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“India ‘MODI’fied: What does it mean to India and the World?”



**4.00 pm-5.00 pm, Thursday,
5 June 2014, Federation of Graduate
Women’s Suite, Old Government House,
Auckland University**

Abstract:

India’s 2014 parliamentary election is a clean sweep by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). This is historic as it is the first time since 1984 that a single political party will form the government on its own and a coalition will need to form the opposition. A combination of factors have played in BJP’s victory, but it revolved around only one man: India’s new Prime Minister, Narendra Damodardas Modi, one of the most controversial, polarising and charismatic

figure in the Indian political history. Modi, hailed as an excellent economic performer and administrator, represents a fascinating turning point in the political history of the world’s largest democracy and is set to lead a government that promises dramatic changes and reforms. In the coming days Modi will be closely watched for his initiatives to fix the economy and a number of pressing issues and how he leads a nation of 1.2 billion people. This seminar will provide a post-election analysis of the likely domestic, economic and foreign policy of a ‘MODI’fied India.

About the Speaker:

Prior to joining the University of Auckland as a Lecturer in Politics, Ashok was a visiting academic at the University of Waikato and a Post-Doctoral Fellow at ANU. He has taught Political Science at Delhi University and worked with New Delhi-based strategic and foreign policy think tanks. Dr. Sharma holds a BA (Hons.) in Political Science from Ramjas College, Delhi University, MA in Political Science, an M.Phil. and a PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Dr. Sharma is also a fellow at New Zealand-India Research Institute, Victoria University of Wellington and deputy chair at NZIIA, Auckland Branch. Born and raised in India, Ashok has studied, taught and is a close observer of Indian politics.