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## India and the United States: A Strategic Partnership

### Summary

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The 2009 nuclear agreement between the United States and India transformed relations between the two countries, further advanced by new economic, cultural and social ties. In the months after the two countries concluded the nuclear agreement, the Obama administration and the government of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh committed themselves to further developing their bilateral relations. In July 2009, Indian External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met in New Delhi and pledged that the two states would develop an enhanced strategic partnership. They met again on June 3, 2010 in Washington.

On June 4, Foreign Policy at Brookings and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry hosted a conference to explore the content and purpose of this partnership as seen from Washington and New Delhi. This event focused on two dimensions: the overlap and intersection of American and Indian policies in Asia and the impact of growing economic ties. Panelists discussed the future direction of the U.S.-India relationship and U.S. and Indian strategic interests in Asia. The event was part of a new South Asia initiative at Brookings that focuses on the interconnected issues facing this vital region today.

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### EVENT AGENDA

#### 9:00 AM - Welcome and Introduction

Martin S. Indyk

Vice President and Director, Foreign Policy

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**Rajan Bharti Mittal**

President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

**Bill Burns**

Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State

**Nirupama Rao**

Indian Foreign Secretary

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**9:45 AM - Panel 1: American and Indian Strategic Interests in Asia**

**Co-Moderator and Discussant: Lalit Mansingh**

Former Indian Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to the United States

**Co- Moderator and Discussant: Frank Wisner**

Former U.S. Ambassador to India

**Marshall Bouton**

President, Chicago Council on Global Affairs

**Gautam Adhikari**

FICCI Fellow, East-West Center

**Kenneth G. Lieberthal**

Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Global Economy and Development, John L. Thornton China Center

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## 11:10 AM - Panel 2: The Impact of New Economic Ties on the Overall U.S.-India Strategic Relationship

**Co- Moderator and Discussant: Amit Mitra**

Secretary General, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

**Co- Moderator and Discussant: Thomas Pickering**

Former Under Secretary of State

**Eswar Prasad**

Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development

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**Arvind Panagariya**

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development

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**Teresita Schaffer**

Director, South Asia Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia

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### 1:30 PM - Panel 3: Where is the U.S.-India Strategic Relationship Headed in the Coming Year?

Co- Moderator and Discussant: Kanwal Sibal

Former Indian Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to Russia and France

Foreign Policy, " itemprop="jobTitle" /> Co- Moderator and Discussant: [Stephen Cohen](http://www.brookings.edu/experts/cohens.aspx)

Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy

**Jonah Blank**

Policy Director for South Asia, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

**Edward Luce**

Washington Bureau Chief, *Financial Times*

**Karl F. Inderfurth**

Director, Graduate Program in International Affairs, George Washington University

Former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs

**Ajay Shankar**

Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi

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**Details**

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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM EDT

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**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**

Root Room

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