

FICCI-KAS Workshop on “Market Economic Challenges in South Asia”
24th September 2012
The Senate Hall, Claridges, New Delhi

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) in association with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organized a workshop on “Market Economic Challenges in South Asia” on 24th September 2012 at the Senate hall, Claridges hotel, New Delhi.

The workshop was held within the new KAS regional program on *Social and Economic Governance in Asia (SOPAS)*. Its aim was to deepen the understanding of current economic challenges and perspectives and how the region can respond to global economic crisis and transformation while promoting social equity on the basis of the principles and ideas of the German Social Market Economy on which the German economic success in the past and present was based.

The one day workshop on 24 September 2012 was part of a series taking place in three different cities – Bangkok, Tokyo and New Delhi – representing three Asian sub-regions, namely Southeast, Northeast and South Asia.

This workshop series was the first step for a project on **Challenges for Market Economies in Asia** aiming at a comparison of the market economic systems in Asia in order to present ideas and recommendations for new instruments and ways for social and economic governance – a pressing issue for many countries in the region.

The workshop was chaired by Prof. Rolf J. Langhammer, Kiel Institute for the World Economy. Other eminent economists who shared the head table were Dr. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Chairman, Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University and Dr. Charit Tingsabadh, Acting Director, Centre for European Studies, Chulalongkorn University.

From South Asia (excl. India), the following eminent economists / scholars participated at the workshop: Dr Sadiq Ahmed, Vice Chairman, Policy Research Institute, Bangladesh; Dr. Posh Raj Pandey, Executive Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment, Nepal; Ambassador M Humayun Kabir, Vice President, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Bangladesh; Prof. (Dr.) Madan Kumar Dahal, Chairman, Mega Bank Nepal Ltd., Nepal; Dr. Saman Kalegama, Executive Director & Fellow, Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka.

The following distinguished Economist / Scholars participated from India at the workshop: Dr. Ramgopal Agarwala, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System, New Delhi; Dr. Amir Ullah Khan, Director, Gates Foundation, New Delhi; Dr Parth J Shah, President, Centre for Civil Society, New Delhi; Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Director & Chief Executive, ICRIER, New Delhi; Dr Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, ICRIER, New Delhi; Dr Anjan Roy, Advisor, ASSOCHAM, New Delhi.

The workshop deliberated on the market economy related to challenges faced by the South Asian countries and how to overcome these challenges vis-a-vis German social economic model.

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