

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**International Conference**  
on  
**Emerging Horizons in India-Vietnam Relations**  
**3-4 July, 2017**

Venue: Seminar Room, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

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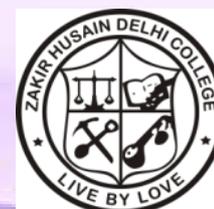
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**CONCEPT NOTE**

Given the cultural-religious linkages between the countries of India and Vietnam, based on their closer association with the historical kingdoms and the impact of Buddhist philosophy to the anti-imperialist struggle during the colonial rule and foreign intervention during the Second World War and thereafter, both the countries have developed closer ties and a common destiny. These have added to a deeper bonding between the people of the two countries. The year 2017 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the India-Vietnam diplomatic relations which began on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1972. In this commemorative year of its diplomatic ties with India, academic interventions and introspection by the policy makers becomes vital to rebuild synergies and reinvigorating ties between the two countries.

From 'strategic partnership' in 2007 to a 'comprehensive partnership' in 2016, the two countries have built up synergies for a deeper cooperation between them. These have been envisaged in a multi-faceted and a multi-sectoral cooperation in political, economic, security, defense, science and technology, education, health, agriculture, tourism and building up a closer cultural contact between the people of the two countries. In recent years, cooperation in the field of capacity building, technical assistance, information sharing, naval cooperation and developing physical connectivity have been the key areas of concern.

Over the years, Vietnam has emerged as a significant player in India's foreign policy prescriptions—a partner in regional, sub-regional forums and also in various multi-lateral and world bodies. The emerging contours of India-Vietnam relations have been guided by nuances of *realpolitik* and praxis of diplomacy and geo-strategic concerns. Critical determinants guiding India-Vietnam relations could be studied from the lens of geo-politics; security and strategic paradigm; energy security; culture; commerce and connectivity. It has been a significant leg in augmenting the Act East Policy of the South Block.

Vietnam's geographical location in Asia Pacific has added to its geo-strategic importance for the regional players like China, India, Australia and Japan and also for the external powers like the United States and its rebalancing strategy in the Asia-Pacific. It has become a vital element in the South China Sea dispute given the competing interests of the other claimants for the territories in this region. Vietnam's economic prosperity in recent times has added to its bargaining clout vis-à-vis the major regional powers and the United States to balance its relations with China and protecting its stakes in the South China Sea. In the background of such a geo-strategic matrix, it has been following tradeoff between China and the United States, thereby maximizing its strategic independence. In the changing architecture of world order, Vietnam emerges as a significant actor shaping the 'Great Game' politics in the Asia Pacific.

Given this context of geo-strategic paradigm and the forces shaping the emerging horizons of India-Vietnam relations, the Southeast Asia Research Group at Delhi University proposes to organise a two day International Conference to deliberate upon the internal political dynamics of Vietnam and the factors determining its foreign policy orientations vis-à-vis the 'Great Powers' in the region and its engagement with India. In this regard, individual papers and panels are invited as per the critical issues and proposed sub-themes outlined below:

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#### **NOTE:**

# All accepted Papers would be published as a part of the proceedings of the Conference with an ISBN.

# Selected Papers would be included in the edited Volume to be published after the Conference by a reputed publishing house.

# A limited Travel Grant will be announced by the Organizing Committee as per the availability of the funds for the outstation delegates.

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