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This event will take place in Leacock 232.

October 24, 4:30 - 7:00 PM EST

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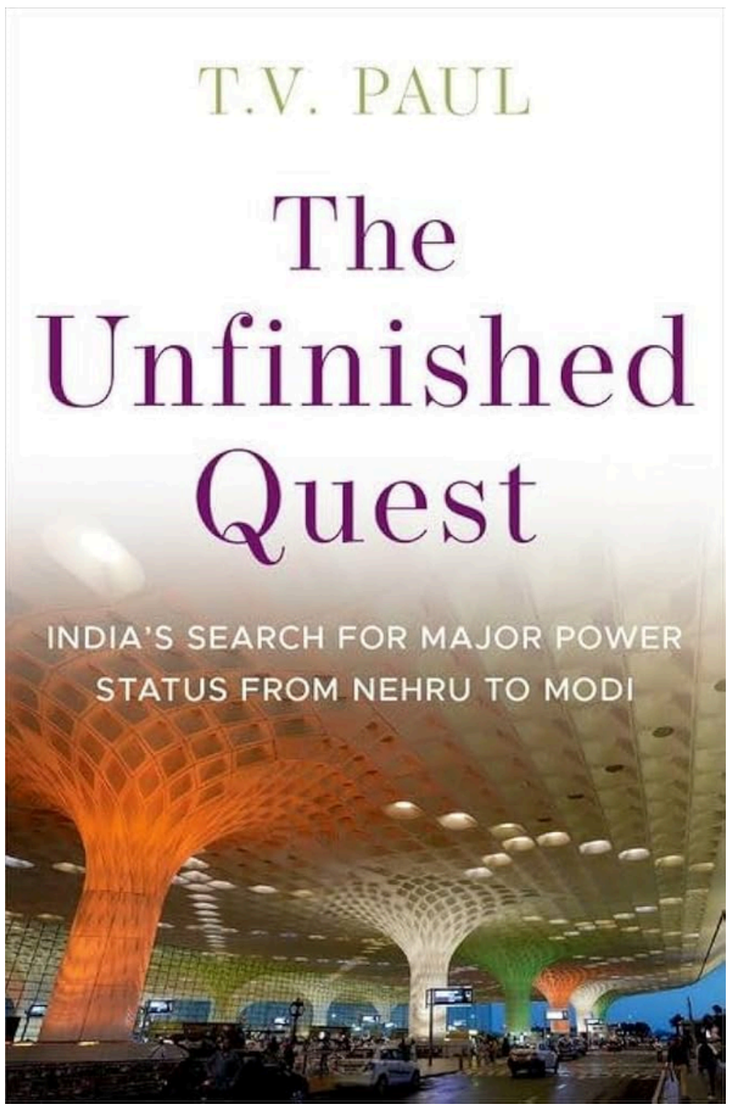

Book Launch

TV Paul's
The Unfinished Quest: India's Search for Major Power Status from Nehru to Modi
(Oxford University Press, 2024)

Introduction by Christopher Neal
(President, Montreal Branch, Canadian International Council)

Along with the meteoric rise of China, there has been much interest in the emergence of India as a rising power. The rapidly developing US-China rivalry gives India added importance in world politics as a swing power in the Indo-Pacific region. Further, the strengthening of Hindu nationalism under Narendra Modi, who has been making strong attempts to emerge India as a leading power while using international status enhancement for electoral victory, evokes global interest. This book differs in its focus on status perspective which is often missing in popular books on India's rise. While India in its 75-year existence as an independent state has achieved much in fulfilling the dreams of Nehru and his successors in obtaining major power status, this book seeks to understand why the quest is still unfinished. The book argues that the key challenge for obtaining a sustained global status is India's low human development indices. The development of an inclusive democracy that can utilize its most priced asset, the demographic dividend, will be essential for India to gain greater international status in the 21st century.

"Paul's deep expertise informs an incisive, timely analysis and provides original insights into what it takes for a state to acquire great power status." -- Deborah Welch Larson, co-author of Quest for Status: Chinese and Russian Foreign Policy

"Both instructive and stimulating." -- Brendan Simms, The Wall Street Journal

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Note: Prof. Paul will sign copies at the launch.

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