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India - U.S. Strategic Partnership After Bush

A Public Lecture presented by Professor C. Raja Mohan
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Eight years of the Bush Administration have seen a dramatic transformation of Indo-U.S. relations. The attempt to construct an unprecedented strategic partnership between the two nations has demanded a significant revision of the dominant national assumptions about each other in New Delhi and Washington. Not surprisingly this has run into considerable bureaucratic and political opposition in both the countries. As new governments take charge in both countries in 2009, the sustainability of the new strategic partnership remains an open-ended question. The Lecture will be in three parts. It will begin with a review of bilateral relations during the Bush years, with a special focus four areas—nuclear cooperation, defence partnership, Pakistan and South Asia, and the search for a new balance of power in Asia in the context of a rising China. The second part examines the strategic assumptions that shaped the evolution of bilateral relations—especially the U.S. readiness to invest in a rising India without seeking immediate returns, and New Delhi's willingness to modify its traditional policy of non-alignment and move towards an alliance-like relationship with Washington. The final part examines whether these assumptions might survive the political transition at home and the altering international environment.

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All Welcome

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