

Lecture Discussion by Prof. Jia Haitao (Jinan University, Guangzhou, People's Republic of China) on the Topic: 'Chinese perceptions of India. (Friday, 5 December 2014)

Prof Jia Haitao presented an assessment of the current situation, including the issues like borders; high level dialogues and contacts; military diplomacy and dialogues; cultural, educational, academic exchanges; economic ties and trade. He talked of India's image in general for Chinese. India according to him, was not a major concern or of strategic importance until recently. There are few researchers doing India studies. For the common people movies and popular culture, beautiful scenery and historic heritage; cultural diversity and exotic human geography; Buddhism ;(very positive in general); are relevant. He stressed that it was Indian media that created an adverse image of India in China. He concluded by making suggestions for better understanding between two countries.



