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## EU-India Relations in 2021

### Taking Stock of the Strategic Partnership before the Porto Summit

Expert Webinar & Book Launch

22 April 2021, 12:00 CEST / 15:30 IST

**Narendra Modi and 27 EU Heads of State and Government as well as the Presidents of the European Council and the European Commission will meet in May in Portugal for the next EU-India summit. This upcoming new attempt to deepen the Strategic Partnership represents an excellent occasion to launch the new book “EU-India Relations”: Experts from India and Europe come together on 22 April 2021 and take stock of the partnership before the Porto summit. Is the Strategic Partnership on track for a rejuvenation after years of stasis?**

India and the European Union as the largest democracies in the world have the unique potential to jointly demonstrate that trusting cooperation and mutual understanding are both indispensable and fruitful – all the more so in the context of increasing national egoism and disregard for the fundamental principles of multilateralism. However, for many years, the Strategic Partnership has underperformed. Resounding success in forging closer bilateral ties and promoting an inclusive, rules-based global order has proved elusive.

Two weeks before the EU-India summit in Porto, we take stock of the partnership: Have the partners been able to maintain the spirit of cautious optimism of last year’s virtual summit? Will the 2021 summit finally break the deadlock and set in motion the unfolding of the Strategic Partnership’s full potential? In short: Is EU-India cooperation “back on track”?

In this online event, the editors and contributors to the new book “EU-India Relations – The Strategic Partnership in the Light of the European Union Global Strategy” will discuss the state of EU-India relations in 2021. Ugo Astuto, the Ambassador of the European Union to India, will deliver a short keynote (to be confirmed). Furthermore, three short talks will cast spotlights on the state of the partnership in three policy fields: climate policy, trade, and multilateralism.

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## Programme

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- 12:00 / 15:30 **Welcome Remarks and Presentation of the Book “EU-India Relations”**  
*Philipp Gieg, Timo Lowinger, Manuel Pietzko and Anja Zürn (University of Würzburg)*
- 12:15 / 15:45 **Keynote Speech**  
*Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the European Union to India and Bhutan (to be confirmed)*
- 12:30 / 16:00 **Three Perspectives on EU-India Relations before the Porto Summit**
- **India-EU Climate Diplomacy: Time to Move Up a Gear**  
*Dhanasree Jayaram (Manipal Academy of Higher Education)*
  - **The EU-India BTIA: Still Waiting after all those Years**  
*Nicolas Köhler-Suzuki (International Trade Intelligence, Paris)*
  - **Can the EU and India Save the International Liberal Order?**  
*Patryk Kugiel (Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw)*
- 13:00 / 16:30 **Open Discussion with the Contributors: EU-India Relations in 2021**  
Moderators: *Ummu Salma Bava (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)*  
and *Gisela Müller-Brandeck-Bocquet (University of Würzburg)*
- 13:45 / 17:15 End of Webinar

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## Registration

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Click here to register for free: <https://go.uniwue.de/euindia2021>

The event will be organized **via Zoom** and will take place on **Thursday, 22 April 2021**.

Starting Time: 11:00 BST (United Kingdom) · 12:00 CEST (Central Europa) · 15:30 IST (India)

Ending Time: 12:45 BST (United Kingdom) · 13:45 CEST (Central Europe) · 17:15 IST (India)

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## The Book

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### **EU-India Relations – The Strategic Partnership in the Light of the European Union Global Strategy**

*Philipp Gieg / Timo Lowinger / Manuel Pietzko / Anja Zürn / Ummu Salma Bava / Gisela Müller-Brandeck-Bocquet (eds.)*

This timely book scrutinises the status quo and the future potential of revitalised EU-India relations. By exploring and analysing conceptual approaches to and key dimensions of the strategic partnership, including trade, climate policy and development cooperation, it evaluates the prospects for future cooperation. Lastly, it offers policy recommendations for advancing the partnership between India and the EU.

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