



Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Priya M V (Reg. No. 1550070), PhD scholar at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Thursday, 25 February 2021 at 10.30 am. The defense will be conducted online on the Webex Meeting platform.

Title of the Thesis	:	Foreign Policy of China Under Deng Xiaoping and its Contemporary Relevance
Discipline	:	International Studies
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The faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 22 February 2021


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ABSTRACT

Political leadership plays an important role in foreign policy decision making in general. Studying leadership traits, styles, beliefs and world view is one of the common methods to comprehend political leaders and their influence on foreign policy. When it comes to authoritarian countries like China, its foreign policy decision making has several layers of which political leaders play all the more crucial role. Irrespective of the period – Imperial, Nationalist or Communist – the political leaders of China are guided by its history, philosophy and the then existing domestic and global circumstances, in formulating and implementing the country's foreign policy.

With a strong analytical framework linking two key variables – 'political leadership' and 'foreign policy' – the study examines in detail the role of Deng Xiaoping in China's foreign policy shift after Mao in politico-strategic and economic domains. The study finds out that keeping in conjunction with the socio-economic-politico-cultural-historical construct and guided by his own personality, world view, experience, pragmatism, beliefs and style, Deng attempted to resolve the long standing domestic and political and issues. Most importantly, Deng moved from the primacy of politics to economic modernization that resulted in far reaching changes in China's external relations.

The central enquiry of the study is to assess contemporary relevance of Deng's foreign policy paradigm. Through field visits and rigorous analysis of primary sources, the study establishes that relevance of Deng's policy continues in the present context except on China's pro-activeness towards issues pertaining to its territorial integrity and sovereignty. Using China's case, the study advances the framework of understanding pertaining to the role of political leadership in foreign policy making. The study also makes certain broad policy recommendations to various stakeholders for consideration.

Keywords: political leadership, foreign policy, Deng Xiaoping, modernization, Communism, Maoism