

Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) Forum Lecture Series

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on

Emerging High Seas Treaty and Marine Biodiversity

by

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ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Dr Bhaskar Balakrishnan is a Science Diplomacy Fellow at RIS. He has been an Indian diplomat for 33 years and served as Ambassador of India to Greece and Cuba. He has worked in several countries in Africa, Europe and Middle East and for over ten years with various UN organizations in Geneva and Vienna. He set up and headed the Investment & Technology Promotion Division of the Ministry of External Affairs concerned with promotion of foreign investment and technology flows. He is the Co Chair of the Gene Therapy Advisory and Evaluation Committee (GTAEC) of the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), set up in 2020. Since 2009, he is an adjunct faculty member at the JSS University, Mysore. He has delivered lectures on special topics such as biotechnology development, IPRs and access to drugs, climate change and energy, nuclear energy, health situation in South Asia, etc. to students and faculty..

He has been delivering lectures on special topics as part of the training programmes conducted by the Foreign Service Training Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs for foreign diplomats including diplomats from Afghanistan, ASEAN diplomats, and India. He was a member of India's 16-member National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) for 2013-2014. He has been the President of the Association of Indian Diplomats (AID), for 2015-16, an association of over 250 former Indian Ambassadors. He was educated at Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, Delhi University, and Stonybrook University, New York, USA. He speaks French and Spanish. He is a radio amateur.

ABOUT STIP FORUM

The Science Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) Forum has been set up with the objective of promoting debate on various aspects of Science, Technology and Innovation Policy. The Forum goes beyond the disciplinary boundaries by taking into account the intersectionality of S&T and I. It aims to bridge the gap between the science and society for dissemination of scientific achievements as well as for generalising debate of societal aspirations and promoting responsible research and innovations. The monthly lecture series of public lectures has been launched (since September 2017) to sensitize the public discourse on science, technology and innovation policy. Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), The Energy Resources Institute (TERI), Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (CEFIPRA), Vigyan Prasar and India Habitat Centre (IHC) are the collaborating partner institutions.