

## **Abstract**

### **Perspective on the Big Shifts and Discontinuities**

Arvind Virmani will be speaking about the changing Balance of Power in Asia over the next few decades and the risks and opportunities it presents. He will also reflect on the two types of institutional structures that can be built in response to these developments: Exclusive or exclusionary and Inclusive/inclusionary. He will argue that the chances of peaceful evolution in the 21<sup>st</sup> century context will be enhanced if we build inclusive structures in Asia that include in particular both the rising and declining powers in Asia.