

Roundtable on ‘Sino-US Relationship: Emerging Trends & Possibilities’

Speaker’s Bio:

Dr. S Mahmud Ali has retired from the BBC in October 2009 as the Senior Editorial Coordinator- Asia Pacific, BBC World Service, London after more than two decades of service. Dr. Ali completed his doctoral research at King’s College, London. He devoted his academic life to the study of regional and global security concerns at the inter-state level with some work in the field of intra-state insecurity. In 2008, he completed the final volume of a trilogy examining the impact of the evolving strategic security interactions between the USA and the People’s Republic of China between 1945 and 2007. The first volume, *Cold War in the High Himalayas: The USA, China and South Asia in the 1950s* (New York, St. Martin’s Press, 1999) probed elite-insecurity perceptions in the USA, China, India and Pakistan. The second volume, *US-China Cold War Collaboration, 1971-1989* (New York, Routledge, 2005), takes up the story from Nixon’s early efforts to establish contact with Mao Zedong and Zhou Enlai using French, Polish, Romanian, and eventually, successfully, Pakistani ‘back channels’. He has wide range of publications, notably; 'South Asia: the Perils of Covert Coercion,' chapter in Sir Lawrence Freedman’s edited, **Strategic Coercion: Concepts and Cases** (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1998); *Civil-Military Relations in the "Soft State": the Case of Bangladesh* (Bath, University of Bath/European Commission, 1994); *The Fearful State: Power, People and Internal War in South Asia* (London, Zed Books, 1993). Dr. Ali is currently associated with BIPSS as its Director, Research.