

Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) 10th International Conference on Politics and Economics of Land in South Asia

IRES Director Prof Deng Yongheng was invited to ISAS' 10th International Conference on Politics and Economics of Land in South Asia. The event was held over 2 days (29-30 Oct 2015) at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore.

Prof Deng chaired a panel discussion titled 'Land Acquisition in India'.



PANEL DISCUSSION:
Land Acquisition in India

Chairperson
Prof Deng Yongheng

From left: Dr Amitendu Palit, Prof Deng Yongheng, Prof Sanjoy Chakravarty and Prof Venkatesh Panchapagesan

The issues surrounding land ownership and land usage occupy a crucial place within the larger public policy debate in India, especially so in the last decade. Decisions over land ownership and land use often have important ramifications for individuals dependent on land for their livelihoods as well as for industrial development, job creation and overall economic growth. These public policy debates over land ownership and land use resonate beyond India and emerge in various forms, within the other countries of South Asia as well.

The 10th ISAS Annual International Conference looked into these issues under the banner of 'Politics and Economics of Land in South Asia'.

The Guest of Honour for the Conference was Singapore's Minister for Finance, Mr Heng Swee Keat, who delivered the opening address. The special guest for this event was Mr. B.J. Panda, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), from the Kendrapara Constituency in the state of Odisha, India. He delivered the keynote address.