

Public Lecture

India in Asia's New Geopolitics

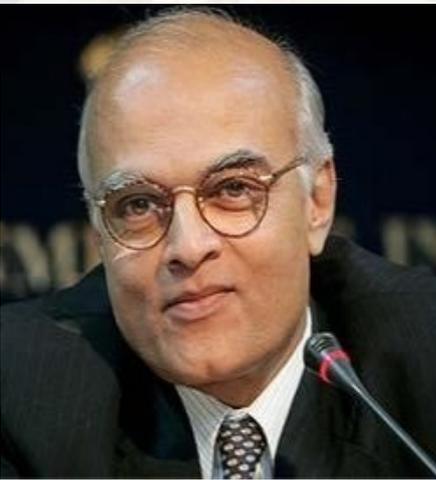
Mr Shivshankar Menon

10 October 2018, 6pm
Council Chamber, Hunter Building
Kelburn Campus, Victoria University of Wellington

Reception to follow.

Asia's geopolitics have changed fundamentally in the last decade, with the rise of China, India and other powers, shifts in US policy, and technological and economic shifts. India has both benefitted from and been challenged by these changes. The lecture will consider what the changed Asian geopolitics are, how India has been affected and responds, and what the prospects for the broader region might be.

About the Speaker



Mr Shivshankar Menon served as national security advisor to the Prime Minister of India from January 2010 to May 2014 and as Foreign Secretary of India from October 2006 to August 2009. A career diplomat, he has served as Ambassador or High Commissioner of India to Israel (1995-1997), Sri Lanka (1997-2000), China (2000-2003), and Pakistan (2003-2006). He was a member of India's Atomic Energy Commission from 2008 to 2014. Mr. Menon has also served in India's missions to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna and in the Department of Atomic Energy in Mumbai.

In 2010, Mr Menon was chosen by *Foreign Policy* magazine as one of the world's top 100 Global Thinkers. In 2016 he published his book *Choices: Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy* (Brookings and Penguin Random House, 2016).

He has been a Richard Wilhelm Fellow at MIT and Fisher Family Fellow at Harvard University in 2015. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Crisis Group, and a Distinguished Fellow of the Asia Society Policy Studies Institute in New York. He is currently the Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Chinese Studies in New Delhi, a Distinguished Fellow at the Brookings Institution, Washington, and a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Institute of South Asian Studies at National University of Singapore.

Mr Menon studied at the Scindia School, Gwalior and St. Stephens College, Delhi University, where he studied ancient Indian history and Chinese.

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