



invites you to a panel discussion on

August 2015 Accord between the Government and the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland

Date: October 30, 2015 (Friday)

Time: 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Venue: Seminar Hall, 10th Floor, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

Background

The Naga political movement is as old as the Indian republic. Since its inception, the movement has challenged nation building and tested the limits of federalism. The formation of Nagaland, India's first tribal state, supported by a landmark constitutional amendment failed to resolve the insurgency triggered by the Naga movement. On August 03, 2015, the Government of India and the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN/Isak-Muivah faction) signed a "[historic peace accord](#)" to settle the political problem. The accord is, in fact, a "framework agreement" that provides the broad contours of an acceptable solution to be negotiated in the coming months. But this is not the first "historic peace accord" signed by a Naga organisation. Three past agreements – Nine Point Agreement (1947), Sixteen Point Agreement (1960), and Shillong Accord (1975) – failed to resolve the political problem. Will this latest accord, a product of about a hundred rounds of negotiations over eighteen years, end one of the oldest insurgencies and heal the wounds of the people of Nagaland caught in the crossfire between insurgent groups and the security forces? Will it help bridge the growing divide between Nagaland and its neighbouring states including Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, and Manipur? Will it help fulfill the aspirations of the youth of Nagaland? Khekiye Sema, Pradip Phanjoubam, and Theja Therieh will discuss these and other relevant issues. Prof. Anil Sethi will chair the panel discussion.

Speakers

Khekiye Sema is Consultative Member, [ACAUT](#) (Against Corruption and Unabated Taxation). A retired civil servant, he is a regular contributor to Nagaland's English newspapers. In his last assignment as a civil servant he nurtured the internationally acclaimed Hornbill festival.

Pradip Phanjoubam is the editor of [Imphal Free Press](#), an English daily published from Imphal. He was fellow Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla during 2012-2014. His book written during the fellowship will be published later this year.

Theja Therieh is President, Chakhesang Hoho, Kohima and Chairman, Media Cell, Nagaland Tribes Council. He has contributed to public debate on census, delimitation, and affirmative action in Nagaland.

Anil Sethi teaches [history](#) at Azim Premji University, Bengaluru.