India has emerged as a major economic power and is actively looking to strengthen its role in and ties to the global economy while stimulating domestic growth. As India works to further develop its economy, issues concerning intellectual property rights and innovation policies have increasingly appeared in national and international discussions. Major economies across the Asia-Pacific have large stakes in India’s development and in the ways in which Indian policy affects innovation and the competitive landscape in global markets. How and to what extent India, the United States, and other leading economies are able to work together to address these issues will have critical implications for sustaining healthy environments for investment, market innovation, economic growth, and closer overall strategic ties.

2:00–2:30 p.m.  
Registration and Light Refreshments

2:30–3:10 p.m.  
Inaugural Session

Chair:
NITIN DESAI  
Chairman, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University;  
Former Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

Welcome and Introduction
PRAVAKAR SAHOO  
Associate Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University

MANOJ PANDA  
Director, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University

ROY KAMPHAUSEN  
Senior Vice President for Research, The National Bureau of Asian Research

Special Address
RAJIV KUMAR  
Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research;  
Founding Director, Pahle India Foundation

Concluding Remarks by the Chair
3:10–4:30 p.m.  

PANEL ONE: Innovation and Economic Growth in India

Over the past two decades, India has undergone an important economic transformation, characterized by large-scale policy reform, rising competitiveness among domestic industry, and a significant influx of foreign capital. Yet in recent years, India’s real economic growth has failed to keep up with levels needed to sustain overall development, while international stakeholders have expressed concerns about the trajectory of India’s innovation policies and IP protections. This has raised questions about what further changes are needed to India’s IP and innovation policies in order to raise Indian competitiveness and increase foreign direct investment. With this in mind, this panel will examine India’s IP and innovation policies in the context of the country’s ongoing economic growth efforts. Specifically, how does IP and innovation fit into India’s efforts to stimulate economic growth and increase trade and investment ties? What reforms has the Modi administration made regarding IP and innovation, and how effective have these reforms been? How does industry view India’s evolving IP environment? What are the central concerns that still exist for stakeholders on both sides, and in what sectors have stakeholders successfully addressed concerns regarding IP and investment?

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Co-Chair:

CLARA GILLISPIE  
Director of Trade, Economic, and Energy Affairs, The National Bureau of Asian Research

Panelists:

R. GUHA  
Head of Corporate Business Development, Wipro

PRADEEP AGRAWAL  
Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University

CHANDNI RAINA  
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Former Director, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

ROY KAMPHAUSEN  
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Concluding Remarks by the Co-Chair

4:30–4:40 p.m.  

Tea Break
PANEL TWO: Perspectives on IP and Innovation in India

This panel will offer different regional, industrial, and sectoral perspectives on IP and innovation in the Indian context. Globally, what are the major sectors that experience IP issues? What are the IP and innovation issues that are specific to each affected sector, and what are elements of common concern? How does industry within India view IP protection issues? What are the experiences from the pharmaceuticals sector? More broadly, how do IP policies influence investment climates and create innovative economies? What are the components of successful IP and innovation policies, and how do such policies support domestic efforts to stimulate economic growth?

Chair:

SUBIR GOKARN
Director, Brookings India;
Former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India

Panelists:

AMIT KAPOOR
President and Chief Executive Officer, India Council on Competitiveness

UDAY BHANU SINHA
Professor, Delhi School of Economics

BHASKAR BHATTACHARYA
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PRAVAKAR SAHOO
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Concluding Remarks by the Chair

5:50–6:00 p.m.

Conclusion

CLARA GILLISPIE
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PRAVAKAR SAHOO
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Hors d’oeuvres and reception to follow
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