

# *India Decides 2014*

## *A Panel on the General Election*

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The forthcoming Indian general election, scheduled to begin in mid-April, will be arguably the country's most critical vote since 1977. An electorate of nearly 815 million heads to the polls in the midst of a stagnant economy, a rapidly changing regional security environment, increasing urbanization, and a burgeoning youth population. The precise character and makeup of India's next governing coalition will play a critical role in determining India's future trajectory on all of these fronts.

Results from a unique recent survey of voter attitudes will be presented at the event. CASI has been running this major panel survey on social attitudes in India with 68,500 respondents across 24 states with funding from the Lok Foundation.

The research team includes CASI Director, Devesh Kapur, together with Neelanjan Sircar, CASI Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Megan Reed, CASI Research Coordinator and Milan Vaishnav, Associate in the South Asia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Further information will be available through CASI's new blog, [IndiainTransition.com](http://IndiainTransition.com).

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**LECTURE TIME: 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.**

**VENUE: CASI – 3600 Market Street, Suite 560 (5<sup>th</sup> floor) Philadelphia, PA 19104-2653**

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