



**DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES,  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI (IITG)  
AND  
INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN & PACIFIC STUDIES**

**Announce**

**The 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Conference of IAAPS**

**at**

**Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**

**November 05 to 06, 2026**

Dear Colleague,

I have the honor to invite you to the Thirteenth Biennial International Conference (Hybrid Mode) of the Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies to be held under the auspices of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati.

**The Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG)** came into existence in 1994 as an institution of national importance in the aftermath of the historic Assam Accord, 1985. The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) started functioning with the engineering branches. Over the years, HSS has evolved into a multidisciplinary department. HSS offers PhD programs in eleven different disciplines such as Political Science, Economics, English, Linguistics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, History, Archaeology, Geography and Development Studies. In 2009, the Department introduced the post-graduate program in Development Studies. In accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP), the Master's program in Liberal Arts was introduced in 2022 to meet the growing demand for multifaceted higher education and research. Within the department, the Political Science discipline has a very strong focus on areas in both teaching and research in International Relations (IR), Comparative Politics, India's Foreign Policy, Diplomacy, Security Studies, Area Specific Political Studies, Indian Politics and Political Theory. Together, the faculty in Political Science and research scholars in the Discipline foster research that is grounded in theory and empirical studies.

**The Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies** is a non-profit, non-governmental registered organization (under Act XXVI of 1961, Government of West Bengal, India) devoted to academic activities on Asian and Pacific regions. The Association promotes research, conference, seminar, lecture programs and understanding of different Asian & Pacific regions in its cultural, social, political and economic scenario. The Association is a forum for scholars engaged in Area Studies to carry out social science-oriented studies, which are to some extent inter- regional and inter-societal comparative studies. This Association in its history of more than two decades has organised many prestigious national and international Seminars, Lectures and Conferences.

This Thirteenth Biennial International Conference will be a meeting point of scholars working on Asian & Pacific Studies. We expect participation of scholars from all regions of Asia to enrich the already established network between Indian scholars & scholars across Asia-Pacific regions. We would request you and other colleagues who are members/intend to become members of the Association to make it convenient to attend this conference and contribute to its success.

## **Theme, Panels, Keynote Speaker**

**Theme: Reimagining Indo-Pacific Region: Shifting Perspectives**

### **Panels**

- Making of identities: History, culture, and contemporary linkages
- Policies and practices: Facets of regional cooperation
- Gender and Society: The Indo- Pacific scenario
- India and her Neighbours: History, Polity and Society.
- *Vikshit Bharat 2047*: Opportunities and challenges

### **Special Panel**

**'Northeast India and the Indo-Pacific: Strengthening Trade, Connectivity and Sustainability'**

### **Keynote Speaker:**

**Harsh V. Pant**, *Vice President, for Studies and Foreign Policy, Observer Research Foundation*

### **Chief Guest:**

**Amb. Anil Wadhwa**, *former Indian Foreign Service Officer and Distinguished Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation, Delhi*

### **Valedictory Speaker:**

**Parul Pandya Dhar**, *Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi*

## Dates for Submission of Abstract and Paper:

Both abstract & full text papers are to be submitted by e-mail and in word format only.

07/06/2026	Last date for abstract submission (word limit 200 words)
21/06/2026	Abstract acceptance notification via email.
31/07/2026	Last date for full paper submission (Word Limit – 3000 including End notes)

### How to join the Conference?

A member of the Association as well as non-members can join the Conference by paying the requisite Registration and Local Logistic Fees. Members are to clear their dues till the financial year 2026-2027 & they are requested to pay it positively before -June 7, 2026. For details about membership, please visit the website of the Association ([www.iaaps.org.in](http://www.iaaps.org.in)).

**All payment of IAAPS membership should be made online to Account named- “Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies”, Account No. 07510100006357 on UCO Bank, Hazra Road, IFSC Code UCBA0000582. After payment, please send a screenshot of your payment evidence to the WhatsApp of Prof Lipi Ghosh. Her WA is -9831134870.**

***Please note: We do not accept any outstation cheque.***

**The mode of Payment for the Conference Registration fees will be intimated after acceptance of abstract only.**

The mode of payment for the Local Logistics fees will be intimated in **Circular II**.

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