

## **Exploring Means of Democratic Transformation: Theory and Practice in South Asia**

20-22 November 2013

A three-day international conference-cum-workshop was held on ***Exploring means of democratic transformation: Theory and Practice in South Asia*** from 20 to 22 November 2013 sponsored by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, Berlin. The aim of the conference-cum-workshop was to examine the quality of Left politics in the functioning of democracies of South Asia and to explore the ways and means for its increased participation and performance. Professor Achin Chakraborty, Director, IDSK delivered the welcome address and Professor Amiya Kumar Bagchi, Emeritus Professor, IDSK spoke on the genesis of the Conference. The speakers in the conference-cum-workshop included Professor Badruddin Umar, Professor Aijaz Ahmad, Professor Gopal Guru, Professor Nirmalangshu Mukherjee, Professor Prabhat Patnaik, Professor Nirmala Banerjee, Professor Ratan Khasnabis, Professor Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhuri, Professor Sobhanlal Datta Gupta, Dr. Taimur Rehman, Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta, Dr. Pankaj K. S. Pushkar, Dr. K Vidyasagar Reddy, Dr. Maidul Islam, Dr. Ravi Kumar, Dr. Ritwika Biswas, Dr. Anindya Sekhar Purakayastha and Mr. Praful Bidwai, Mr. Shyam Srestha, Mr. Srinivisan Ramani, Mr. Prosenjit Bose, Ms. Debasree De, Ms. Moumita Bala, Ms. Parama Banerjee, Ms. Srimanti Sarkar, Ms. Swatilekha Bhattacharya, Mr. Tarun Mathur and Mr. Venkatanarayan. Professor Subhoranjan Dasgupta, IDSK was coordinator of the conference.

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