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Manoj Kewalramani is Fellow-China Studies and the Chairperson of the Indo-Pacific Studies Programme at the Takshashila Institution. He is a Senior Associate (Non-resident), Freeman Chair in China Studies, with the Center for Strategic and International Studies (U.S.), served as a Visiting Senior Fellow (Nov 2023 - Feb 2024) at ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute (Singapore), and is also an alumnus of the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) as part of the Enhancing Regional Maritime Governance and Cooperation in the Quad chapter of the year 2022.

His research interests range from Chinese politics, foreign policy and approaches to new technologies to addressing questions of how India can work with like-minded partners to deal with the challenges presented by China's rise. Mr. Kewalramani is the author of *Smokeless War: China's Quest for Geopolitical Dominance*, which discusses China's political, diplomatic, economic and narrative responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Kewalramani's work has been featured in several media publications, including *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *BBC*, *CNN*, *Al Jazeera*, *Nikkei Asia*, *The Times of India*, *Hindustan Times*, and *The Diplomat*. In August 2022, he testified as an expert witness before the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission on China's zero-COVID policy.

Mr. Kewalramani's publishes a daily newsletter translating and analyzing discourse from the *People's Daily*, the Chinese Communist Party's flagship newspaper. Prior to joining Takshashila, he spent over a decade working as a journalist in India and China, where he helped set up digital newsrooms and train young journalists.

Mr. Kewalramani previously testified during the Commission's 2022 Hearing on "Challenges from Chinese Policy in 2022: Zero-COVID, Ukraine, and Pacific Diplomacy."