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Programmes

- M.A. History (Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies)
- M.A. Tourism
- Ph.D. (Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies)

MOUs

MoU with the Centre for Indian Studies, Hanoi, Vietnam, in January 2015.

MoU with the Centre for Vietnam Institute for Indian and Southwest Asian Studies, Hanoi,

Vietnam, in February 2015.

MoU with the Allahabad State University, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, 2016

MoU with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi, July 2017.

MoU with the Centre for Vietnam Studies, Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), New Delhi, on 5 September 2018.

MoU with the Centre for Human Security Studies, MCR HRD Institute, Hyderabad,

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Conferences Organized

- Online International Conference on "*Indo-Pacific Construct: A Regional Order and Implications*", held on 21-23 June 2021, at Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, S.V. University, Tirupati.
- ICWA Essay Writing Competition-2020 on *India's International Relations*, February 2020.
- International Conference on "*India-Vietnam Relations through the Prism of Gandhian and Ho Chi Minh Philosophies*", held on 18-19 March 2019, at Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, S.V. University, Tirupati.
- Refresher Course on "*Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies*", SVU Human Resource Development Centre, Tirupati, 28 Jan to 16 Feb 2019.
- International Conference on "*India-ASEAN towards Greater Partnership*", held on 4-5 December 2017, at Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, S.V. University, Tirupati.
- International Conference on "*South China Sea: Emerging Scenario*", held on 24-26 July 2017, at Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, S.V. University, Tirupati.
- *ICSSR – Capacity Building Programme for Faculty in Social Sciences*, 10-23 April 2017, Sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.
- International Conference on "*Multilateral Cooperation: Emerging Global Scenario*", held on 22-24 February 2016, at Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, S.V. University, Tirupati.
- International Roundtable Conference on "*India-Vietnam Relations in the Vision of Ho Chi Minh*", held on 11 May 2015, at Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, S.V. University, Tirupati.
- International Conference on *India-China Relations*, held on 11-13 October 2014, Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies.
- Refresher Course on *Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies*, Academic Staff College, SV University, June 23 to July 12, 2014.
- Refresher Course on *Disaster Management*, Academic Staff College, SV University, 3-22 June 2013.
- Workshop on *Area Studies Curriculum* on 10 December 2012, Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies.
- International Conference on *India-Japan Relations*, held on 7-9 December 2012, Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies.

Publications

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Books Published by the Centre

VM Reddi, 1970, *A History of the Cambodian Independence Movement, 1863-1955*.
Lakshmana Chetty, 1988, *India and SEATO: A Study in India's Approach to Military Alliances.*
Lakshmana Chetty, 1991, *The United Nations Peace Initiative on Cambodia*
Yagama Reddy, 1995*, Cambodia : Its People and Economy*
L.L. Mehrotra, 1996, *India's Contribution to the Peace Process in Cambodia*
L.L. Mehrotra, 1996, *Cambodia: The Paris Agreement and After*

L.L. Mehrotra, 1996*, Strategic Challenges to Indian Foreign Policy in the Aftermath of the Cold War*

Lakshmana Chetty, 1997, *The State of Indochina: Stability, Development and Foreign Relations*

Lakshmana Chetty, 1997, *The Saga of Vietnamese Boat People*

Nagarajan, 1997, *Telugus of Southeast Asia in Early Age*

Yagama Reddy, 1998, *Area Studies: The Proposition, Problems and Prospects*

Nagarajan, 1998, *Hinduism in Southeast Asia*

Nagarajan, 1998, *Islam in Southeast Asia*

Nagarajan, 1998, *Buddhism in Southeast Asia*

Raja Reddy, 1999, *Vietnam: Struggle for Unification*

Raja Reddy and M. Prayaga, 1999, *Vietnam Women: Past and Present*

Lakshmana Chetty, 1999, *India's Relations with Southeast Asia: Problems and Prospects*

Yagama Reddy, 1999, *Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Economic Measures 1976-1985*

Munirathnam Reddy, 1999, *India's Cultural Relations with Southeast Asia: Retrospect and Prospect*

Yagama Reddy, 1999, *Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Economic Targets and Environmental Consequences*

Jayachandra Reddy, 1999, *The South Pacific Region: Enduring Problems and Awaiting Prospects*

Savitri Viswanathan, 2002, *Japan and India: Distant Neighbours*

Savitri Viswanathan, 2002, *Japan and Southeast Asia Evolving Partnership*

R.G. Gidadhubli, 2002, *Decade of Foreign Policy: Russia's Struggle for Big-Power Status*

R.G. Gidadhubli, 2002, *Russian Economy in Transition and its Implications on India-Russia*

Economic Relations

Yagama Reddy, 2003, *SRV: Economic Measures, 1986-1995: Doi Moi A Process of Economic Renovation*

Raja Reddy, 2005, *India and ASEAN: Foreign Policy Dimensions for 21st Century*

Ravindranatha Reddy, 2005, *India, Indochina and Extra Regional Powers During the Cold War*

Vijay Kumar Reddy, 2006, *Refugees: Cambodian in Agonies*

Lakshmana Chetty, 2007, *Global Indian Community: With Special Reference to Southeast Asia*

Yagama Reddy, 2007, *Emerging India in Asia-Pacific*

Ravindranatha Reddy, 2009, *India and Vietnam, Era of Friendship and Cooperation, 1947-1991.*

Ravindranatha Reddy, 2009, *India and Cambodia: Perspective of Cooperation, 1954-1991.*

Yagama Reddy, 2009*, India and Australia: Towards Realization of Prospects of Cooperation.*

Vijay Kumar Reddy, 2009, *Thailand's Refugees Policy*.

Munirathnam Reddy, 2009, *Indigenous Australian and Empowerment: An Insight into the Ongoing Aboriginal Movements*.

Ramesh Babu, 2011, *India-ASEAN: Free Trade Agreement*.

Yagama Reddy, 2010, *India-Australia: Towards Sustainable Partnership in 21 Century*.

Jayachandra Reddy, 2010, *Asia Pacific in the emerging New World Order*.

Yagama Reddy, 2010, *India-China Relations: Changing Profile in 21 Century*.

Yagama Reddy, 2010, *India-Japan: Towards Harnessing Potential Partnership*.

Jayachandra Reddy, 2011, *Energy Security, Environment and Sustainable Development in Asia Pacific.*

Jayachandra Reddy, 2012, *India-Japan: Six Decades of Bilateral Relations*.

Ravindranatha Reddy, 2012, *India and Cambodia during Post Cold War Era*.

Ravindranatha Reddy, 2012, *India and Vietnam during Post Cold War Era*.

Padmaja, 2012, *Status of Women in Southeast Asia*.

Ravindranatha Reddy, 2012, *India's Relations with Laos*.

Mahendra Ved, 2012, *India and Southeast Asia: Shedding Years of Mutual Neglect*

Jayachandra Reddy, 2014, *India-Japan Relations: Economy, Strategic and Security Cooperation.*

Jayachandra Reddy, (ed.), 2014, *India-Japan Relations: Religion, Culture and Regional Integration*.

Jayachandra Reddy, (ed.), 2016, *Dynamics of India and China Relations: Implications for New World Order*

Jayachandra Reddy, (ed.), 2016, *India and China Relations: Historical, Cultural and Security Issues*

Jayachandra Reddy, (ed.), 2017, *India's Multilateral Engagement: Opportunities and Challenges*

Jayachandra Reddy, (ed.), 2017, *Changing Contours of Global Cooperation*

Jayachandra Reddy, (ed.), 2017, *Vision of Ho Chi Minh: India-Vietnam Relations*

Jayachandra Reddy, (ed.), 2018, *South China Sea: Emerging Scenario*

Jayachandra Reddy, (ed.), 2019, *South China Sea: Territorial Claims and Disputes*.

Jayachandra Reddy and Nguyen Xuan Trung, (eds.) , 2020, *India-Vietnam: Enhancing Partnership*

Jayachandra Reddy (ed.), 2020, *South China Sea: A Flash Point beyond ASEAN,*

Jayachandra Reddy and M. Padmaja (eds.), 2020, *India-Vietnam: Cultural Diplomacy and Act East Policy*

Jayachandra Reddy and V. Ramesh Babu (eds.),2021, *India-Vietnam: Defence, Strategic and Economic Cooperation.*

Jayachandra Reddy and M. Prayaga (eds.), 2021, *India and Vietnam in the Indo-Pacific: China Factor*.

Edited Special Issues

Asia-Pacific in the Emerging New World Order, International Society for Asia Pacific Studies, Tirupati, 2010.

Energy Security, Environment and Sustainable Development in Asia Pacific, International Society for Asia Pacific Studies,Tirupati, 2011.

Sixty Years of India-Japan Relations, International Society for Asia Pacific Studies, Tirupati, 2012.

Tourism and Development in the Asia Pacific Region, International Society for Asia Pacific Studies, Tirupati, 2013.

Conference Proceedings

- India-Vietnam Relations through the Prism of Gandhian and Ho Chi Minh Philosophies, 2019.
- India-ASEAN towards Greater Partnership, 2017
- South China Sea: Emerging Scenario, Vol.1, 2017
- South China Sea: Emerging Scenario, Vol.1, 2017
- India-China Relations: Implications for Peace and Prosperity of Asia, Vol.1, 2014.
- India-China Relations: Implications for Peace and Prosperity of Asia, Vol.2, 2014.
- India-Japan Relations: Transforming into Potential Partnership, Vol.1, 2012.
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Bi-Annual Journal :

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Two Think Tanks

International Society for Asia Pacific Studies (ISAPS)

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Association for Area Studies in India (AASI)

Area Studies, which are multidisciplinary in character, encompass study and research on a wide gamut of aspects including history, political processes and developments, sociology, culture, language and literature, geography and diaspora of different geographical areas. Hence Prof. M.S. Rajan, the doyen of Area studies specialists, has defined Area Studies as a “geographical extension and integrated application of the traditional disciplines to the study of foreign lands”. Area Studies tradition, as evident

from the annals of mankind, is as old as human civilization. However, it was during the Cold War period that Area Studies began to acquire a new dimension due to strategic and political considerations. Following the termination of Cold War, Area Studies are looked upon to cater to the needs of nations characterized by new economic ties and interdependence with the shrinking of the world. Thanks to the awesome developments in the spheres of information and technology, the developments in one part of the world come to have impact on other parts of the world. The Area Studies, thus, not only gained added importance and adopted new trends and approaches, but also got themselves adapted to the spatio-temporal dynamics.

India had close and cordial ties with many of its neighbours in Asia. India's peaceful cultural and commercial interaction with its Asian neighbours were snapped during the colonial era. With independent India maintaining relations of friendship and cooperation with various countries of the world besides playing an active role in global affairs, there was an imperative need to pay due attention to promoting Area Studies in India. Jawaharlal Nehru, who was the architect of India's foreign policy, was keen to associate the academic community with the foreign policy pursuits of young nation.

Indian School of International Studies (ISIS), which was founded in 1955 due to the efforts of H.N. Kunzru, K.M. Panikkar and A. Appadorai and the able support of Nehru, was the forerunner of Area Studies programme in India. Area Studies programme had its origins in Indian Universities in 1966 when Area Studies centres were established in three Universities, namely, Jaipur University, Rajastan; Jadhavpur University, Kolkata; and Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. Even though Area Studies programme had its beginning s in 1990s, it received boost in 1976 when various Universities were encouraged by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to set up Area Studies Centres despite the fact that the organization of Area Studies Centres was a cost-intensive effort unlike the traditional disciplines. Currently there are well over 50 Area Studies Centres in India involved in training a body of scholars specializing in various aspects of a given area through interdisciplinary research and teaching. In this context, Association of Area Studies in India (AASI) was established in Tirupati in 2012.

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH PROGRMMES

The Centre offers a P.G course in Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies and M.A. Tourism; besides research programmes leading to the award of Ph.D. degrees.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

The Centre's study and research on the Study Area is multi-disciplinary in approach. Accordingly, the Centre's faculty are drawn from different disciplines including History, Geography, Anthropology and Economics. Besides the research in their respective fields of

specialization, the faculty have embarked on trans-disciplinary collaborative research programmes pertaining to the Study Area. Facilities are available for the Vietnamese language-training.

VISITING SCHOLARS

The interactive sessions with renowned academics, from India and beyond, who are invited to the Centre as Visiting Scholars offer a boost to the research programmes of the Centre.

CONFERENCES

With a focus on the internal dynamics of the Study Area and the global trends affecting the region, the Centre organizes National and International Conferences. The erudite papers presented at the Conferences are published.

FIELD WORK

The Centre deputes its Teaching faculty and research scholars to undertake field trip in the countries of the Study Area, as a part of their research programmes.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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MUSEUM

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CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Under the Cultural Exchange Programme, the Centre availed itself of the services of two Vietnamese language teachers. A faculty member of the Centre availed the UGC financial support for gaining proficiency in Vietnamese language in Hanoi. The award of the prestigious Australia – India Council Fellowship facilitated two faculty members to visit a consortium of Australian Universities and to deliver lectures at various institutes. The Centre also organizes film-shows and cultural meets relating to the region.

PUBLICATIONS

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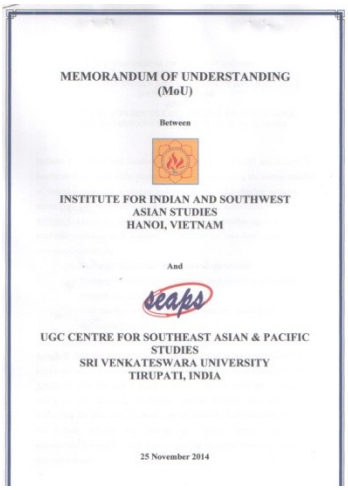
JOINT RESEARCH COLLABORATION

The Centre has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with Centre for Indian Studies, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Hanoi Vietnam; Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi; Vietnamese Institute for Indian and Southwest Asian Studies, Vietnamese Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam; Allahabad State University, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh; and Centre for Human Security Studies, Hyderabad. The Centre is working on various joint research projects including Geopolitics in Indo-Pacific, Multilateral cooperation between India and ASEAN; India's role in the QUAD and China in South China Sea.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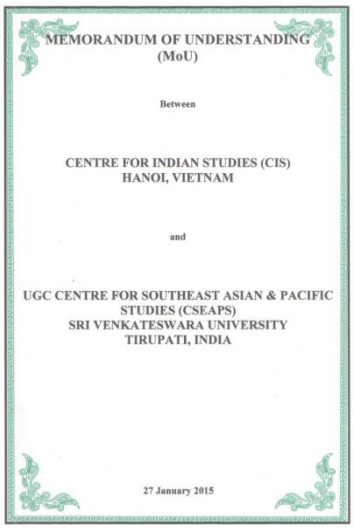
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CENTRE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Centre has offered Vietnamese Language training to Defence personnel.
- A faculty member has the distinction of being invited to participate in
  - the celebrations commemorating 30 years of diplomatic relations, between India and Vietnam, held in Hanoi,
  - the CSCAP Round Table Conference in Malaysia, the national-level brain-storming session on Area Studies,
  - India- Malaysia Strategic Dialogue in Kuala Lumpur.
  - Member in the MEA delegation to New Zealand and Vietnam
  - Invited to Paramadina University, Jakarta, Indonesia
  - Visiting Scholar, China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, China
- A Centre's faculty members were awarded
  - the covetous Australian Government Fellowship,
- A faculty member was the recipient of A.P. State Government Best Teacher Award.
- Faculty members are invited to deliver lectures at various institutions as well as keynote addresses at national and international seminars.
- A faculty member served as a member of Research Committee on Publications at ICWA, New Delhi.
- Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi, Track-II Diplomacy delegation to the Asia New Zealand Foundation