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### Webinar Report

**Topic:** “Covid-19 and China : Recalibrating the Narrative”

**Speaker:** Dr. Reena Marwah, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, Jesus and Mary College

**Date:** 7 May 2020

**Time:** 12:00 noon -1:30 pm

**Webinar platform used:** Zoom

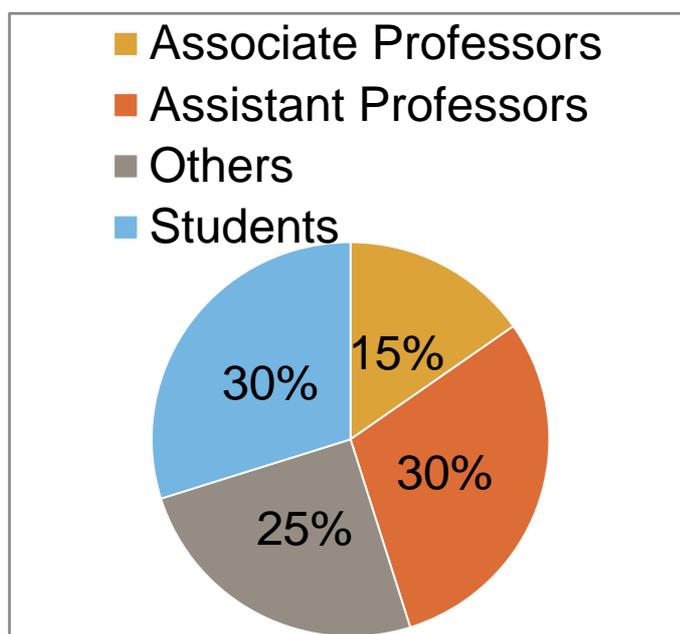
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**Registrations:** 144 (across India)

Number of Registered Faculty: 101 [Associate Professors: 22, Assistant Professors: 43, Others (including acting Principals, Researchers etc.): 36]

Number of Registered Students: 43



**Number of participants on Zoom: 75**

**Number of participants on YouTube: 98 views and still counting**

**Organizing Team:**

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**About the speaker:** [Dr. Reena Marwah](#) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Commerce, Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University; permanent faculty w.e.f. July 16, 1982. She was selected as an ICSSR Senior Fellow, MHRD, Govt. of India; was affiliated with the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi from June 2017 to May, 2019, during which her study was on Reimagining India-Thailand Relations. She has also been on deputation as Senior Academic Consultant, ICSSR, an autonomous body of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India for three years (2012-2015) and continued, on behalf of ICSSR to coordinate/lead the India-Europe Research Platform (EqUIP) till July 2017. She has been a Short-term Consultant of the World Bank and UN Women.

**Webinar Summary**

The Covid-19 pandemic is a global crisis and given the interdependence of countries, the crisis has assumed alarming proportions. Several countries believe that if China, from where Covid-19 emerged, had been more transparent, the pandemic could have been tackled much more efficiently. It was in this context that this webinar reviewed the narrative in China on Covid-19 and the response of the Chinese Government.

On 7th May 2020, an interactive webinar on “Covid-19 and China: Recalibrating the Narrative” was hosted by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Jesus and Mary College (JMC). Mr. Naveen Joseph Thomas, Moderator, initiated the webinar at noon with a brief welcome to the esteemed speaker and the guests.

Dr. Marwah divided her lecture into three sections: first, China’s intent and image related to Covid-19, second, Economic issues like de-coupling from China and whether countries can really do it or not? and third, Indo-China relations. She emphasized on the importance that China places on its ‘image’ abroad, its campaigns of information, a sustainable footprint of its

Belt and Road Initiative and ‘mask’ diplomacy to limit any potential damage. Dr. Marwah critiqued China’s failure in tackling Covid-19 in its initial stage in China by following the motto “hide it till you can keep it hidden”. The early response to the pandemic was framed by the Chinese government as a local level mistake. Thereafter the Chinese government through huge investments in healthcare delivery services was able to take full control of the pandemic within its territories.

By the second stage of the pandemic, a new kind of propaganda emerged which was that China will emerge stronger compared to nations across the globe. With the spread of Covid-19, Chinese government once again stated that during a crisis an authoritarian government can better tackle the situation. Dr. Reena Marwah emphasized on the importance of Sino-Indian relations as this year marks the 70th anniversary of their bilateral relations. She also emphasized the fact that the pandemic would witness a recalibration of China’s relations with several countries including India and USA.

The question-answer session was moderated by Mr. Naveen J. Thomas (Assistant Professor, Economics). A gamut of interesting questions were asked and answered such as those pertaining to the impact of Covid-19 on India and its various sectors, whether India can catch up with China due to the crisis, impact on India’s FDI policy, direction of trade-relations of India with China in the future, impact on India’s MSMEs due to a growing fear of Chinese takeovers in the future and will China’s debt-trap diplomacy across the globe weaken or strengthen with this crisis in the future.

The scholarly session ended with a detailed vote of thanks by Dr. Alka Marwaha recognizing the efforts of the many who contributed to the success of the webinar.

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