Introduction: from the Director

During 2015, our fourth full year of operations, the India Institute has worked to consolidate some of the achievements of our initial years.

Our partnerships with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office continue to flourish. We continued to deliver training with the FCO for diplomats serving in the South Asia region and government officials based in the UK. Developed as both five-day and one-day courses, these ran several times during 2015 under the directorship of Rudra Chaudhuri. We also ran the second iteration of our very successful Chevening Gurukul programme. Directed by Kriti Kapila, the Gurukul programme brings upto 15 mid-career professionals from India, selected for their leadership qualities, to King’s for a twelve-week structured course which includes UK and international site visits. We also hosted nine rising Indian parliamentarians for a week through the Chevening Indian Parliamentarians programme which we run for the FCO.

The Tagore Centre for Global Thought, supported by the Indian Ministry of Culture and the High Commission of India, hosted a number of seminars, lectures and a film series on Indian Modernism. A highlight of the Centre’s activities was the second Tagore Distinguished Lectures series, delivered over three evenings in November to a packed audience by Swapan Dasgupta, who spoke on the subject of ‘Political Conservatism in India’. Details on the Centre’s activities are available in a separate report. We also saw our partnership with the Indian Government’s Department of Personnel and Training continue to bring Indian government officers and civil servants to King’s, to study for Master’s degrees.

We hosted number of visiting fellows and researchers during the year. We were particularly pleased to host as our third FICCI Visiting Fellow, Dr SY Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India and a very distinguished public servant. Dr Quraishi gave a series of public lectures and discussions during his busy tenure with us, had meetings with UK
counterparts in the government and policy fields, and interacted with our students and research community. We also welcomed our first Charles Wallace Trust Visiting Fellow, Dr Asha Achuthan. Normally based at TISS in Mumbai, while with us Dr Achuthan worked on her project on women’s reproductive technologies and the history of midwifery in India. We were very happy to have with us for the full academic year Dr Kenmei Tsubota, an economist from Japan, who was developing his project on India’s economic history, and to continue our association with Prof Deepa Ollapally, whose work on rising powers and India’s strategic choices is of great interest to us at the Institute.

Our research environment at the India Institute continues to be active. We hosted some 46 seminars and lectures during the year, and have established as a regular fixture an annual symposium devoted to discussing important new scholarship on India, in the form of a book manuscripts about to be published or just published. In 2015, we focused on the new book manuscript on Gandhi’s political theory, by Prof Karuna Mantena of Yale University, whom we were happy to host. We are also delighted that several of our PhD students submitted their PhD dissertations.

In September 2015, the Principal of King’s College London, Prof Ed Byrne, led a successful visit to India, accompanied by the Vice-Principal (International), Dr Joanna Newman, and myself. While this was Ed Byrne’s first India visit as Principal of King’s, he has travelled there often and has many strong associations and links across the country. During the Delhi leg of the visit, the Principal announced his decision to support an initiative for the India Institute to establish an office in India, in order to further the research, teaching and policy mission of the Institute, and to develop the profile of King’s in India. This important and exciting project will provide a focus for our activities over the next couple of years, as we work to make a Delhi-based office a reality.
During the year, we were sad to accept the resignation from the India Institute faculty of Dr Srinath Raghavan - in order to spend more time in Delhi, where he is based at the Centre for Policy Research. Srinath has been a crucial member of our start-up team, and we take great pride in having had him on our faculty. We hope that with the establishment and growth of our Delhi office, he will once again be associated with the India Institute. Meanwhile, we say a (temporary) farewell, and send our warmest congratulations to him for winning the Infosys Foundation 2015 Prize in the Social Sciences: a superb recognition of his research and impact on the field.

We see the next few years as ones of expansion. Apart from the Delhi office, we are developing a collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC, the first phases of which will involve an executive education programme. We are also working to expand our research collaborations – extending for instance our joint project with Berkeley and IGIDR, Mumbai, on Indian political economy.

We hope you will enjoy reading about our activities during 2015. As always, we are grateful to all of you for your interest and support. We are particularly grateful to the members of our distinguished Senior Advisory Council, who have been ever generous with their counsel, support and friendship. We look to all of you, our friends and supporters, for advice on how we can improve our activities and connect our research and teaching to wider audiences. We particularly welcome your comments on this report and the activities it notes.
Professor Sunil Khilnani

Sunil Khilnani is Avantha Professor and Director of the India Institute. Formerly Starr Foundation Professor and Founder-Director of South Asia Studies at the Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC, he teaches on MA Contemporary India and supervises PhD students at the India Institute.

During 2015, his research was focused on researching and recording his 50-part radio series for BBC Radio 4, and on writing his book related to the series, both entitled *Incarnations: India in 50 Lives*. The first half of the radio series, 25 programmes, broadcast during May and June 2015, was described in a review by the Daily Telegraph as ‘an example of what radio does best’. His chapter on ‘India’s Rise: The Search for Wealth and Power in the 21st Century’, was published in the *Oxford Handbook on Indian Foreign Policy*, edited by David Malone, C. Raja Mohan and Srinath Raghavan.
Dr Louise Tillin is Senior Lecturer in Politics and Deputy Director of the King’s India Institute. She is Programme Director of the MA and MRes Contemporary India, and supervises seven PhD students. Her research focuses on comparing sub-national political regimes and on the politics and policy outcomes of regional and federal dynamics in India.

In 2015, she published *Politics of Welfare: Comparisons across Indian States* (New Delhi, Oxford University Press) edited with Rajeshwari Deshpande and KK Kailash. The volume is the outcome of a four year collaboration between King’s India Institute and the Lokniti network supported by a British Academy International Partnership which generated new empirical research on the political dynamics that shape variation in policy environments and outcomes with regards to social policy across India’s states.

A special issue of *Contemporary South Asia* examining the patterns, causes and consequences of the 2014 General Elections in India was published in June 2015. This collection, guest-edited by Louise, brought together analyses by many members of the Indian and European research network on Explaining Electoral Change in Urban and Rural India (EECURI), a research networking grant of the ESRC, ICSSR and ANR. In addition to these projects, Louise has been working as a co-investigator on an ESRC Rising Powers research programme, ‘Expanding not Shrinking: the Politics of New Policies to Tackle Poverty and Inequality in Brazil, China, India and South Africa’.
Dr Rudra Chaudhuri is jointly appointed as Senior Lecturer at the India Institute and the Department of War Studies, and is Programme Director, MA South Asia & Global Security.

The 2015 MA cohort included officers from the Indian Administrative Services and the Indian Police Service, staff from the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and the Department of International Development (DFID), Afghan diplomats, risk analysts, entrepreneurs, and journalists. Winner of a King’s Teaching Excellence Award in 2013, Rudra was again nominated in 2014 and 2015. Rudra is also the Programme Director of a number of short courses tailored for the FCO and the Chevening Parliamentary Leadership Programme.

Rudra’s research focuses on the diplomatic history of South Asia since 1947 and on processes of political reconciliation in Afghanistan. His interest in history and archival-based research is founded on the belief that there is an urgent need to recover post-1947 Indian international history, in order to better appreciate current policy challenges. Rudra’s latest book, Forged in Crisis: India and the United States Since 1947 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), received excellent reviews, including in leading newspapers such as the Financial Times, The Hindu, Business Standard and The Asian Age. He is currently working on an international history of the 1965 India-Pakistan conflict. It promises to be the first original and archival based account of a conflict scholars often refer to as the forgotten war. A columnist for The Telegraph and NDTV.com, he also contributes to other newspapers including The New York Times, The Asian Age, Indian Express, Business Line, and The Hindu. He is a regular media commentator, and has appeared on BBC Newsnight, NDTV, BBC World News, BBC Radio 4, Channel 4 News, and Radio Monocle.
Professor Christophe Jaffrelot

Christophe Jaffrelot is Professor of Indian Politics and Sociology at the King’s India Institute. He is a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and teaches South Asian politics and history at Sciences Po in Paris. Internationally recognized as one of the leading scholars on Indian politics, Christophe’s wide-ranging research encompasses theories of nationalism and democracy, the mobilization of lower castes and untouchables in India, the Hindu nationalist movement, and ethnic conflicts in Pakistan.

Christophe spent the autumn of 2015 at Princeton University as a Princeton Global Scholar where he taught a course on ‘Politics in Pakistan’ with Zia Mian. Also this year, he published a very comprehensive book on Pakistan, *The Pakistan Paradox: Instability and Resilience* (London, Hurst/ New York, OUP/New Delhi, Random House), and edited a special issue of *Studies in Indian Politics* on the 2014 general elections in India. Also in 2015, he joined the editorial board of *Asian survey* and was appointed Chair of the Scientific Council of the Trivedi Centre for Political Data at Ashoka University.

He writes a regular column for *The Indian Express* on Indian and Pakistani affairs, and contributes commentary and interviews to other Indian newspapers such as Business Standard, DNA and Economic Times, and magazines such as *Outlook*. 
Dr Kriti Kapila
Dr Kriti Kapila is Lecturer in Social Anthropology and Law at the India Institute. Kriti’s research focuses on the work of law in contemporary India, and on regimes of evidence around cultural difference in India.

Kriti teaches the MA course ‘Law, Politics and Social Change’ and convenes the course ‘Interpreting India’. Kriti also convenes the annual MN Srinivas Memorial Lecture hosted by King’s India Institute in partnership with the Royal Anthropological Institute. The 2015 lecture was delivered by Professor Christopher Pinney (UCL).

After successfully leading the bid in 2013, Kriti is the director of the Chevening Gurukul Leadership Programme. The 12-week programme funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office was launched by the India Institute in September 2014. The participants were 14 specially selected early to mid-career professionals from India. The 2015 programme included talks by over 100 speakers and over 30 site visits.
Dr Sunil Mitra Kumar

Dr Sunil Mitra Kumar is Lecturer in Economics at the India Institute. His research interests encompass two broad strands in economics and development. The first is empirical, based on the analysis of household survey data to answer questions about household choices, access to resources, and the role of caste. The second strand is theoretical, focusing on economic methodology for causal inference and policy evaluation.

Sunil is currently part of a United Nations University project on discrimination and affirmative action, and is investigating how farmers’ caste is linked both to applications for agricultural credit and also to their subsequent approval.

Sunil teaches introductory microeconomics for first year BA international development students, and also teaches a postgraduate level, non-technical introduction to India’s economy as part of the MA Contemporary India. He convenes the Institute’s PhD programme.
Dr Adnan Naseemullah

Dr Adnan Naseemullah is Lecturer in International Relations and South Asia, jointly at the India Institute and the Department of War Studies. His research interests include the political economy of industrial development, state formation and political order, all in relation to the South Asian region.

Before joining King’s, Adnan was Scharf Fellow in Political Economy at Johns Hopkins University and he previously taught in the Government Department at the London School of Economics. He received his MA and PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley and BA in Political Science and Economics from Swarthmore College.

He is currently co-teaching the core course on the MA South Asia & Global Security, as well as qualitative methods, South Asian politics and South Asian political economy at the undergraduate level. He has published articles on explaining political order and disorder in Pakistan’s tribal areas and on the politics of developmental state institutions in Pakistan and Turkey, both in *Studies in Comparative International Development*. He also published an article on types of indirect rule arrangements in colonial and post-colonial South Asia in *Governance*.
Professor Harsh V Pant

Harsh V Pant holds a joint appointment with the Department of Defence Studies and the India Institute as Professor of International Relations. He teaches on the core modules of the MA Contemporary India, offers a module on Indian foreign and security policy, and is the convenor of the ‘Introduction to South Asia’ course, offered by India Institute as part of the BA International Relations programme in the War Studies Department from 2015.

He is an Adjunct Fellow (non-resident) with the Wadhwani Chair in US-India Policy Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC, a Visiting Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, and held a Leverhulme Fellowship in 2013-14. He is presently leading a trilateral project entitled ‘Afghanistan beyond 2014’ involving King’s, Johns Hopkins University and Jadavpur University, funded by the UK-India Education Research Initiative (UKIERI), and is the principal investigator of a US Army War College-funded project on the future trajectory of Indian nuclear posture, and a project on the US ‘pivot’ towards the Asia-Pacific.

His recent books include *The US Pivot and Indian Foreign Policy* (Palgrave Macmillan) and two edited volumes – *Assessing Maritime Power in the Asia-Pacific* (Ashgate) and *Handbook of India’s Defence Policy* (Routledge). He is a columnist and commentator for a number of media outlets including The Wall Street Journal, The Japan Times, The National (UAE), The Diplomat, The New Indian Express, Deccan Herald, Daily News and Analysis and The Tribune.
Dr Jahnavi Phalkey

Dr Jahnavi Phalkey is Senior Lecturer in History of Science and Technology and Director of Postgraduate Teaching at the India Institute. She recently published a co-edited volume, *Key Concepts in Modern Indian Studies* (Oxford University Press and New York University Press, 2015).

Jahnavi was awarded a workshop grant to organise a focus group on ‘Science and Democracy’ (Indian European Advanced Research Network). She continues to work on ‘Technical Solutions to Mass Education in India’ (Max Weber Foundation funded international collaboration on ‘Poverty and Education in India’). Jahnavi also convenes a study circle on statistics and the state in India.

In 2015-16, Jahnavi was nominated to the Social Science & Public Policy Faculty Research Committee. She also serves as Chair, Postgraduate and Research Committee (PARC) for the School of Global Affairs.
2015 saw the first PhDs awarded in the India Institute, with two of our PhD candidates passing their vivas this year. We now have a total of 28 students studying for their PhD, in fields that include international relations, political science and political economy, public policy, history and global media. In 2015, 7 students graduated from our taught postgraduate programmes, and 7 new students enrolled on our MA and MRes degrees.

The annual Graduate Forum conference, organised and led by our PhD students, has established itself as a lively arena for the presentation of research in progress. A day-long conference was held in May 2015, on the theme ‘Sources and Manifestations of Change in ‘Contemporary’ India’.

As a Teach For India Fellow, I taught children coming from economically disadvantaged families, in a highly under-resourced school. This got me wondering about such huge disparities, and made me want to understand my country better. The India Institute provides an environment of deep thought and opportunities. The MA in Contemporary India, interacting with the faculty and my fellow students, attending the seminars organised by the Institute, and having such vast academic resources at hand will be invaluable when I return to India and take up developmental work.

Sudarshana Srinivasan, MA in Contemporary India, 2015 cohort

I took the MA in South Asia and Global Security at King’s. The experience of interacting with people from diverse fields at various stages in their career, and a chance to learn from world-renowned faculty was extremely valuable. This is why, after a year of working in the think tank industry, I decided to continue my association with King’s by pursuing a PhD in Contemporary India. The depth and diversity of research, academic training, and a chance to work alongside some of the best academics, makes the experience of being part of the King’s India Institute incredibly rewarding.

Saawani Raje, PhD in Contemporary India Research, 2015 cohort
Visiting Fellows

Every year, the India Institute is host to a number of Visiting Fellows. In 2015, we were delighted to welcome the following scholars.

Dr Deepa M Ollapally
George Washington University, October 2014 – August 2016

Deepa M Ollapally is Research Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Rising Powers Initiative at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University. She is a leading expert on domestic sources of India’s strategic policy, the role of identity in South Asian regional security, and the comparative policy discourse of aspiring powers. At the India Institute she is completing a manuscript for an edited volume, *Nuclear Debates in Asia: The Role of Geopolitics and Domestic Processes* (forthcoming, Rowman & Littlefield), based on research work sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation. She is also working on a project assessing economic interdependence and strategic rivalry in India’s foreign policy towards China.

Dr Kenmei Tsubota
Japan External Trade Organization, October 2014 – October 2015

Dr Kenmei Tsubota is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO). He is an expert on spatial economics, urban economics and development economics. He is currently leading on a project looking into economic division in colonial India, whilst also conducting other projects on the interdisciplinary study of human trafficking and geographical simulation analysis on physical and institutional infrastructure improvements in Asian countries. Kenmei spent his time at the India Institute working on these projects.
**Dr Asha Achuthan**  
**Charles Wallace Visiting Fellow, February – May 2015**

Asha Achuthan is an Assistant Professor at the Advanced Centre for Women’s Studies in the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. Her research focuses on the histories and self-descriptions of sciences – in particular, on reproductive technologies and the ways in which they have shaped women’s lives in the Indian context. At the India Institute, she was working on a study that traces a shift in Indian midwifery and childbirth practices among women migrating from their traditional geographical-linguistic communities to metropolitan locations, from the colonial period to the present. At King’s her work focused on the part of this project examining the figure of the *dai* in nineteenth century India.

**Dr SY Quraishi**  
**FICCI Visiting Fellow, May – June 2015**

Over a career of 40 years in the Indian Administrative Service, Dr Quraishi held a number of senior positions across the Government of India, including the role of Chief Election Commissioner from 2010 until his retirement in 2012. At the India Institute, he conducted a research project on democracy in South and Southeast Asia. This research drew on his vast expertise in the democratic system of India, and in international organisations dedicated to maintaining and strengthening democracy. During the Fellowship, he consulted a range of experts and policy-makers on democratic institutions and processes, and on the regions where his study was focused. He also took part in a number of public events including lectures and panel discussions at King’s and other institutions in the UK.
Tagore Centre for Global Thought

Officially inaugurated in 2013 by the Indian Minister of Culture, the India Institute’s Tagore Centre for Global Thought has had an active year of events, seminars and film screenings. Through its programmes and its PhD scholarships, the Centre continues to expand and fulfil its mission of fostering original research on India’s intellectual traditions and their relationship to global debates, and to connect renowned scholars with the wider community, creating a forum for debating India’s intellectual traditions.

Speakers at the Centre in 2015 included Professor Prasenjit Duara (National University of Singapore), Professor Sundar Sarukkai (Manipal University), Professor Sir Richard Sorabji (University of Oxford), Dr Sunil Amrith (formerly Birkbeck College, University of London, now at Harvard University) and Dr Kalyan Kundu (Tagore Centre UK). The Centre also hosted a successful film series on ‘Indian Modernisms: The State and the New Cinema Movement’.

A separate Annual Report 2016 for the Tagore Centre’s activities is available and can be found on the Tagore Centre section of the India Institute webpages.
Partnerships and Support

It is part of the India Institute’s mission to build partnerships and collaborations with government, business, and individuals in India, the UK and elsewhere. We have already established a number of such relationships, all of which have contributed to impact in academic research, teaching, policy interventions, and wider public debate concerning India and its global context.

The Avantha Group
One of India’s leading global business organisations, The Avantha Group has a strong record of supporting work on social issues. In November 2011, the King’s India Institute received a generous gift from the Avantha Foundation, to establish the Avantha Chair accompanying the Institute’s Directorship. Professor Sunil Khilnani was appointed as the first holder of this prestigious new position. This gift has provided essential support in the Institute’s aim to establish itself as a globally recognised leader in research and policy analysis on India.

Baillie Gifford Prize Fellowship
Since September 2013 the India Institute has partnered with the Edinburgh-based investment firm Baillie Gifford & Co to offer an annual Fellowship for a student on the MRes Contemporary India programme. The Fellowship is open both to graduate candidates and professionals seeking a one-year academic sabbatical. It covers the tuition fees of the successful candidate, and a stipend to cover living costs. In 2015 the Baillie Gifford Fellowship was awarded to Pramit Bhattacharya.

Charles Wallace Visiting Fellowship
Since 2014 Charles Wallace India Trust sponsors a biennial three-month Visiting Fellowship in the Arts and Humanities at the India Institute. While at the Institute, the Visiting Fellow produces a piece of high quality research, as well as interacting with students and academic staff. The Charles Wallace Visiting Fellow in 2015 was Asha Achuthan.
Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India

The India Institute has successfully established a scheme with the Government of India’s Department of Personnel and Training which enables up to 12 nominated Indian Administrative Service officers to study for Masters degrees at King’s College London. Currently two Masters programmes are eligible: MA South Asia & Global Security, and MA Public Policy & Management.

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry

FICCI sponsors an annual Visiting Fellowship at King’s India Institute of up to three months by a person of eminence and recognized achievement in India in the fields of business, public policy, government or the media. The FICCI Fellow gives lectures, conducts panel discussions, mentors students, interacts with policy and business networks in the UK, and works on a policy research paper published at the end of their tenure. Holders of the Fellowship have included Shyam Saran, the former Indian Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister’s Special Envoy, Vikram Mehta, former Chairman of Shell India and Chairman of Brookings India, and SY Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India.

Indian Council for Cultural Relations

ICCR was established by the Government of India in 1950 to foster mutual understanding between India and other countries. Furthering this aim, the ICCR sponsors a Visiting Professorship at the King’s India Institute, who helps to develop research and teaching at King’s and at his/her home institution. The first ICCR Chair, Professor Niraja Gopal Jayal of Jawaharlal Nehru University, was based at the India Institute for three months in 2014, and the second chair, Professor Reetika Khera of Indian Institute of Technology Delhi is visiting in Spring Term 2016.
Indian & European Advanced Research Network
IEARN is an informal network of research institutions which fosters research cooperation between European and Indian scholars through common interests. The India Institute has strong links with IEARN though Sunil Khilnani, who was one of its founders and is Chairman of the Steering Committee. The network works to develop communities of academics, practitioners and policy makers from Europe, India, and across the world, who are able to formulate and recognize common problems requiring study and research.

Mazumdar Studentship
Dr Dipak Mazumdar and Professor Pauline Mazumdar have generously founded the Mazumdar Studentship for Indian Studies in the Social Sciences, which provides support to a student from India for the full period of his or her PhD studies at the India Institute. The first Mazumdar Studentship was awarded to Aasim Khan.

Ministry of Culture, Government of India
King’s India Institute signed an agreement with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in the 150th birth anniversary year of the poet and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore. This partnership established the Tagore Centre for Global Thought at the Institute, dedicated to exploring India’s intellectual traditions through a wide range of research and public-facing activities.
Executive Education

The India Institute hosts a number of programmes of executive education, which are developed with partners in order to meet their specific educational needs.

Training for UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office staff

King’s delivers training courses for Foreign and Commonwealth Office staff working on South Asia. The courses are directed by Rudra Chaudhuri, and taught by academic staff of the King’s India Institute and the Department of War Studies, with contributions from external experts and practitioners. A total of two 1-day courses and three 5-day courses were delivered in 2015. The curriculum examines the key political and strategic issues relevant to diplomats and policy staff working in or around South Asia and Afghanistan. 250 diplomats from the FCO and staff from across the British government have graduated from the programmes since 2012. The cohort includes the present Political Director of the FCO, the former Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Foreign Secretary, Deputy High Commissioners to India, Bangladesh and Pakistan, and the present High Commissioners to Sri Lanka and Pakistan. 

I was very impressed by the range of speakers, from former political advisers to academics to legal practitioners. I think this made each lecture interesting and contextualised the issues.

Course participant

Chevening Gurukul Leadership programme

In September 2015, the second cohort of Chevening Gurukul Fellows arrived at the India Institute. This year’s group included civil servants, film-makers, social entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals and corporate executives from across India. Directed by Kriti Kapila, the Chevening Gurukul Leadership Programme is aimed at early to mid-career professionals with demonstrable leadership potential, and is the
Foreign and Commonwealth Office’s flagship fellowship scheme for India. The Programme was conducted over 12 weeks, with seminars, lectures and over 30 site visits including trips to Edinburgh, Geneva, Paris and Northern Ireland. A highlight of the Programme was the Chevening Distinguished Lecture, given by Professor Danny Dorling, University of Oxford on ‘The Environment: What we know about social inequality and over-consumption and why both persist’. 

*The diversity of content is a very special feature of the Programme – it pushed the cohort to travel beyond their areas of expertise and build new knowledge and perspectives.*

Chevening Gurukul Fellow 2015

**Chevening Parliamentary Leadership Programme**

In November 2015 we welcomed nine of India’s rising parliamentarians for the Chevening Parliamentary Leadership Programme. Funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and directed by Rudra Chaudhuri, it is designed to give Indian MPs the opportunity to engage in discussions regarding key international issues impacting the world, Europe and the UK today. During their stay the group met with UK opinion formers and decision makers within academia, government, politics, industry and civil society. They attended talks by King’s academics, met representatives from the Prime Minister’s Office, the Daily Telegraph, the Royal United Services Institute and the BBC, and visited the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the British Library. The MPs also spent time with academic staff at the India Institute, the Department of War Studies, and other departments across King’s, and attended a lively interactive session with students from across the country.

*The course was excellent! Perfect content, perfect duration, perfect chance to bond with experts here. And also a great opportunity to bond amongst ourselves – this will help us to address some common issues in future.*

Vandana Chavan MP, course participant (2014)
The India Institute runs an extensive programme of events, and hosted a total of 46 in 2015. These included lectures, workshops, panel discussions, book launches and film showings, and encompass a wide array of different topics. The Institute’s events draw in diverse audiences, and we make our events available to a wider audience still through video and audio recordings, which are available in the Events Archive on the India Institute webpage.

**January**

28 January. Maya Tudor (University of Oxford), ‘The Content of Democracy: Nationalist Parties and Inclusive Ideologies in India and Indonesia’

29 January. Panel discussion: Harsh Pant (King’s College London), Deepa Ollapally (Visiting Fellow at King’s College London), Rudra Chaudhuri (King’s College London), Chair: Srinath Raghavan (King’s College London), ‘Indo-US Relations: Obama Visit and After’

**February**

2 February. Sunil Amrith (Birkbeck College, University of London), ‘The Bay of Bengal: The Rise and Decline of a South Asian Region’. This event was organised by the Tagore Centre for Global Thought.

4 February. Phiroze Vasunia (University College London) ‘Gandhi and Plato’s Apology’

11 February. Stephen Legg (University of Nottingham), ‘Dyarchy: Democracy, Autocracy and the Scalar Sovereignty of Interwar India’

24 February. Sir Richard Sorabji (University of Oxford), ‘Tagore & Gandhi: Complimentary Contributions Without Meeting of Minds’. This event was organised by the Tagore Centre for Global Thought.

25 February. Srinath Raghavan (King’s College London) ‘The Economic Consequences of the War: India, 1939-45’


**March**

4 March. Ramnarayan Rawat (University of Delaware), ‘A Dalit history of Equality: Reflections on
Political Modernity in Late-Colonial North India’

10 March. Sundar Sarukkai ( Manipal University), ‘The Einstein-Tagore Dialogue: Bridging the Unbridgeable’. This event was organised by the Tagore Centre for Global Thought.


18 March. Jahnavi Phalkey (King’s College London), ‘From Wind Tunnels to Jet Fighters: German émigrés and the making of aeronautics in India’

19 March. Christopher Pinney (University College London), ‘Destroying the Negatives: M.N. Srinivas, “India’s Villages”, and Photography’. This was the fourth MN Srinivas Memorial Lecture.

25 March. Padma Sarangapani ( Tata Institute of Social Sciences), ‘The Right to Education in India: A Review of Key Achievements and Concerns of the First Five Years’

May

11 May. SY Quraishi (Visiting Fellow at King’s College London) ‘The Greatest Show on Earth - Running Indian Elections’

13 May. Prasenjit Duara (National University of Singapore), ‘Network Asia: Globalization, Region and a Sustainable Future’. This event was organised by the Tagore Centre for Global Thought.

14 May. Professor Prasenjit Duara (National University of Singapore), ‘Sustainability and the Crisis of Transcendence: The Long View from Asia’. This was the fourth S Gopal Memorial Lecture.

18 May. King’s India Institute Graduate Forum Conference 2015: ‘Sources and Manifestations of Change in ‘Contemporary’ India’

20 May. Panel discussion: Alastair Fraser (School of Oriental and African Studies, SY Quraishi (Visiting Fellow at King’s College London), Simon Waldman (King’s College London), Laurence Whitehead (University of Oxford), Chair: Joshua Simon (King’s College London), ‘Building Democratic Capital in the World’s Regions’
26 May. Asha Achuthan (Visiting Fellow at King’s College London) ‘Birth attendants, epistemological agents, or ritual practitioners? Some reflections on the figure of the dai in colonial discourse’

June
22 June. SY Quraishi (Visiting Fellow at King’s College London), ‘South Asia: Struggling Democracies, Emerging Problems and Solutions’. This was the third FICCI Lecture.

September
21 September. Indian Modernisms Film Series at the Tagore Centre for Global Thought: Uski Roti (1969, dir. Mani Kaul),
23 September. Itty Abraham, National University of Singapore, ‘How India Became Territorial’
28 September. Indian Modernisms Film Series at the Tagore Centre for Global Thought: Ghashiram Kotwal (1977, dir. Yukt Film Cooperative)
29 September. Book launch for Christophe Jaffrelot, The Pakistan Paradox

October
1 October. Book launch for Kalyan Kundu, Meeting with Mussolini: Tagore’s Tours in Italy 1925 and 1926. This event was organised by the Tagore Centre for Global Thought.
5 October. Indian Modernisms Film Series at the Tagore Centre for Global Thought: Garam Hawa (1973, dir. M. S. Sathyu)
7 October. Sohini Kar (London School of Economics), ‘Financialization and the Recoding of Kinship Through Microfinance in India’
21 October. Kenmei Tsubota (Visiting Fellow at King’s College London), ‘Shifting Population Geography in 20th Century Bengal’

November
2 November. Indian Modernisms
Film Series at the Tagore Centre for Global Thought: *Kanchana Sita* (1977, dir. G. Aravindan)

4 November: Eleanor Newbigin (School of Oriental and African Studies), ‘Economic statistics, citizenship, and the emergence of Indian democracy’

9 November: Film screening: *What the Fields Remember* (dir. Subasri Krishnan)

12 November: Book launch for Andrew Duff, *Sikkim: Requiem for a Himalayan Kingdom*

16 November: Indian Modernisms Film Series at the Tagore Centre for Global Thought: *Akaler Sandhane* (1980, dir. Mrinal Sen)

19 November: Sanchita Saxena (University of California at Berkeley), ‘The labour behind the global garment and textile industries’

23 November: Danny Dorling (University of Oxford), ‘The environment: What we know about social inequality and over-consumption and why both persist’. This was the Chevening Distinguished Lecture.

23 November: Distinguished Lectures in Global Thought by Swapan Dasgupta: Part One, ‘How conservative is Indian conservatism?’. This event was organised by the Tagore Centre for Global Thought.

24 November: Distinguished Lectures in Global Thought by Swapan Dasgupta: Part Two, ‘Indian conservatism as a protest movement’. This event was organised by the Tagore Centre for Global Thought.

25 November: Distinguished Lectures in Global Thought by Swapan Dasgupta: Part Three, ‘Indian conservatism and the compulsions of political power’. This event was organised by the Tagore Centre for Global Thought.

26 November: In conversation with Sudipta Kaviraj (Columbia University)

30 November: Indian Modernisms Film Series at the Tagore Centre for Global Thought: *Party* (1984, dir. Govind Nihalani)

**December**

2 December: Mayur Suresh (School of Oriental and African Studies), ‘Law and the culture of epistolarity: why “terrorists” write letters’
Associate Faculty

Academic staff with research interests and expertise relating to India and South Asia are spread across King’s. While based in their home departments, they are also members of the India Institute’s Associate Faculty, and extend subject coverage over a broad range. Associate Faculty are able to jointly supervise PhD research with faculty members of the India Institute. They also participate regularly in our events, develop collaborative projects, and offer joint teaching and courses on our programmes.

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Sir Michael Arthur is a British diplomat and has been the UK’s Ambassador to Germany since 2007. He was the UK’s Head of Mission in New Delhi between 2003 and 2007, and has held a number of senior positions at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Mrs Bhartia is the Chairperson and Editorial Director of the Hindustan Times group, where she has worked since 1986. In February 2006 she was also nominated Member of India’s Upper House in Parliament, the Rajya Sabha.

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Ms Boo is a staff writer for The New Yorker. Previously she worked as a writer and editor at a number of other high profile US newspapers. Her work focuses on social development issues, and she was a New American Foundation Senior Fellow from 2002 to 2006.

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Ms Das has acted in over 30 feature films including Fire, Earth, Bawandar, and Four Women. Her 2008 directorial debut Firaaq won more than 10 international awards. She also works on a range of social issues, including women’s rights and children’s access to media.

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Ms Hamlyn is the Founder and Director of the Frith Street Gallery, a position which she has held since 1989, and has served as Chair of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation since 2004. She is an Arts graduate of the City and Guilds School of Art in London.

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Ms Janah is Founder and CEO of SamaSource, a non-profit organisation providing dignified, computer-based work to disadvantaged groups. She
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**Sir Anish Kapoor**  
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Sir Anish Kapoor is a sculptor whose works are displayed all over the world, exploring matter and non-matter and evoking duality and void in form and space. He is the first living artist invited to have a solo exhibition at the Royal Academy in London.

**Professor Rahul Mehrotra**  
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Rahul Mehrotra is a practicing architect and Professor of Urban Design and Planning at Harvard University, where he sits on the Steering Committee of the South Asia Initiative. His firm RMA Architects has designed and executed many high-profile projects in Mumbai.

**Mr Vikram Mehta**  
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Mr Mehta is Executive Chairman of Brookings India, and was for 12 years Chairman of Shell Companies in India. He is a member of the National Council of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), and sits on the boards of several industry and educational organisations.

**Mr David Miliband**  
*President and CEO, International Rescue Committee and Former Foreign Secretary*  
Mr Miliband is the President and CEO of the International Rescue Committee. Previously, he was Labour MP for South Shields from 2001 to 2013, and held a number of ministerial posts. These included Environment Secretary, and from 2007 to 2010, Foreign Secretary.

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Dr Perkovich is Vice President for Studies and Director of the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie
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Manish Sabharwal is Co-founder and Chairman of TeamLease Services (India), India’s largest HR services company. Since its inception in 2002, TeamLease has placed more than 1.5 million people in temporary and permanent jobs across India.

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Professor Sen was awarded the 1998 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for his work in welfare economics and social choice, and is best known for his work on the causes of famine. He has taught Economics at Harvard, Oxford, the LSE and the University of Delhi.

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Sir Martin Sorrell founded WPP in 1985, and has since been its CEO. He serves on many boards, including the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum, the UK’s Business Advisory Group, the London Business School, and Indian School of Business.

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Mr Thapar is Chairman and CEO of the Avantha Group. He also serves on the boards of several professional, educational and cultural organisations. In 2011, his company endowed the Avantha Chair at King’s India Institute, which Professor Sunil Khilnani now holds.