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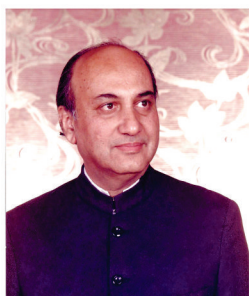
**“Historical Perspectives : Illuminating Minds on Blue Waters”**

**written by Ambassador Alan Nazareth(IFS Retd.)**

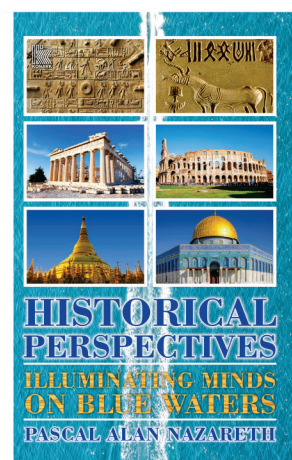
on Thursday, 12th June 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at BIC

**Discussants : Ambassador Latha Reddy (IFS Retd.), Neena Gopal, journalist,  
Prof. Baldwin A, St. Aloysius Degree College, Bangalore.**

**“Historical Perspectives: Illuminating Minds on Blue Waters”** by Pascal Alan Nazareth is a profound and enlightening journey through time, tracing the tides of global history through the lens of culture, and conflict. This remarkable work offers readers a panoramic view of civilizations and their intertwined legacies, all set against the backdrop of the sea – timeless conduit of exchange and exploration.



Pascal Alan Nazareth joined the Indian Foreign Service in May 1959. He has served in India's diplomatic and consular missions in Tokyo, Rangoon, Lima, London and New York and as India's High Commissioner to Ghana and Ambassador to Egypt and Mexico. He also served as DG ICCR. Since retiring in May 1994, Ambassador Alan Nazareth has lectured at prestigious academic institutions in India and abroad. He is a recipient of the U Thant Peace Award and has authored three books. Post retirement, he was invited by elite cruise ships to be an “Enrichment Lecturer” on their voyages.



**Discussants :**

**Ambassador Latha Reddy** served in the Indian Foreign Service from 1975 to 2013. The highlights of her career were her postings as Consul General in Durban, South Africa, Ambassador to Portugal, and later to Thailand, and serving as Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs, and finally, as the Deputy National Security Advisor of India.

Since her retirement in 2013, she has been based in her home town Bangalore & has worked intensively on Cybersecurity and served on two Global Commissions on the subject. She also heads and works actively on several NGOs and Trusts in the fields of heritage, theatre, international affairs, creative arts, classical dance and music.

**Neena Gopal** A journalist for thirty-seven years, Neena Gopal began her career in a Bangalore in the late 1970s when it was a hotbed of post-Emergency politics. She moved to UAE in 1980 & worked for Dubai-based 'Gulf News' as foreign editor. She travelled extensively in the Middle East during & after the first Gulf War of 1990, and until the Second Gulf War in 2003.

Neena's other news-hunting ground has been India and its neighbours, both as a foreign affairs journalist and close observer of the leaders in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan. The widely acclaimed 'The Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi' book has been authored by her.

**Prof. Baldwin A**, was born in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh. He began his academic journey in Chittoor, where he laid the foundation for his educational and creative pursuits. His academic interests further deepened & he did his postgraduate studies, culminating in a Master of Arts in English Literature from Reva University, Bengaluru, in 2022. His subject expertise spans African Literature, American Literature, Dalit Literature, Indian Writing in English, and Linguistics and Phonetics.

Mr. Baldwin currently serves as an Assistant Professor at St. Aloysius Degree College, Cox Town, Bengaluru. He is known for his innovative approach to academics and student engagement through media and activity-based learning. His excellence in teaching and dedication to student development were recognized when he received the “Youngest Best Teacher Award – 2023” from the Global Institute of Management Sciences.

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6.00 p.m. Tea / Refreshments  
6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.  
Discussion & visuals  
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