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Invites you to the Online Discussion on

INDIA AS A RELUCTANT POWER: PROMISE AND POTENTIAL



Dr. Aparna Pande will discuss her new book *Making India Great: The Promise of a Reluctant Global Power* (Harper Collins, 2020). She is the director of the Initiative on the Future of India and South Asia at the Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C. A Ph.D from Boston University, she is also the author of *From Chanakya to Modi: The Evolution of India's Foreign Policy* (HarperCollins, 2017), *Explaining Pakistan's Foreign Policy: Escaping India* (Routledge, 2010) and the editor of *Contemporary Handbook on Pakistan* (Routledge, 2017).

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Abstract

The promise of India is old: it lies in the centuries old culture, the possibilities of the large and youthful population, the size and potential of the economy, and the capability and capacity of its military. Its ability to build and consistently maintain a democratic political system has made India a natural partner for western democracies. It is almost as if India wants to be a great power because it is its right to be one. Methodical development of the wherewithal of global power has thus far not proved to be India's strong suit. Her new book *Making India Great: The Promise of a Reluctant Global Power* seeks to explain the dichotomy that lies at the heart of the nation: its belief in being a great power and yet reluctance to consistently implement policies and take actions that would help it achieve those goals.