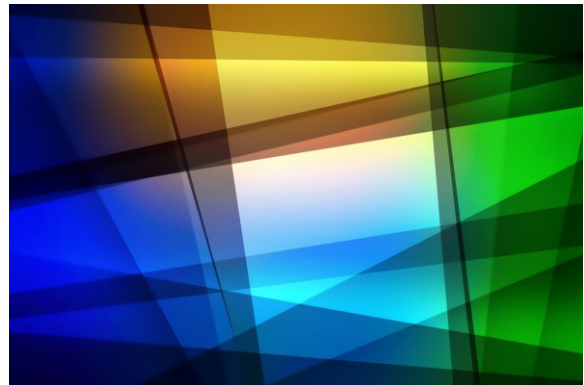


## India Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) Forging New Opportunities - What Lies Ahead?

Dr. Pradeep Taneja, Mr. Robert Law and Ms. Molina Asthana, moderated by Ms. Rohini Kappadath

**Tuesday 26 July 2022 5.30pm for 6:00pm – 7:15pm (AEST), 1:30pm – 2:45pm (IST)  
Yasuko Hiraoka Myer Room, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, The University of Melbourne, Parkville**

India is the world's largest democracy and is one of the fastest growing major economies. Its large population, diverse economy and growth trajectory present significant trade and investment opportunities for Australia and Australian businesses. Many sectors would benefit from an increase in trade and investment with India, including agriculture, education, energy, resources, tourism and financial services.



In April this year, the Australian and Indian Governments signed an interim trade and investment agreement - *the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)*. The agreement is in advance of a formal Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement, which will continue to be negotiated by the two Governments. The ECTA has specific commitments on certain agricultural products, including sheep meat, wool, seafood, and wine. It also provides a new framework to support the recognition of professional qualifications, and procedures for licensing and registration between professional bodies.

What impact will the ECTA have on two-way trade & investment between India and Australia? What are the challenges to negotiating the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)? What effects will rising tensions in the Indo-Pacific have on the flow of goods, services, capital and labour? How does the ECTA seek to deepen the Australia-India strategic partnership?

In partnership with Asialink Business and DFAT Victoria State Office, AIIA Victoria invites you to join a panel discussion with Dr. Pradeep Taneja, Mr. Robert Law and Ms. Molina Asthana. The discussion will be moderated by Ms. Rohini Kappadath.

**Dr. Pradeep Taneja** is a senior lecturer in Asian politics, political economy and international relations at the University of Melbourne, where he is also an academic fellow at the Australia India Institute and a member of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies. Previously, Dr. Taneja was Director of International Programs in the Graduate School of Management at La Trobe University and currently sits on the editorial board of the *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*.

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**Mr. Robert Law** is the Director of Advisory & Insights at Asialink Business. Mr. Law has extensive experience in advising businesses on how to unlock their growth potentials in Southeast Asia, North Asia and India. He is also a trusted advisor to Federal and State governments on policies and programs to boost business engagement in Asia. Prior to his role at Asialink Business, Mr. Law held roles at DFAT and the Office of National Intelligence (ONI).

**Ms. Rohini Kappadath** is the General Manager at the Immigration Museum and on the Executive Leadership Team for Museums Victoria. Ms. Kappadath has over 25 years' experience working in Australian and Asian markets across diverse industries, particularly in Information Technology. In 2015, she was awarded the Victorian Winner of the Telstra Business Women's award in the Corporate and Private Category. Ms. Kappadath is the former Chair Ministerial Business Advisory Council and Commonwealth Bank Cultural Diversity Advisory Council.

**Ms. Molina Asthana** is the first South Asian woman to be elected President Elect of the Law Institute of Victoria. She is also the National President of the Asian Australian Lawyers Association. She is an experienced commercial lawyer having practiced at top-tier Australian law firms and the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office and in the Supreme Court of India. Molina also serves on various boards including AMES Australia, Graduate House of the University of Melbourne, Good Shepherd ANZ, Gymnastics Victoria, AFL South East Commission, Table Tennis Victoria and Australasian Centre for Human Rights and Health. She is also the co-founder of the Asian Australian Alliance and the founder of the organisation Multicultural Women in Sport. She has received multiple awards for her work including the Victorian Multicultural Award for Excellence twice

**This will be an in-person event open to all and will also be streamed online via Zoom. Registrations will close on Tuesday 26 July at 3pm AEST, after which you will receive a follow-up email containing details of how to join the Zoom webinar. The event will commence at 6:00pm AEST (Melbourne time, UTC+10).**

**'Disclaimer: Please note, registration information will be shared between the AIIA and our event partner Asialink Business.'**

## Schedule

5:30 pm: Registration commences  
6:00 pm: Seminar (live-streamed)  
7:15 pm: Networking  
8:00 pm: Event concludes

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