

ONLINE WORKSHOP

THE AFGHAN DEBACLE

Deconstructing Foreign Policy, Security, Terrorism, and
International Law

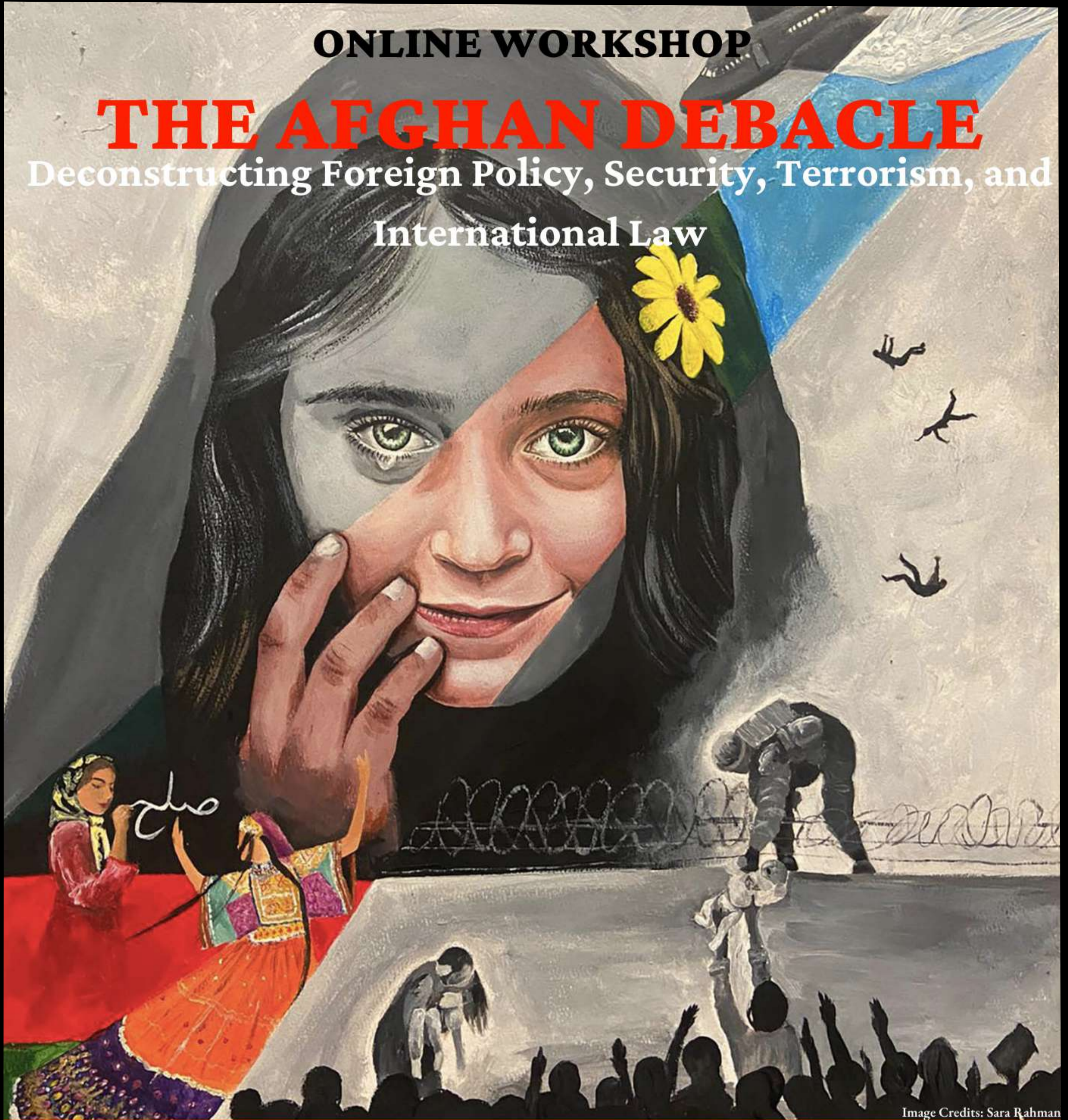


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About the Workshop

In August 2021, the retreat of the United States from its longest war in history has opened gates to several changes and challenges in the global geopolitical environment. The fall of Kabul into the hands of the Taliban or the Islamic Emirate has prompted many questions among the global communities ranging from International Security, Human Rights, Terrorism, and Militant Competition, among others. Therefore, International academia and the strategic community have naturally shifted conversations and research towards what is now dubbed as the 'New Great Game'. As pointed by renowned academicians, these developments in Afghanistan are never an endgame, but a game in progress. The workshop is a humble effort to deconstruct the Afghan crisis to equip young minds on the nuances of major geopolitical developments in Afghanistan and their implications for India's Foreign Policy. This program shall ensure the delivery of a series of lectures from experts on the ongoing crisis in Afghanistan ranging from issues on Foreign Policy, Terrorism and Militant Competition, Human Rights, Gender, and International Law among others.

About IFPD

Indian Forum for Public Diplomacy (IFPD) is a Not-for-Profit, Non-Partisan think-and do-tank run by students from all over India to aid foreign policy thinking through young academia. In an era in which Foreign policy has to be rooted in the landscape of people, Diplomacy is no more a government- to-government engagement. The idea of Public Diplomacy (PD) advocates a participatory Foreign Policy and reform process. By putting Foreign policy in the landscape of people, the forum engages to bring forth initiatives to drive foreign policy and reform through national and international citizens, encourage civilian-led Strategic Studies and, enhance people to people relations through research, opinion, dialogue, discourse, and debate to catalyze a new consensus to the world and enhance Indian Public Diplomacy.

About International Law and Policy Society, National Law University Odisha

In this era of Globalization, the importance of International Law has increased manifold. Globalization challenges many of the traditional assumptions about International Law, its relationship to domestic law, how it is created, and the methods of its enforcement. Among other things, the International Law and Policy Society (ILPS) of National Law University Odisha (NLUO), Cuttack, India engages in cutting edge research and study of the normative and institutional implications of this challenge and its theoretical and practical ramifications in a variety of fields encompassing the regulation of trade and investments, protection of human rights, international criminal responsibility of individuals, security and environmental governance, etc. ILPS has been established to provide thorough research, working papers, publications, seminars, webinars, conferences, projects, and engagement, a platform for intellectual dialogue on contemporary issues of International Law and Foreign Policy. The emphasis of this society is on Public International Law, International Affairs, and Foreign Policies of different countries. The society aims to engage with various stakeholders such as Scholars, Universities, Policymakers, Think Tanks, and Intergovernmental Organizations.

Eligibility & Requirements

- Attendees can be from any background or field of study. The event is open for all.
- IFPD nor ILPS shall charge any fee from any of its applicants for this workshop.
- Applications are open from **02nd December 2021 to 09th December, 2021**.
- Candidates need to fill the appropriate Google form to confirm their participation.
- The maximum intake shall be 250 and shall be served on a first come first serve basis.
- Candidates will receive a certificate upon the successful completion of the Workshop.
- Candidates need to fill a Google form after each lecture. These response sheets shall be recorded for attendance as well review of each lecture delivered.

- Candidates need to attend at least 80% of the lectures to receive the certificate.
- Interested candidates must fill the form for registration here :
<https://forms.gle/ydFuUT7bL1dDE3m87>

Program Schedule

- The event shall be conducted online via zoom platform between the dates 10th–12th December, 2021 & 17th–19th December, 2021.
- The login details and link for the sessions shall be shared after registration.

DATE	TIMINGS	TOPIC & SPEAKERS
DAY 01 <u>10th December, 2021</u> <u>Friday</u>	4:30 PM to 5:00PM IST	Inaugural Session In the august presence of 1. Vice-Chancellor/Registrar/ Faculty Advisor ILPS, NLUO 2. Convenor/ Co- Convenor ILPS 3. Founder/Director, Indian Forum for Public Diplomacy (IFPD)
	5:00 PM to 6:00 PM IST	Lecture 01 Afghanistan's Taliban Conundrum: Background and Geopolitical Realities <u>Speaker</u> Mr. Gazi Hassan, Research Scholar, Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR)

DAY 02

11th December, 2021
Saturday

5.00PM to 6.00 PM IST

Lecture 02

Strategic Dimensions of
Warfare & Terrorism in
Afghanistan

Speaker

Mr. S. Rohit Sai Narayan,
Founder- Director,
Indian Forum for Public
Dilpomacy (IFPD)

DAY 03

12th December, 2021
Sunday

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM IST

Lecture 03

India-Afghanistan Relations -
Past, Present & Future

Speaker

Amb. Gautam Mukhopadhaya,
Former Ambassador to
Afghanistan, Syria and Myanmar

DAY 04

17th December, 2021
Friday

11.30 AM to 12:30 PM IST

Lecture 04

Gender, Conflict & Justice
Initiatives - A Case Study
of Afghanistan

Speaker

Prof. (Dr.) Saumya Uma,
Professor and Director of
Centre for Women's Rights,
O.P Jindal Global University

DAY 04

8.30 PM to 9.30 PM IST

17th December, 2021
Friday

Special Session with

Ms. Humaira Rasuli,
Afghan Human Rights
Lawyer & Co- Founder
and Executive Director of
Women for Justice (WJO)
Afghanistan

DAY 05

5.00 PM to 6.00 PM IST

18th December, 2021
Saturday

Lecture 05

The Afghan Crisis through
the lens of International
Law

Speaker
Dr. Srinivas Burra,
Associate Professor,
South Asian University

DAY 06

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM IST

19th December, 2021
Sunday

Lecture 06

'The New Great Game',
Afghanistan and the Stan
Countries (Panel Discussion)

Speakers
Dr. Vivek Mishra,
Research Fellow,
Indian Council for
World Affairs (ICWA)
&
Mr. Shreyas Deshmukh,
Research Associate,
Delhi Policy Group (DPG)

DAY 06

19th December, 2021
Sunday

6:30 PM-7.30 PM IST

Lecture 07

India's Afghan
Diplomacy at works:
Outlooks, Challenges &
Prospects (Panel
Discussion)

Speakers

Amb. Ashok Sajjanhar
(Retd.), Former
Ambassador to
Kazakhstan, Sweden,
and Latvia
&
Amb. Neelam Deo
(Retd.), Former
Ambassador to
Denmark and Côte
d'Ivoire

Vote of Thanks

Distinguished Speakers



Ambassador Neelam Deo is the Co-Founder of the Mumbai based think tank-Gateway House, and has served as the Indian Ambassador to Denmark and Ivory Coast with concurrent accreditation to Niger, Guinea, and Sierra Leone. She has also served in the Indian embassies in Rome, Bangkok, and Washington D.C., where she liaised with the U.S. Congress, the State Department, and the National Security Council on strategic issues. She is an invited speaker on strategic issues and India-U.S. relations at numerous think tanks and universities, in India, Europe and the United States. Apart from her articles and commentaries written exclusively for Gateway House, Ambassador Deo occasionally writes for mainstream publications and is a frequent commentator for television news channels.



Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar, is a career diplomat and had served as Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden and Latvia, as well as Secretary/Principal Executive Officer of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, an autonomous Organisation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. He has also held several significant positions in Indian Embassies in Washington DC, Moscow, Brussels, Geneva, Bangkok, Teheran and Dhaka. Ambassador Sajjanhar also frequently writes and speaks on issues relating to international relations and Indian foreign policy.



Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhaya is a retired Indian Foreign Service Officer who had previously served as Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Syria. Notably, he was instrumental in reopening the Indian Embassy in Kabul in November 2001 as Charge d’Affairs after the ouster of the Taliban in Afghanistan and returned there as India’s Ambassador to Afghanistan from July 2010 to May 2013. Ambassador Mukhopadhaya has also worked at the UN Headquarters in New York as a Consultant on Social Development (September 1999–August 2000) and as a Visiting Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington DC, (October 2009–March 2010). Post retirement, he has served as an Advisor to the NITI Forum for the North East and head of a CII Task Force on Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam. He is currently Senior Visiting Fellow at the centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.



Mr Gazi Hassan is a Research Scholar of International Politics. He has an MPhil in International Studies from MMAJ Academy of International Studies in Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi. He was previously associated as Senior Research Associate with CPPR- Centre for Strategic Studies. Mr. Hassan's research focuses on Indo-Pacific, particularly exploring geopolitical dynamics, developments related to trade, terrorism, the role of various actors and the security dynamics of the region. He has also worked as a researcher at the Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi and has been contributing articles to South Asia Democratic Forum (SADF), Brussels and various online platforms like Foreign Policy News (US), The Quint, among many others.



Mr. Rohith Narayan is the founder, director of the Indian Forum for Public Diplomacy (IFPD) and is presently working at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF). He is a Research Fellow at the QUAD Public Diplomacy Forum, Global Policy Insights (GPI), and combines research expertise in the area of Terrorism, Militant Competition, Game Theory and Strategic interaction, among others. Rohith's research focuses on Strategic dimensions of competitive political violence and his regional interests include the Stan countries (Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Central Asian Republics). He is currently pursuing his UG in Law and holds a diploma in International Affairs and Diplomacy.



Dr Srinivas Burra is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi. Earlier he worked with the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization and the International Committee of the Red Cross. His research and teaching areas include international law, critical international law theories, international humanitarian law, international criminal law, international refugee law and law of the sea. He has several publications to his credit. He is a member of the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law.



Dr. Shreyas Deshmukh is a Research Associate with the National Security Program at Delhi Policy Group, a think tank in New Delhi, India. Prior to joining DPG, he worked with MitKat Advisory Services as a geopolitical risk analyst and Research Assistant at the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS). He holds a master's degree in Defense and Strategic Studies from the University of Pune. He frequently writes on the geopolitical developments in Afghanistan and Pakistan. His academic focus is socio-political and security issues in South Asia.



Dr. Vivek Mishra is Research Fellow at Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi. He is Assistant Professor, International Relations at the Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata (en lien). He was a Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Scholar at the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace, School of International Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York for the academic year 2015-2016.



Ms. Humaira Rasuli is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Women for Justice Afghanistan (WJO). She is an Afghan human rights lawyer and an instrumental force behind some of the most landmark reforms for women's rights in Afghanistan in the last two decades. Humaira started as a social activist at the age of 16 years old when she was refugee in Pakistan. After the US invasion in 2001, she returned back to Afghanistan and later led a prominent women's rights NGO, Medica Afghanistan for 17 years. To improve women's access to justice, Humaira set up critical network with the President's Office, First Lady's Office, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Justice, Attorney General's Office, Ministry of Women Affairs, Women's Prisons, Women's shelters and Police districts. Humaira Rasuli has received several national awards for her work and outstanding contributions to the women's movement in Afghanistan. Humaira is admitted to practise as an attorney in Afghanistan.



Dr. Saumya Uma is a Professor of Law and the Director of Centre for Women's Rights at Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, India. She has over 27 years' combined experience as an academic, legal practitioner, researcher, writer, trainer, campaigner and consultant, working at the intersections of gender, human rights and the law in Indian and international institutions. Notably, she worked as the National Coordinator of ICC-India: the Indian campaign on International Criminal Court – from 2002 to 2010, during which time she organized and spoke in innumerable awareness raising programmes in several states of India. Prof. Uma has also been active in domestic law reform initiatives, where she and others attempted to bring home international standards including concepts and principles in the Rome Statute. To mark the twentieth year of ICC's functioning, The Wire (an online news portal based in India) published a series of eight articles authored by her, evaluating the ICC's performance, in August-September 2021. Prof. Uma is currently co-authoring a feminist rewriting of an ICC judgment, as part of the 'Feminist judgments and the ICC' research project, initiated by feminist academics of Australian universities and supported by the Australian Research Council.

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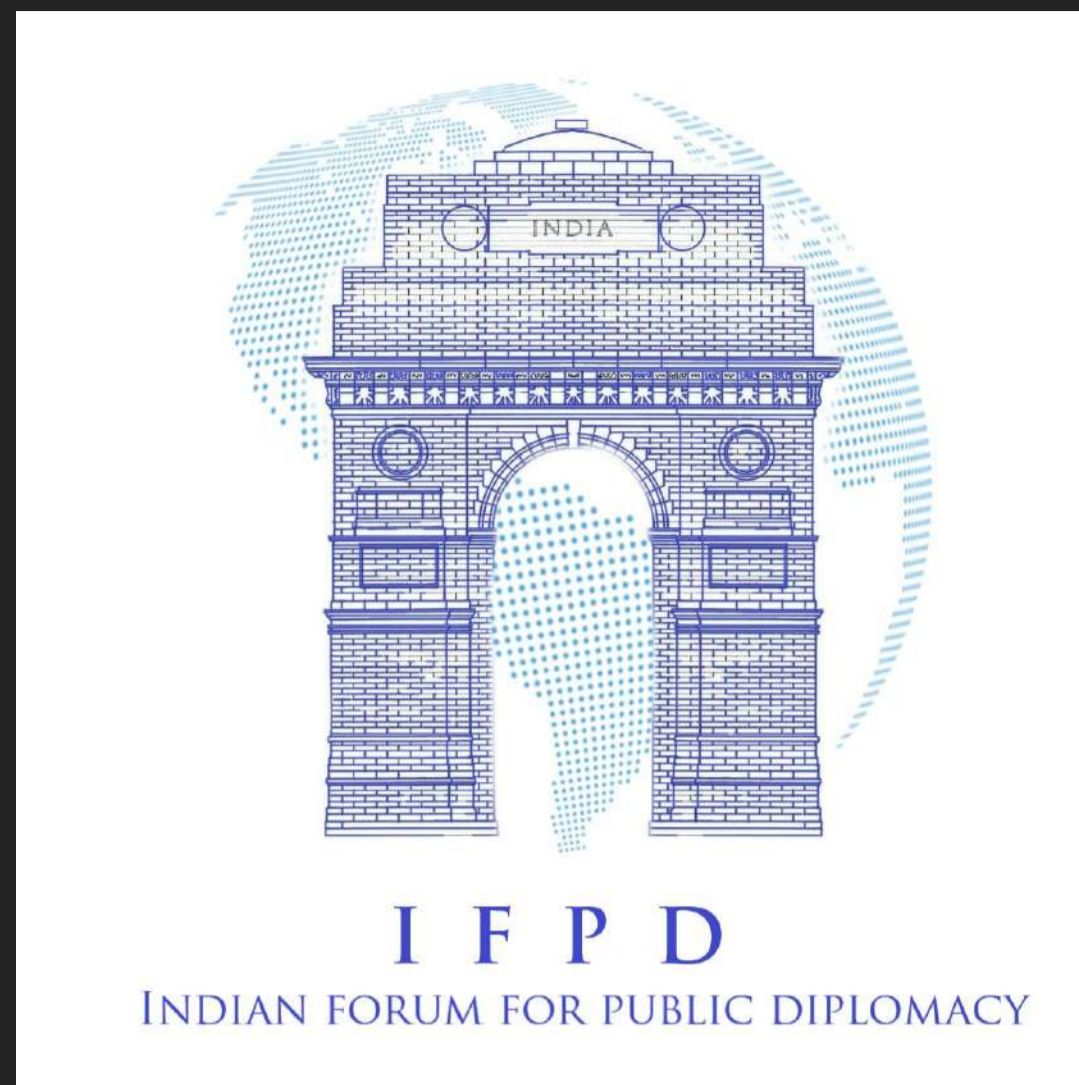
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