

**SOUTH ASIA INTERNATIONAL AUTISM CONFERENCE 2015**  
**7 – 8 February 2015**  
**Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**  
**CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

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<b>Saturday, 7 February 2015</b>	
<b>8:00-9:00</b>	<b>REGISTRATIONS</b>
<b>9:00-10:30</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>
	Welcome
	Performance
	Opening Address by Chief Guest
	<b>Keynote Address by Merry Barua</b>
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>TEA AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>
<b>11:00-1:00</b>	<b>SESSION 2</b>
	Sexuality and Autism: <i>Dr Vibha Krishnamurthy</i>
	Where Words Fail, Song Speaks – Song but not Speech Processing is Preserved Across the Autism Spectrum: <i>Dr Nandini Chatterjee Singh</i>
	Early Identification Of Autism: <i>Dr Sheffali Gulati</i>
	E-Saadhyaa an Indigenous Adaptable and Accessible e-Learning Framework for Special Education: <i>Dr Sarat Chandra Babu</i>
	Growing up Different: Living with Autism: <i>John Elder Robison</i>
	<b>Discussion Session 2</b>
<b>1:00-1:45</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:45-3:50</b>	<b>SESSION 3</b>
	Career Building, Choice and Education of Profession; Technology & Tools that Support Creativity: <i>Qazi Fazli Azeem</i>
	Able to Live, Love and Learn: Development of a Comprehensive Living Skills Curriculum for Young Adults with Autism: <i>Dr Anne Escrader</i>
	Scaling up of Communication DEALL-an Indigenous Early Intervention Program for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders Across India: <i>Deepa Bhat Nair</i>
	The UK ASD+ Study: Co-existing Conditions of Children with ASD, Unmet Needs for Services and Impact on the Family: <i>Dr Beena Koshy</i>
	The Role of Culture in Diagnostic Classification and Prevalence Estimates: <i>Dr Roy Richard Grinker</i>
	<b>Discussion Session 3</b>
<b>3:50-4:15</b>	<b>TEA</b>
<b>4:15-6:00</b>	<b>SESSION 4</b>
	Sociocultural Aspects of Disability: <i>Dr Thomas S Weisner</i>
	Therapy Outcomes By You (TOBY): <i>Dr Svetha Venketesh</i>
	Similarities & Differences: The AS and TS Experience: <i>Dr Wenn Lawson</i>
	<b>Discussion Session 4</b>

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<b>9:00-11:05</b>	<b>SESSION 5</b> The Systematic Adaptation of an Evidence Based Communication Intervention for Delivery in a Low Resource Setting: Parent Mediated Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorders in South Asia (PASS) Project: <i>Dr Gauri Divan</i> Family & ASD: <i>Dr Shoba Srinath</i> The Relevance of Acceptance and Empowerment for Families in the Indian Context: Evidence Across the Lifespan: <i>Dr Tamara Cohen Daley</i> Obstacles into Opportunities - Turning Away from Closed Doors & Opening up New Ones: <i>Dr Stephen Shore</i> <b>Discussion Session 5</b>
<b>11:05-11:30</b>	<b>TEA</b>
<b>11:30-1:10</b>	<b>SESSION 6</b> Translation and Validation of Autism Screening and Diagnostic Tools in India/ Prevalence Estimates of Autistic Symptoms in 4-7 years old: Preliminary Results from Delhi and Kolkata: <i>Deepali Taneja</i> Use of the Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills (ABLSS) to Reveal Differential Developmental Trajectories in Children with ASD Following Early Intervention: <i>Dr Mitu De</i> Knowing their problem you have to be flexible”: Teachers’ Response to Children with Autism in Mainstream Schools in Kolkata: <i>Shruti Taneja Johansson</i> Independent Living: Pallavanjali Institute for the Actualisation of Individual Potential Learning Through Internships with Leaders in the Industry: <i>Shaloo Sharma</i> Optimising Autism: <i>Tania Melnyczuk</i> <b>Discussion Session 6</b>
<b>1:10-2:00</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>2:00-4:30</b>	<b>CLOSNG SESSION</b> The Science of Making Friends for Teens and Young Adults with Autism: The UCLA PEERS® Program: <i>Dr Elizabeth Laugeson</i> Ummeed Parent Program for Autism (UPPA): A Parent Training Program to Enhance Child’s Social-Communication Skills: <i>Dr Koyeli Sengupta</i> Music Therapy and Autism Spectrum Disorder: Exploring Current Global Knowledge and Proposing Future Possibilities for India: <i>Dr Lucy Bolger</i> Managing Family and Romantic Issues when Faced with ASD: <i>Maripat Robison</i> Autism and the Disability Discourse: Voices from the Margins: <i>Dr Shubhangi Vaidya</i> Policy to Action: the Bangladesh Experience in Autism: <i>Dr Muzharul Manan &amp; Aloka Guha</i> <b>Discussion Closing Session</b>
<b>4:30-5:00</b>	<b>Closing Comments</b>
<b>5:00-5:30</b>	<b>TEA</b>