"Contemporary India in Comparative and Global Perspective: The View from Beijing and Washington"

This lecture will examine the emergence of India as a major player in the world arena from a comparative and global perspective, especially by viewing its development in relation to that of China.

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