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Introduction

Foreword from Faculty Director



While I have worked with the Center since 2017, I began my tenure as its new Faculty Director last year, taking over from Professor Dipesh Chakrabarty. The Center has thrived over the past six years under Dipesh's stewardship, and these are big shoes to fill. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Delhi Center, and we have a number of celebratory events planned throughout the year. They began with a day-long event at the Center in February that was attended by a large number of University of Chicago alumni and which I participated in. This May, Dr. Leni Chaudhuri (Executive Director of the Center) and I visited and spoke with alumni and other representatives in Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi. Also noteworthy is a joint research partnership between the University of Chicago-led Chicago Quantum Exchange and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay that was announced in September 2023. It was part of the US-India Science and Technology partnership agreement between President Joe Biden and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G20 summit in New Delhi, India. The partnership kicked off in June at a joint workshop between the University of Chicago and IIT Bombay at the Delhi Center. Eleven new projects (spanning topics in social sciences, physical sciences, medicine, and the arts) that are funded by the UChicago Provost's Global Faculty Awards and are led by UChicago faculty and Indian counterparts have been announced for 2024-25. I look forward to their engagement. Finally, I will take this opportunity to thank Dr. Leni Chaudhuri, Aniruddha Bhaduri, and Devnidhi Joshi at the Center for getting me up to speed and onboard.

Faculty Director

Professor Supratik Guha

Professor, Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, University of Chicago and Senior Advisor to the Physical Sciences and Engineering at Argonne National Laboratory

Foreword from Executive Director



The University of Chicago Center in Delhi Annual Report for 2023-2024 provides a comprehensive overview of our achievements, initiatives, and impact throughout the year through our faculty grants, high level programming in the form of conferences, seminars, workshops, book launches, alumni and student focused programs cutting across various disciplines, enriching dialogues and discussions, engagement with stakeholders across the University and in India and media engagement. This year is particularly significant for the Center as it marks its 10th Anniversary. Over the last decade, the Center has emerged as a regional focal point for the University in South Asia by fostering academically rich dialogues. The Center has been instrumental in supporting over 200 faculty-led projects in India across multiple disciplines such as

liberal arts and humanities, medical and physical sciences, law and public policy, and energy and environment. In this landmark year, while continuing the rich legacy of a strong academic engagement in the arts and humanities space, the Center has ventured into newer areas of medical science, accident and trauma care, cancer diagnostics and treatment, mental health, medical teaching, and in science and engineering, particularly, battery technology and quantum information sciences.

The Center in Delhi is a university-wide body which supports and steers engagements across different schools and departments. This year, special efforts were made to strengthen the engagement with alumni and students. The 10th Anniversary launch event was specially curated for alumni to reflect on the Center's journey and share insights for the future. Since then, the Center has joined hands with initiatives such as the monthly series "Know your Alumni" and it is supporting the alumni associations in other organizational matters. This year, efforts are being made to organize information sessions on the wide range of short-term courses and new degree programs initiated by the University.

We are hopeful that the next phase of UChicago in India will be marked with enhanced engagement between the University and its regional partners and co-creation of academically rich and impactful ideas.

Executive Director
Dr. Leni Chaudhuri

About the Center

Mission

- To support the academic initiatives of the University of Chicago's faculty, researchers, alumni, and students in South Asia.
- To deepen and expand the University of Chicago's research scholarship in India in collaboration with academic institutions, civil society, and government.

The Center in Delhi is designed to serve scholars at all levels and across all disciplines. It serves as a convening space for UChicago faculty and students, a gathering place for alumni, and a nucleus for rekindling old relationships and the forging of new ones. It also provides opportunities for interaction with the University's main campus based in Hyde Park, Chicago; global campus located in Hong Kong; its centers in Beijing and Paris; Chicago Booth campus in London; and other programs and facilities around the world.

India is a growing force in geopolitics and global markets. Like its sister city of Chicago, Delhi is a national and global crossroads. Delhi's concentration of academic, scientific, government, and cultural institutions, as well as its thriving business and professional communities, makes it an ideal location for the University's growing engagement with scholars and institutions around the globe.

Programming at the center is focused on three core areas: Science, Energy, Medicine, and Public Health; Business, Economics, and Policy; and Culture, Society, Law, and the Arts. Through academic and public programs, and outreach and collaboration, scholars use the Center to address scientific, political, social, and cultural issues that are important to India and the world.

History

The University of Chicago opened an academic center in Delhi in 2014, supporting and expanding opportunities for collaboration among scholars and students from India and Chicago across academic disciplines. It is an intellectual destination, a place to explore ideas across institutions and disciplines. It expands opportunities for collaboration with Indian universities, research institutes, and cultural organizations; and it serves as a focal point for engaging alumni in India and South Asia.

The Center in Delhi is a home for research and education for University of Chicago faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates working in India and South Asia, as well as Indian researchers and students representing a wide array of institutions, and scholars from around the world. Since its founding in 1890, the University of Chicago has embraced a tradition of international exploration and collaboration. Scholars have traveled the world to connect with colleagues and international experts in every discipline.

Leadership



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 Sciences and Engineering at Argonne National
 Laboratory



Executive Director
 Dr. Leni Chaudhuri

2023-24 Delhi Faculty Steering Committee	Nishant Agrawal Surgery
	Elizabeth Chatterjee History
	Amir Jina Harris School of Public Policy
	Constantine Nakassis Anthropology
	Amitabh Chaudhuri Computer Science
	Marianne Bertrand Booth School of Business
	John Mark Hansen Political Science
	Andrew Ollett South Asian Languages & Civilizations
	Peter Littlewood Physics
	Sandeep Gurbuxani Pathology

Center Team



Director – Programs &
Operations
Mr. Aniruddha Bhaduri



Associate Director - Compliance
& Company Secretary
Shilpa Chadha



Program Manager
Ms. Antara Chakraborty



Facilities Manager
Mr. Devnidhi Joshi



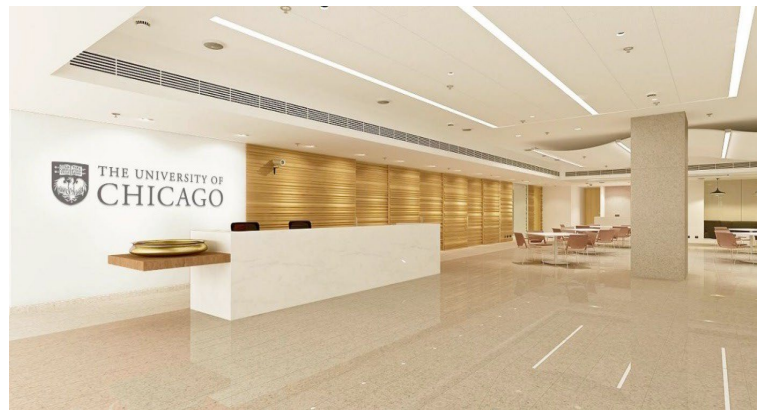
IT Manager
Mr. Manoj Sharma



Facilities and Tech Support
Mr. Vijay Kumar

Facility & Location

Located in the vibrant cultural and commercial district of Connaught Place, the 17,000-square-foot center includes seminar rooms, a lecture hall, study areas, offices for faculty, staff, and graduate students, as well as spaces for hosting conferences, exhibits, alumni events, receptions, and public gatherings.



Impact

Metrics

13	UChicago units supported	2305	event participants
42	UChicago faculty supported	31	institutional collaborations supported
275%	Social Media Outreach growth	15.4%	LinkedIn follower growth

Highlights

Building academic collaborations

The 10th Anniversary Celebrations of the University of Chicago Center in Delhi



Over the past decade, the University of Chicago Center in Delhi has served as a dynamic platform for collaborative initiatives between the University of Chicago and Indian universities, research institutes, academic institutions, government entities, and cultural organizations. To commemorate this milestone, a launch event themed *Looking Back to Move Forward: Reflections on 10 Years of the University of Chicago Center in India* was held at the Center. The event featured an engaging panel discussion with alumni and friends who have been involved with the Center over the years. Reflections on the past ten years were provided by Dipesh Chakrabarty, Lawrence A. Kimpton Distinguished Service Professor of History, South Asian Languages and Civilizations, and the College, and former Faculty Director at the Center in Delhi. Professor Supratik Guha, Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, current Faculty Director at the Center in Delhi, and Senior Advisor to the Physical Sciences and Engineering at Argonne National Laboratory, shared insights on the future direction of the Center. A short video featuring University of Chicago leadership, including UChicago president, Paul Alivisatos, was premiered capturing the essence and achievements of the Delhi Center over the past decade. The event concluded with a networking reception and was attended by over 120 guests. The launch event was followed by a major event at Tagore Palace, Kolkata, graced by esteemed participants including UChicago Professor Philip V. Bohlman, Ludwig Rosenberger Distinguished Service Professor in Jewish History, Music and the Humanities in the College; Associate Faculty, Divinity School. The event featured performances of EVENING RAGA-BASED SONGS of Kazi Nazrul Islam and a dance performance by Souraja Tagore. Heartfelt testimonies were shared by the esteemed guests highlighting their collaborative experiences with



the Center. The event was attended by 55 guests, including representatives from various esteemed institutions in Kolkata and distinguished alumni. Additionally, all UChicago faculty projects conducted in India this year were prominently branded under the 10th Anniversary banner, extending the celebration and recognition of a decade of impactful collaboration. The Center in Delhi acknowledges the dedicated efforts of several visionaries that have led to this moment, as it sets into motion a full array of globally impactful research and programming in the years to come. The University of Chicago greatly values our partnerships with Indian institutions, and we look forward to another decade of robust collaboration and engagement.

Book Launch and Panel Discussion of Gauri Datt's Devrani Jethani ki Kahani or A Story of Two Sisters-in-Law



A book launch and panel discussion of Pandit Gauri Datt's *Devrani Jethani ki Kahani or A Story of Two Sisters-in-Law* were hosted at the University of Chicago Center in Delhi. The event featured a distinguished panel of experts in the field of literature, including Simona Sawhney, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT-Delhi, Udaya Kumar, Centre for English Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and B.N. Varma, Former Head of Primus Books, Delhi. Pandit Gauri Datt's *Devrani Jethani ki Kahani or A Story of Two Sisters-in-Law* (1870) is often considered the first novel in Hindi. The novel acknowledges the large extended family's aspirations for social mobility, reform, and modernity while capturing the swiftly transforming everyday life of

merchant communities. The book has been translated and annotated by Smita Gandotra, Department of English at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, and Ulrike Stark, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago. This translation is the first to bring Gauri Datt's *Devrani Jethani ki Kahani or A Story of Two Sisters-in-Law* into English. It is presented along with a facsimile of the original 1870 Hindi edition, held at the British Library, London. Following the panel's engaging discussion, the event concluded with enlightening insights from the translators, Ulrike Stark and Smita Gandotra, who thoughtfully addressed the audience's questions and provided sought-after information. The novel has sparked significant interest among South Asian literature scholars, historians, and students, particularly in the fields of language, education, modernity, caste, and gender.

International Conference on Head and Neck Surgery



Head and Neck Cancer (HNC) is a critical global health concern due to its potential for high mortality rates. It is the seventh most common cancer worldwide with increasing incidences that account for over 800,000 new cases annually. Managing this disease effectively requires a multidisciplinary approach and involvement of global partners to address the diverse risk factors, share expertise, advance research, and provide support to patients and families, ultimately striving for improved management, early detection, and treatment outcomes. Dr. Nishant Agarwal, Professor of Surgery, UChicago Medicine, in collaboration with the University College of Medical Sciences in Delhi organized an International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer at the UChicago Center in Delhi, inviting experts across the globe to share notions and expertise on management of recurrent HNC. Such global exchange of knowledge, research and expertise are crucial for advancing

understanding and improving its management for patients worldwide. The team plans to organize a two-day master class on oral cancer for doctors at the Center in Delhi in the upcoming year to better equip them with essential knowledge and enhance capabilities in management to contribute to the fight against HNC.



Joint Workshop on Spectrum and Telecommunications Policy and Technology for Future Wireless Systems

The proliferation of wireless connectivity worldwide has been made possible by the development of new and advanced technologies as well as spectrum allocations for different kinds of services, cellular and Wi-Fi being the two most widely used. In order to strengthen the US-India collaborations on several critical technologies, including advanced wireless, a one-and-a-half-day workshop on the subject of “Spectrum and Telecommunications Policy and Technology for Future Wireless Systems”, was organized in co-ordination with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and the Telecom Standards Development Society of India (TSDSI), bringing together a multi-disciplinary team of expert technologists, researchers, government, policy experts and industry stakeholders from both countries to discuss the future needs of broadband connectivity. The initiative, led by Professor Monisha Ghosh of the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, Joshua Macey of the Law School, University of Chicago, Rajeev Shorey of the Indian Institute of

Technology, Delhi, Pamela Kumar of the Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India (TSDSI), and William Payne of the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, University of Chicago. The primary desired outcomes were (i) to exchange expertise on spectrum policy and technology directions in both countries to develop the next generation of wireless systems, both cellular and Wi-Fi, (ii) build collaborations between UChicago researchers, Indian academics, and industry, and prepare for future joint research funding calls, and (iii) examine how emerging technologies from both countries can address the common problem of bridging the digital divide. This event will leverage the enormous surge of interest and activity in India and the US in deploying 5G today and preparing for 6G in the future.

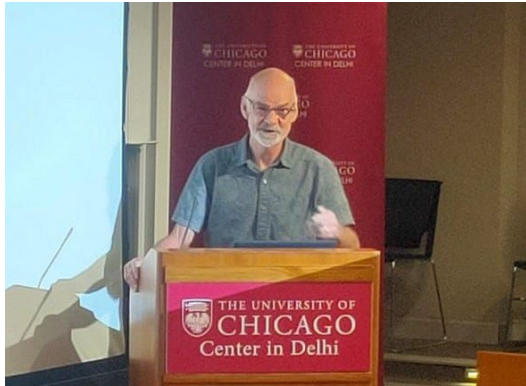
Energy History and Environmental Sustainability



India today is facing an unprecedented array of environmental challenges, from climate change to depleting groundwater reserves. The country’s energy sector lies at the heart of many of these issues. [Elizabeth Chatterjee](#), Assistant Professor of Environmental History and the College, Department of History, University of Chicago and [Dipesh Chakraborty](#), Lawrence A. Kimpton Distinguished Service Professor of History, South Asian Languages and Civilizations, and the College, Department of History, University of Chicago hosted a one-day symposium on “Energy History and Environmental Sustainability” at the UChicago Center in Delhi. The event featured three engaging panel discussions titled "Energy Legacies," "Energy Impacts," and "Imagining New Energy Futures." Esteemed historians and social scientists from across India delved into the intricate past and promising future of India's energy sector. They explored the evolution of India's energy portfolio over time, examined the real-world environmental challenges faced by citizens and

workers and brainstormed effective strategies for experts to communicate their insights to wider audiences.

Effects of climate change on Himalayan biodiversity



The climate crisis is not only affecting humans, but biodiversity. In the cradle of some of the world's most awe-inspiring landscapes, the Himalayas stand as not only a testament to natural grandeur but also as a vital reservoir of biodiversity. The unique flora and fauna thriving in this majestic mountain range contribute significantly to the delicate ecological balance of the region. The intricate interplay within this ecosystem not only contributes to the region's ecological resilience but also holds profound implications for global climate dynamics. At the forefront of unravelling the profound relationship between Himalayan biodiversity and climate change, the project titled "Effects of Climate Change on Himalayan Biodiversity", spearheaded by Professor Trevor D. Price from the Department of Ecology and Evolution at the University of Chicago and Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellow, in collaboration with Professor Suresh Rana from the GB Plant Institute, aimed to deepen the understanding of the effects of climate change on biodiversity.



The project had three major components to address the gap in knowledge by first conducting a workshop at the University of Chicago Center in Delhi, uniting early career researchers from India and abroad to consider exactly what we know about how climate change is affecting species, particularly in the Himalayas.

Talks covered both the recent climatic history of the Himalayas, what we know about present day climates, and what we know about biodiversity responses. This multifaceted approach will contribute significantly to the understanding of Himalayan biodiversity dynamics under the influence of climate change. The second phase involved a week-long visit to the University of Ladakh to facilitate outreach and collaboration development with local faculty and students. The third phase involved field studies led by two students, one Indian and one from Chicago, under the mentorship of Prof. Price and Dr. Suresh Rana from the GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment.

Translating for America, Reading the World



South Asia is home to one in five people in the world with over thirty regional languages, each with its rich literary traditions, yet less than 1% of literary titles in translation published in the US come from South Asian languages. Given the dominance of English as an economic and cultural force, there is an urgent need to support writers from South Asia who write in languages other than English. Spearheaded by Professor Jason Grunebaum, Instructional Professor, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, "Translating for America, Reading the World" is a promising project that is believed to mark the starting point of a wholesale inversion of the publishing paradigm for South Asian literature translation in the western Anglosphere, moving from one of scarcity to one of robustness. The project consisted of a one-and-a-half-day workshop at the UChicago Center in Delhi, which brought together publishers from the US and India, practicing literary translators, and students of literary translation from Ashoka University. Publishers from the US and India who share a common interest in works of literary translation took part in a roundtable that mapped out the current barriers to access to US markets for works of South Asian literature in translation, and discussed case

studies of what has worked, what has failed, and why. UChicago translation faculty and distinguished alumni led small translation workshops with Ashoka University students, emphasizing the different needs of Anglophone audiences outside the subcontinent. Students also crafted and presented book pitches with faculty input, offering them to both sets of publishers. This workshop marked the public launch of the five-year, UChicago-led South Asian Literature in Translation (SALT) project. This initiative presents a significant opportunity for the global literary community to discover and engage with South Asian literary voices, enriching the world conversation of literature.

iHEAR National Symposium on Health Humanities: Advancing Queer and Disability Inclusion



The UChicago Center in Delhi hosted a two-day symposium titled “iHEAR National Symposium on Health Humanities: Advancing Queer and Disability Inclusion” on May 10-11, 2024. Led by [Professor Kamala G. Cotts, MD.](#), this initiative aimed to integrate narratives and health humanities into medical education to teach disability competencies and incorporate first-person LGBTQIA+ stories from the Queer Chronicles (QC) project. It also focused on experiences from the Disability-Inclusive Compassionate Care (DICC) 2.0 project, planning future narrative use for health equity, and developing teaching guides. The

symposium concluded with a commitment to enhance collaboration between medical professionals and marginalized communities for more inclusive medical education and healthcare.

Navigating AI, Semiconductors, and Quantum: The Future of Computing and Its Impact



On May 30, 2024, [Supratik Guha](#) delivered an insightful talk at the National Stock Exchange in Mumbai, titled "Navigating AI, Semiconductors, and Quantum: The Future of Computing and Its Impact." Guha, a leading expert in computing technologies, explored the transformative potential of AI, advancements in semiconductor technology, and the emerging field of quantum computing. His presentation highlighted how these areas are poised to revolutionize industries and influence economic growth. [Abhilash Misra](#), MBA '08 from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, played a crucial role in meticulously planning and organizing the event. His expertise was pivotal in shaping

the agenda and ensuring the inclusion of leading experts and stakeholders. Overall, the conference offered a comprehensive understanding of the future of computing and its broad implications for various sectors.



Navigating AI, Quantum, and Semiconductors: The Future of Computing & Its Supply Chains.



On June 1, 2024, WelcomHotel by ITC in Chennai set the stage for a much-anticipated and insightful event, showcasing two of the technology industry's most distinguished figures, [Supratik Guha](#) and [Josh Foulger](#). The event, titled "Navigating AI, Quantum, and Semiconductors: The Future of Computing & Its Supply Chains," attracted a diverse audience of professionals, academics, and industry leaders, eager to delve into the future of these transformative technologies. The event was a resounding success, marked by a deep exploration of trajectory of conventional computing and the semiconductor technologies that underwrite it, how we have reached the limits of the physics driving them, what we are doing about it; emerging technologies such as quantum computing and sensor networks, where does it stand and the deep connection between physics and engineering. The evening was marked by rich academic discussions and productive interactions between attendees from various sectors. [Rajeev Mecheri](#), MBA '12 from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, played a pivotal role in organizing and ensuring the success of the event. The evening culminated in an engaging Q&A session, providing participants with valuable insights into the rapidly evolving technological landscape and its far-reaching implications for the future of computing and global supply chains.

U-Chicago-IIT Bombay Workshop on Quantum Technologies



In 2023, the [Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay](#) and the [University of Chicago](#) announced the start of a science and technology partnership aimed at developing cooperation in quantum information science, climate and energy, advanced microelectronics, artificial science and data science.



A two-day event titled 'U-Chicago-IIT Bombay Workshop on Quantum Technologies' was held on June 5th and 6th, 2024, at the UChicago Center in Delhi. Led by Professor Supratik Guha, the workshop was co-organized by the University of Chicago Center in Delhi and IIT Bombay QulCST, with support from IIT Bombay Research Park, Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, Chicago Quantum Exchange, IBM, and Applied Materials. The workshop brought together faculty and students from both institutes, as well as invited members from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), industry representatives from companies like Applied Materials, IBM, C-DoT, and TCS, and delegates from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT). The event featured in-depth technical discussions on various quantum technologies and explored potential areas of collaboration. It also addressed creating a larger

ecosystem with industry and government agencies, including SINE and IIT Bombay Research Park.

Supporting India Partners

EPIC-India



The Center supports the research Initiatives of EPIC-India, under the leadership of Professor Michael Greenstone, Director of EPIC. Launched in 2014, EPIC-India strives to confront challenges through cutting-edge research and targeted engagement with local stakeholders. Currently, EPIC-India is working on 18 projects spanning ten states in India, in collaboration with private partners and state governments. *Delhi Youth for Climate Summit:* The Department of Environment, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, in collaboration with EPIC-India organized a 2-day summit ‘Delhi Youth for Climate Summit’ on the 10-11th August 2023, to help better understand the role of youth and educational institutions in addressing climate change issues. Six speakers and over 50 participants attended the event, including top government stakeholders, policymakers, non-profits, and educational institutions’ principals and professors.

Harris School of Public Policy

The Center supports the Harris School of Public Policy’s work in India by actively supporting and facilitating a multitude of enriching events. Since its founding, the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy has been redefining what it means to be a public policy school, shifting the conception of public policy from an ideology reliant on politics and pedigree, to a science rooted in data and impact.



Behavioral Insights to Advance Policy Innovation: The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy recently concluded a 5-day high impact workshop on Behavioural Insights to Advance Policy Innovation, attended by 50 senior team members from USAID South Asia (Serbia, the Philippines, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Nepal), NITI Aayog Government of India, India’s premier public policy think tank, and Capacity Building Commission of India (CBC), a central agency responsible for enhancing future-forward skills of 3.3 million Indian bureaucrats.



International Innovation Corps: The International Innovation Corps is a Social Impact Fellowship aimed to create scalable solutions for critical social challenges and nurture the future leaders of development. IIC’s India Program places teams of diverse young professionals within the Indian government and leading social enterprises. The Center plays a pivotal role in supporting IIC in organizing and curating engaging conferences and workshops that foster knowledge exchange and drive impact. For the year April 2022 to June 2023, the IIC placed 30 fellows across 9 projects, in 4 states. In its 10th year of operation, IIC has placed 180 fellows across 40+ projects in 15 states so far. IIC Fellows have worked across sectors such as digital health, tech policy, education, gender, and environment and sustainability.

Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (BFI)

The Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (BFI) at the University of Chicago serves as a central hub for pioneering economic research. It brings together scholars from various UChicago schools, including the Booth School of Business, the Harris School of Public Policy, and the Law School, to address complex global economic issues. BFI is dedicated to translating rigorous, evidence-based research into practical insights for policymakers and business leaders worldwide, aiming to bridge the gap between academic research and real-world impact. The Center supports the research initiatives of Professors Michael Greenstone, Fiona Burlig, and Amir Jina in the field of Energy and Environment.

Development Innovation Lab - India (DIL-India)

The Center supports research initiatives of the Development Innovation Lab, India Chapter led by Professor Michael Kremer and facilitates the DIL team's research projects on inline chlorination in partnership with the Jal Jeevan Mission and the study on climate resilient agriculture with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare.

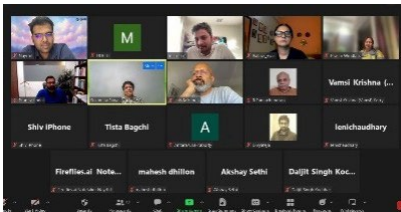
Graduate Student-at-Large

The Center actively supports Graduate Student-at-Large (GSAL) outreach events in India by coordinating and promoting these events, as well as managing other necessary arrangements to ensure their success. A GSAL at the University of Chicago is part of a non-degree program offered through the Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies. This program allows individuals to take graduate-level courses at the University without being enrolled in a specific degree program, provides the purposeful academic advising, faculty support, and academic credentials needed to pursue a future at the University of Chicago or elsewhere. It is designed for those who are prepared for graduate school, professional development, and personal enrichment.



The University of Chicago | Office of College Admissions

The Center actively supports the Office of College Admissions by hosting events on "Undergraduate Information Sessions". These events aim to share detailed information about student life and academics at UChicago, as well as provide guidance on the undergraduate application process and financial aid. The Center promotes these events to students in India who are interested in pursuing higher studies at the University of Chicago.



Alumni Club of India

The Center supports the Alumni Club of India in organizing the monthly "Get to Know Your Alumni" sessions as part of the Virtual Alumni Talk series. Each month, different alumni are selected to speak on various topics, providing a valuable opportunity for engagement and reconnection within the UChicago alumni community.

Appendix

Events

Event Date	Event Name	Attendees
July 1, 2023	Harris School of Public Policy Students Send-off Party with Ranjan Daniels	35
July 2, 2023	Alumni Brunch – Harris School of Public Policy	35
July 7, 2023	Meeting of the Representatives from US University Association	5
July 19, 2023	Workshop on Bicycling Research in Low and Middle-income Countries	16
July 21, 2023	Alumni Meeting - Medha Foundation	9
July 28, 2023	UChicago Booth School New Admits Student Orientation	22
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August 21, 2023	International Conference on Recurrent Head & Neck Cancer	73
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August 31, 2023	Alumni Event	9
September 4-8, 2023	Training of New Cohorts - International Innovation Corps (IIC)	24
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November 2, 2023	Harris School of Public Policy/ USAID Reception	35
November 4, 2023	Reception for Harris School of Public Policy Students	55
November 8, 2023	Climate Dialogues- Civic Data Lab	42
December 11-13, 2023	Students Trek	30
December 21, 2023	AIIS Event	24
January 8, 2024	A Festival of Kathak Dance for India-U.S. Friendship	120
January 18-19, 2024	Talk by Professor Paul Staniland on Major Powers and Smaller States in Modern Asia at Miranda House	75
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March 6, 2024	Obstacles to India's Emergence as a Global Arbitration Hub	105
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March 11, 2024	Talk by Professor Lisa Wedeen on Theorizing the Present: Ideology, Conspiracy, and The Freedom to Lie at Jawaharlal Nehru University	220
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June 1, 2024	Navigating AI, Quantum, and Semiconductors: The Future of Computing & Its Supply Chains.	100
June 5-6, 2024	Quantum Conference	80
June 4, 2024	Alumni Reception	7
June 22, 2024	Get to Know your Alumni	15

Grants Administered

Academic Events

Energy History and Environmental Crisis
Elizabeth Chatterjee | Department of History

Exploring Partnerships on Novel Battery Technologies
Towards a More Sustainable Energy Supply
Shrayesh Patel | Pritzker School of Molecular
Engineering

Global Capitalisms
Kaushik Sunder Rajan | Department of Anthropology

Joint Workshop on Spectrum and Telecommunications
Policy and Technology for Future Wireless Systems
Monisha Ghosh | Pritzker School of Molecular
Engineering

Novel Strategies for Hemorrhage Control: The Hybrid
Operating Room in India and the United States
Jennifer Cone | Department of Surgery

Supporting South Asian Youth: New Directions in Well-
Being
Seeba Anam | Department of Psychiatry

Translating for America, Reading the World
Jason Grunebaum | Department of South Asian
Languages and Civilizations

Exploratory Trips

Regional Conversations: Mental Health in South Asia
Seeba Anam | Department of Psychiatry

Strategic Partnership: Collegium-Delhi Center
Elspeth Carruthers | Neubauer Collegium for Culture
and Society

Planning Meetings

Strengthening Community Engagement Through
University-Civil Society Collaboration in Post-COVID
Urban India
Robert Chaskin | Crown Family School of Social Work,
Policy, and Practice

Working Group: Cambridge History of Indian Literature
Whitney Cox | Department of South Asian Languages
and Civilizations

Public Events

Mrinal Sen Birth Centenary: Film Retrospective and
Conference

Rochona Majumdar | Department of South Asian
Languages and Civilizations

Research Projects

Building a Legal Vertical on the "Data for India"
Platform
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