**Ph.D. Seminar**

**Researching India’s Relations with Europe/EU and Central Europe:**

**Experiences, Strategies, Lessons**

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For decades, India’s relations with Europe, the European Union and Central Europe have been an under-researched and neglected area of research with numerous gaps in existing literature. This interactive seminar will share insights from the 40-year scholarly journey of a leading expert in the field. It will address, among others, the following questions: How to optimise search and research strategies? What strategies to adopt when source material is scarce? What personality changes are required to become an outstanding researcher? How to solicit and schedule interviews? The sharing of personal experiences, strategies pursued and lessons learned would be relevant for other research fields and have wider application.

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