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Dear FO° Supporter,

Thank you for your generous and continued support of *Fair Observer*. Your belief in our mission to make sense of the world allows us to inform and educate global citizens of today and tomorrow.

Highlights

Watch one of our videos get more than 71,000 views.

Join our Saturday workshop for young editors.

Host an FO° Meetup in your city.

In July, August and September of this year, your support has allowed us to achieve the following milestones:



Claire Whitaker, the chair of our board and the former head of AFP Africa (video) **interviewed** Salvatore Babones, an American political science professor in Australia who has been researching India, for our YouTube channel. This has become our **most-watched video** ever with more than 71,000 views.



Atul Singh, our Editor-in-Chief, did a **deep dive into the German economy**, which was appreciated by economists, ambassadors and business leaders.



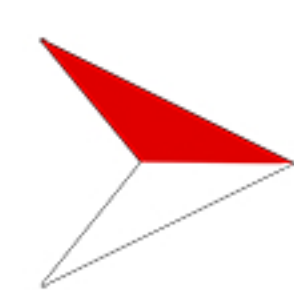
Fair Observer's **monthlies** select the best content of the **month** and many professors/instructors in universities and high schools are using them for their classes. Why don't you check out our **September**, **August** and **July** editions?



Our management team has finalized the **Code of Conduct** and the **Communication Policy**, which you can peruse on our website now. Note that we have executed what we promised in our last update.



FO° Podcasts — one of our two **signature podcasts** — is going great guns. Guests include:



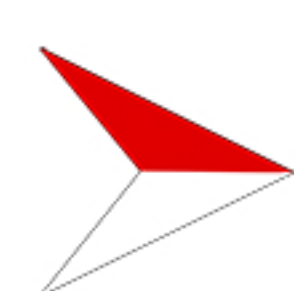
Sanjeev Sanyal, Indian prime minister's chief economic adviser:

"Sanjeev Sanyal Makes Sense of the Indian Economy"



Sharad Kumar Saraf, India's extraordinary entrepreneur who is the world's largest manufacturer of oil drum closures:

"Rare Story of a Global Indian Manufacturing Success"



Sanjeev Chopra, the former big boss of the training academy of India's elite bureaucracy:

"The Revealing Story of the Changing Map of India"

➤ Nasir Khilji, the former senior economist at the US Treasury:

“Why Is the Pakistani Economy Imploding Now”

➤ Bilal Rahmani, the noted Afghanistan analyst:

“Make Sense of the Taliban-Ruled Afghanistan”

➤ Oonagh McDonald, the former British MP:

“What You Need to Know About Cryptocurrencies”

(You can listen to and follow *FO° Podcasts* on [Spotify](#) and [Apple’s iTunes](#) as well.)



The Dialectic — our other **signature podcast** — looked back at the War on Terror. Retired CIA officer Glenn Carle opposed the neoconservatives on torture and resigned from his job. In this trip down memory lane, our former spy shares his views with characteristic candor and thoughtfulness.

➤ The War on Terror: 22 Years On

➤ Consequences of the War on Terror and the Iraq War

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FO° Exclusive, which Atul Singh and Glenn Carle do together, has won **appreciation** from CEOs, diplomats and academics for being calm, composed and informative on an emotive subject.



We have added new, quality content to the **Multimedia** section, which you might like to check out.



Ellis Cashmore, a professor and a longstanding FO° author, has authored timelines on

- **Drugs in Sports,**
- **Corruption in Sports,** and
- **Celebrity Culture**



This section also has a timeline on the intractable issue of **Kashmir** and, on a lighter note, a photo feature on a **boat ride** in that beautiful part of the world.



FO° Meetups have taken off. We have organized meetups in **London, Geneva, Paris, Washington, DC, New York** and the **San Francisco Bay Area**. Peter Isackson organized the FO° Meetup in Paris where Roberta Campani arrived from Geneva and Lane Gibson flew all the way from Chicago.



Let us know if you'd like to host an **FO° Meetup** in your city!



Our **Young Editors Training Program** has proven a resounding success. We conduct workshops every Saturday at 10:00 AM Eastern Time.

- Stephanie Verroya in Guam attends this workshop at 12 midnight and others join in from around the world via Google Meet and we examine/edit articles together.
- Lee Thompson-Kolar from Michigan and Ozi Ojukwu from Ohio have **joined the team** as assistant editors and are enthusiastic about learning.

- During the workshops, the young editors **worked together** to edit Reza Parchizadeh's **article**, "Iran's Mahsa Revolution One Year On." It has been well received internationally and was translated into Spanish by the **Semanario Hebreo JAI**.
- Nishita Malhan **published** "The Great Omission: Why Don't Indians Talk About Africa?" after mentorship from editor-in-chief Atul Singh and guidance from his chief of staff Anton Schauble.
- If you would like to attend our workshop, **let us know** and we will send you a calendar invite.



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Fair Observer is able to examine
global issues through local lenses.
Thanks to you, we are educating
young authors, young editors and
young readers.

As winter draws near in the Northern Hemisphere, we wish you
a wonderful last quarter of the year.

With unwavering gratitude,

Claire, Atul, Peter, Roberta, Ti and the rest of the FO^o Team

