea: 12.00 noon - 12.15 p.m.

Session IX: 12.15 p.m. -2.15 p.m.

Theme: Comparative Federalism: Country Case Studies

- Chairs:** Harihar Bhattaharya, Professor, Burdwan University
Dalbir Singh, Secretary, All India Congress Committee
- Discussant:** Gul Wani, Professor and Director, UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of Kashmir Studies, University of Kashmir
- Papers:** Syrian Version of Arab Spring: Implication of the Region
S A M Pasha, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi
Federalism in Pakistan
Veena Kukreja, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
Federalism in Australia
Christine El-Khoury, Audience Producer, Q and A, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Sydney
The Constitutional-Design options for state formation in Palestine
Nahed Odeh, University of South Wales, Australia
The Provision of Secession in Multi-ethnic Federal Constitution: A case study of Ethiopia
Samuel, University of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Federal Practices in India and Brazil
Aparajita Kashyap, Assistant Professor, Guru Govindsingh Indraprastha University
The Advisory Rule of the Supreme Court of India: Lessons from the Canadian Experience with Judicial Advice as Statecraft
Radha Krishna Persaud, University of York, Canada
- Rapporteur :** N C M Robinson, Research Scholar, University of Delhi

Lunch: 2.15 p.m. - 2. 45 p.m.

Valedictory Session: 3.00 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.

- Chair:** *Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Principal, Ramjas College, University of Delhi, and Chair, Centre for Public Policy and Governance*
- Valedictory Address:**

Shri Manish Tewari
Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India

Concluding Remarks:

*Dr. Sonja Walti, Conference Chair, Chair IPSA RC-28,
Washington University, USA*

*Dr. Rupak Chattopadhyay, President and CEO, Forum of
Federations*

*Professor Walgang Renzsch, Monnet Chair of European Studies,
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High Tea: 4.30

Dinner: 7.30-8.30