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A Message from the Dean



Much has happened in the 12 months since our last review. Driven by strong imperatives, we have stepped up research on cyber security and begun to look into the subject of inter-religious relations in plural societies. We embarked on these, even as we consolidated our research agenda, which had expanded significantly in the last ten years.

As terrorists all over the world find their movements increasingly circumscribed by counter-terrorist actions, they are increasingly turning to cyberspace to further their activities. This has affected many countries including Singapore. As a country highly reliant on modern communication technologies, we are especially vulnerable to cyber attacks. The impact of such attacks on critical infrastructure systems—be they government, economic, financial or security in nature—can

be devastating. Working in collaboration with external agencies, the School's International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) and its Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) organised separate workshops on cyber extremism and cyber deterrence respectively. In addition, ICPVTR also co-organised a roundtable on cyber warfare. Complementing these brainstorming efforts were commentaries written by CENS staff, including one on cyber security policy which generated much interest in ASEAN policy circles. We hope these and subsequent efforts will help in the war on cyber terrorism and cybercrime. Besides cyber security, I should add that RSIS is also alive to the rise of biosecurity on the international security agenda. The prospect of biological weapons being used on a densely populated island like ours is unthinkable. In this regard, RSIS has put in some seed money to develop expertise in this area, which we anticipate will be put to good use.

Maintaining religious harmony in a multi-racial society like ours is crucial for national security and economic well-being. Inter-faith relations in many parts of the world are becoming increasingly polarised, especially in societies where religion is intertwined with ethnicity. To avoid a similar development here, RSIS recently established the Studies in Inter Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme (SRP). To be located within ICPVTR initially, this new programme will study models of how communities adapt their religious life and evolve their religious doctrines to cope with the realities of living in plural societies. It will also study and develop expertise in the conduct of inter-religious relations, including conflict resolution mechanisms and models that facilitate de-radicalisation, build peace and strengthen social ties. We are planning to launch the SRP in mid-2014.

Consonant with this research initiative, ICPVTR continued to spearhead research in counter-terrorism studies. Besides maintaining one of the world's leading databases for tracking terrorist organisations and activities all over the world, the Centre is playing a pivotal role in the training of a new generation of Muslim leaders specialising in counter-terrorism and counter extremism research. Trained in religion at Al-Azhar and other seats of Islamic higher learning, and in the social sciences at RSIS and overseas, they work with government and civil society agencies to create a harmonious society.

On another front, I am pleased to announce that RSIS received a significant boost when its Centre

for Non-Traditional Security Studies was awarded a grant of \$1.62 million for its food security programme. Thanks to this two-year grant by the Singapore Inter-Ministerial Committee on Food Security, the Centre is now spearheading research to develop greater resilience in Singaporean and regional food systems. Specifically, the Centre will conduct research in the following areas: (i) the impact of climate change on ASEAN food security, (ii) the ASEAN Economic Community and food security, and (iii) developing a dynamic model of food availability for Singapore. Related to these is a high-level global dialogue on food security issues in Asia that will be organised by the Centre in 2014.

While research is a major part of our *raison d'être*, we remain vigilant to competition that may reduce our standing and reputation as a leading graduate school of international affairs. No effort is spared to attract talented students from all over the world to further their education at RSIS. Besides a rigorous marketing effort mounted locally and regionally, many improvements have been made to teaching facilities, student services and course curricula in recent years. In terms of teaching facilities, a new Student Wing was opened two years ago, which added a lecture theatre and several seminar rooms to existing facilities. Structurally, a new Student and Alumni Affairs Office will be established under the Graduate Programmes Office in early 2014. This new set up will offer our students important services such as career talks and job seeking skills workshops; internship and job placement opportunities; and networking opportunities with alumni.

Most importantly, the quality of our Masters programmes has also been undergoing external quality audits. In 2012, the M.Sc. in International Political Economy and the M.Sc. in International Relations were evaluated by Professor John Ravenhill and Professor William Tow (both from the Australian National University) respectively. Both professors are leading experts in their respective disciplines, this being an important factor testifying to the rigour and credibility of the audits. The reforms proposed by Professors Ravenhill and Tow have been implemented, leading to discernible benefits to the students, faculty and administrators. The M.Sc. in Strategic Studies is next in line for an external quality audit, with Professor Eliot Cohen of Johns Hopkins University slated to do his assessment in January 2014. Later in the year, the scheduled audit of the M.Sc. in Asian Studies will conclude these external evaluations of the suite of RSIS Masters Programmes.

During the year, RSIS also embarked on an extensive corporate rebranding exercise aimed at unifying its sub-entities under a revised corporate identity. After a six-month long, school-wide exercise, the new corporate identity guidelines were drawn up, which laid the basis for a project to create a revamped identity for RSIS. This project involved the use of the new branding in various communication channels such as the School's website, publications, and corporate stationery. The new RSIS website will incorporate the latest technologies to provide a more fulfilling experience for visitors as well as for staff managing the extensive content. Separately, efforts are also ongoing to refresh the School's suite of corporate stationery and to provide all RSIS publications with a consistent look and feel. Taken in totality, all these efforts to rebrand and revamp the RSIS identity will come together to provide a fresh visual image of the School. This is in keeping with the professional reputation of RSIS. We look forward to introducing our new brand and identity to you in mid-2014.

Barry Desker
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ABOUT RSIS



A Brief History of RSIS

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was officially inaugurated on 1 January 2007. Prior to this, it was known as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established 10 years earlier, on 30 July 1996, by Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and now President of the Republic of Singapore. Like its predecessor, RSIS was established as an autonomous entity within Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

The establishment of RSIS was a crowning achievement for IDSS. Besides serving to honour the late Mr. S. Rajaratnam, who was Singapore's first Foreign Minister, the renaming of IDSS reflected the progress of what was originally a modest research institute into a professional graduate school of international affairs. IDSS continues to exist within RSIS as its core component, focusing on security research. Its teaching functions now reside within the School.

RSIS exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its motto, as before, is 'Ponder the Improbable'. Its research, teaching and networking objectives are aimed at assisting policymakers to develop comprehensive approaches to strategic thinking in areas related to Singapore's interests.

RSIS is guided by a Board of Governors chaired by Mr. Eddie Teo, Chairman of the Public Service Commission. His predecessor, Dr. Andrew Chew, stepped down from the Board on 31 December 2008, after having served as Chairman since the establishment of IDSS in 1996.

The Founding Director of IDSS was Mr. S. R. Nathan, who was then concurrently Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and formerly Singapore's Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Nathan established the Institute with start-up funds contributed by the government and the Singapore Totalisator Board. He relinquished his post on 17 August 1999 when he became President of the Republic of Singapore and was succeeded by his deputy, Professor Khong Yuen Foong. (Mr. Nathan re-joined RSIS as a Distinguished Senior Fellow on 1 September 2011.)

On 1 October 2000, Professor Khong Yuen Foong returned to his teaching career at Oxford University. He was succeeded by Ambassador Barry Desker, who was until then Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Trade Development Board and prior to that, Singapore's ambassador to Indonesia. Professor Khong remains affiliated to RSIS as Senior Research Advisor and Professor of International Relations. He continues to teach two graduate courses each year.

RSIS runs several series of conferences on security, including the annual Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO), the annual Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) and the biennial Asia-Pacific Security Conference and International Maritime Security Conference, both organised jointly with Experia Events Pte Ltd on alternating years.

RSIS continues to serve as the Secretariat for the Singapore National Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP), and in this role contributes actively to Track 2 discussions on regional security.

The Master of Science programmes of RSIS—in Strategic Studies, International Relations, International Political Economy and Asian Studies—were inaugurated in 1998, 2002, 2004 and 2008 respec-

tively to cater to the development of defence and security professionals, civil servants and others with an interest in these fields. The faculty comprises RSIS staff members as well as international and local specialists in the fields of strategic studies, terrorism studies, international relations, political economy, foreign-policy analysis, defence technology, history and law. To widen the choice for students, a two-year, double-degree programme, the NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme, was introduced in 2010. Students in this programme spend their first year at the University of Warwick and the second year at RSIS.

RSIS has benefited from IDSS' earlier association with King's College, London, and, in particular, the assistance of Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, its Professor of War Studies. Professor Freedman was IDSS' Consultant and External Examiner until June 2003, during which time he provided sterling service to the Institute and its masters programmes. Professor Stephen Walt, the Robert and Renée Belfer Professor of International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where he served as Academic Dean from 2002 to 2006, took over from Professor Freedman as RSIS' consultant. Professor Walt relinquished this appointment on 30 June 2012. Professor Sir Steve Smith, the Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University of Exeter, took over as External Examiner and served in this capacity until 20 September 2011, when the position was discontinued following an NTU ruling.



The Board of Governors and senior faculty of RSIS were hosted to a lunch at the Istana on 11 January 2013 by President Tony Tan. In the front row (from left), Professor Harry Harding, Professor Wang Gungwu, Mr. Eddie Teo (Chairman of the Board), President Tony Tan, Professor Er Meng Hwa, Professor Sir Steve Smith and Professor Stephen Walt. In the second row (from left), Professor Joseph Liow (Associate Dean, RSIS), Ms. Chew Gek Khim, Professor Chan Heng Chee, Professor Bates Gill, Dean Barry Desker (ex-officio member) and Professor Khong Yuen Foong (Senior Research Advisor, RSIS).

The RSIS graduate programmes have drawn students from many countries around the world. To date, students have come from 62 foreign countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, the Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. The success of these programmes is reflected in the increasing numbers of students enrolled over the years. From only 10 students in 1998—all Singaporeans—the student enrolment in Academic Year 2013/2014 is 201. RSIS' role in teaching was enhanced when IDSS accepted its first doctoral student in 2003/2004. The doctoral programme, which started in 2003, graduated its second Ph.D. candidate in 2010. RSIS presently has 24 doctoral students.

RSIS faculty members teach defence and security policy, geopolitics and regional security, and military history in various officer courses at the SAFTI Military Institute. These contractual obligations come under the rubric of the SAF-NTU Strategic Partnership, which came into being in 2009. That year, faculty involvement in SAFTI's Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff Course reached a new milestone, when courses conducted there became fully accredited towards NTU's Master of Science degree programmes conducted by the College of Engineering, Nanyang Business School and RSIS. RSIS' International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), which was inaugurated on 20 February 2004, has also conducted courses on terrorism for officers of the Ministries of Defence and Home Affairs.

Faculty and research staff of RSIS are also actively involved in research on issues related to the security and stability of the Asia Pacific and their implications for Singapore. Besides IDSS and ICPVTR, RSIS' research structure also includes the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) and the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (Centre for NTS Studies), both of which host several programmes. CENS was inaugurated on 29 March 2006 while the Centre for NTS Studies was launched on 6 May 2008. RSIS' structure also includes the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN), which was launched on 16 October 2008. TFCTN focuses mainly on capacity-building programmes in global and regional trade negotiations for mid-career officials from the Asian region.

RSIS' Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS) was launched on 14 October 2011. The CMS does not supplant the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme located within IDSS. While CMS tracks economic aspects of multilateral cooperation and regional integration, the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme focuses on defence and security multilateralism. In 2013, RSIS established the Studies in Inter Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme (SRP), which will study models of how communities adapt their religious life and evolve their religious doctrines to cope with the realities of living in plural societies. It will also study and develop expertise in the conduct of inter-religious relations, including conflict resolution mechanisms and models that facilitate de-radicalisation, build peace and strengthen social ties.

The research agenda of RSIS includes terrorism, homeland security, non-traditional security, multilateralism and regionalism, maritime security, contemporary Islam, military transformations, international political economy and country and area studies. Research findings are shared with those involved in security, diplomacy and business through articles in refereed journals and the School's monograph series, working papers, policy papers, commentaries and other publications. RSIS focuses on accessible analyses for the policy and business communities, in addition to publications for an academic audience.



Ms. Grace Fu, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, addressing participants at the Official Dinner of the inaugural Korea-Singapore Forum on 29 August 2013

RSIS hosts many local and foreign scholars under its Visiting Research Fellows Programme. The presence of such scholars enriches the intellectual milieu of RSIS and provides many opportunities through informal seminars for faculty and research staff to acquire additional perspectives and insights. Similarly, faculty and research staff as well as RSIS students and the general public benefit from the talks given by visiting luminaries under the School's Distinguished Speakers Programme.

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When RSIS was inaugurated on 1 January 2007, a campaign to raise \$40 million (including dollar-for-dollar matching grants from the Singapore Government) for the RSIS Endowment Fund was initiated. Led by Mr. S. Chandra Das, Chairman of NUR Investment and Trading Pte Ltd and Singapore's Non-resident Ambassador to Turkey, the Fund Raising Campaign Committee achieved its target and the RSIS Endowment Fund was launched on 31 March 2008. Income from this endowment is used to engage world-class faculty and research staff and to award scholarships to talented students. This provides students with a wider choice of courses, higher levels of excellence in teaching and increased research support.

The RSIS Endowment Fund includes provisions for two professorships that were established from donations by Ngee Ann Kongsi and the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC), together with government matching grants. These are the NTUC Professorship in International Economic Relations and the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations. In 2010, a new professorship, the Bakrie Professorship in Southeast Asia Policy, was established from a \$3-million donation by the Bakrie Center Foundation, together with a matching grant by the government. These endowed professorships enable RSIS to engage renowned scholars in their respective fields to teach and to research at the School, besides sharing their knowledge with the wider community through public lectures and seminars. The Bakrie Center Foundation also donated \$600,000, which, together with a matching grant from the Singapore Government, provided for a Bakrie Graduate Fellowship scholarship fund at RSIS over a period of five years beginning in 2011.

To date, RSIS employs 165 personnel comprising management, faculty, research and support staff. It has, beginning with its predecessor, IDSS, achieved a track record out of proportion to its youth and size. RSIS has come a long way in establishing itself as a leading centre for teaching and research, and as one of the key nodes in the global network of think tanks.



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HIGHLIGHTS



Key Events in 2013

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TERRORIST REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

The International Conference on Terrorist Rehabilitation and Community Resilience was held on 26–27 March 2013. Jointly organised by RSIS' International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) and the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG), it featured 20 international experts who spoke to an audience of more than 500 participants. The conference discussed the new issues and developments relating to terrorist rehabilitation and the strengthening of the global Muslim community's resilience to the influence of terrorist ideology and propaganda. Singapore's Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, delivered the keynote address.



Singapore's Prime Minister, Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, delivering the keynote address at the International Conference on Terrorist Rehabilitation and Community Resilience held on 26–27 March 2013.

INAUGURAL KOREA-SINGAPORE FORUM

The inaugural Korea-Singapore Forum, organised by RSIS and the Korea Foundation, was held at the Marina Mandarin hotel on 29 August 2013. Titled “Collaborating with Middle Powers for a Prosperous Asian Partnership”, the forum involved more than 30 participants comprising policymakers, government officials and representatives from academia, think tanks, businesses and the media from both countries. They engaged in a lively dialogue that provided a better sense of Singapore and South Korea's perspectives of the future strategic outlook, the changing political and security environments, and how regional peace and stability could be maintained.



Participants of the inaugural Korea-Singapore Forum held on 29 August 2013



Mr. Nathan (right) being conferred the Order of Temasek (First Class) by President Tony Tan

STATE HONOURS FOR RSIS' DISTINGUISHED SENIOR FELLOW, MR. S. R. NATHAN

Mr. S. R. Nathan, RSIS' Distinguished Senior Fellow and sixth president of the Republic of Singapore, topped the list of 3,197 individuals who received National Day awards this year. He was conferred the Order of Temasek (First Class)—the nation's highest award—by President Tony Tan for exemplary service to the nation. Mr. Nathan is Singapore's longest-serving president, having held office from 1999 to 2011. Before he became Head of State, Mr. Nathan already had a long and distinguished career in public service. He held several key appointments at crucial moments in Singapore's history, serving in leadership roles in areas from defence to foreign

affairs. He was also the founding Director of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (the predecessor of RSIS) before he became president.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY CONFERENCE

The third International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC), convened by RSIS and the Republic of Singapore Navy on 15 May 2013, brought together Chiefs of Navies, Directors-General of Coast Guards, government officials, key industry players and academics from around the world to discuss the varying threats to maritime security and safety, and the need to develop frameworks and solutions to meet those security challenges. This biennial event was held in conjunction with the International Maritime Defence Exhibition (IMDEX) Asia. Held at the Changi Exhibition Centre, the third IMSC was organised with the support of Experia Events Pte Ltd.



Participants at the third International Maritime Security Conference held on 15 May 2013



Dean Barry Desker with his host, Professor Wang Jisi (second and third from left), at Peking University's School of International Studies' workshop held on 24 June 2013

RSIS' BEIJING VISIT

On 23–26 June 2013, an RSIS delegation led by Dean Barry Desker visited major think tanks in Beijing. The RSIS team held roundtable discussions on various security issues in the Asia Pacific with scholars at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations and the China Institute for International and Strategic Studies. During the visit, RSIS co-organised two workshops with the School of International Studies (SIS) at Peking University and the China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) on “Chinese Foreign Policy in the New Era” and “Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific”, respectively. The workshops were attended by leading analysts from Beijing-based think tanks. RSIS also signed MOUs with the SIS and the CFAU, respectively. These MOUs will provide opportunities for collaboration on policy discussions and research between RSIS and the two Chinese institutions.

MINISTER CHAN CHUN SING'S VISIT

Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence, visited RSIS on 11 October 2013. Minister Chan, who was accompanied by senior officials from the Ministry of Defence, including RADM Lai Chung Han, Deputy Secretary (Policy) and BG Cheng Siak Kian, Director (Policy), was briefed on RSIS' research and graduate education activities, in particular on the research conducted by the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS). Mr. Chan, who as a MINDEF staff officer had assisted in setting up IDSS (the predecessor of RSIS), commended the School for becoming a global “thought leader” and for its outreach in policy-oriented research. Mr. Chan is an alumnus of RSIS' Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO 2006).



Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence, meeting RSIS students on 11 October 2013



H.E. Xanana Gusmao (right), Prime Minister and Minister of Defence and Security, Timor-Leste, with Dean Barry Desker

DISTINGUISHED WORLD LEADERS LECTURE BY H.E. XANANA GUSMÃO

His Excellency Xanana Gusmão, Timor Leste's Prime Minister and Minister of Defense and Security, delivered an RSIS Distinguished World Leaders Lecture on 4 June 2013. Speaking at the Marina Mandarin hotel on the topic of "Timor-Leste's Role and Future in a Rising Asia Pacific", Prime Minister Gusmao assessed the challenges faced and the future of his country. He asserted that Timor-Leste had made significant progress in the last decade and was looking to actively contribute towards balanced economic growth and inclusive and sustainable development in the region.



Minister Chan Chun Sing delivering the keynote address at APPSMO 2013 on 6 August 2013

15TH ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS (APPSMO 2013)

This long-running flagship event of RSIS took place on 5–11 August 2013. Organised by RSIS' Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), this year's conference, titled "The Future of War", was attended by more than 50 officers from over 20 countries in the Asia Pacific and Europe. What distinguished APPSMO 2013 was the stature of the speakers, which included Dr. Wayne Mapp, former Defence Minister of New Zealand, General (Ret.) John Allen, former Commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces in Afghanistan, and

Major-General Yao Yunzhu, Director of the Center for China-American Defense Relations, of the PLA's Academy of Military Science, amongst other prominent personalities.



Dean Barry Desker at the University of Exeter on 16 July 2013

DEAN DESKER RECEIVES EXETER HONOUR

Dean Barry Desker was conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, by the University of Exeter on 16 July 2013. The honorary degree was conferred in recognition of Dean Desker's significant contribution to public life in East Asia and Singapore and for his world-leading leadership and scholarship in the field of International Relations. Dean Desker received his degree from Baroness Floella Benjamin OBE DL, Chancellor of the University of Exeter, during a ceremony held at the university's Streatham campus in the United Kingdom.

FOOD SECURITY GRANT

In 2013, the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, was awarded a two-year grant of \$1.62 million by the Singapore Government's Inter-Ministerial Committee on Food Security to support projects under its food security programme. The overarching goal of the projects is to develop greater resilience in Singaporean and regional food systems. As part of the project's activities, the programme is slated to roll out a high-level global dialogue on food security issues in Asia in 2014.



The grant-winning team comprising (from left), Ms. Belinda Chng, Professor Paul Teng, A/P Mely Caballero-Anthony, Mr. Maxim Shrestha and Ms. Maria Morales

ENHANCING RESEARCH IN INTER-RELIGIOUS RELATIONS

RSIS established the new Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme (SRP) in September 2013. The new programme aims to study models of how communities adapt their religious life and evolve their religious doctrines to cope with the realities of living in plural societies. It will also study and develop expertise in the conduct of inter-religious relations, including conflict resolution mechanisms and models that facilitate de-radicalisation, build peace and strengthen social ties. The SRP will be launched in mid-2014.



Mr. Mohammad Alami Musa (left), head of the SRP, with colleague, Dr. Mohamed bin Ali

RSIS DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOW, PROFESSOR IBRAHIM GAMBARI

Professor Ibrahim Gambari, one of Nigeria's most eminent scholar-diplomats, spent six months from 5 January to 8 July 2013 as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at RSIS. A former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, Professor Gambari conducted workshops on conflict resolution at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at RSIS based on his extensive experience as head of UN missions in conflict zones. He also delivered an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture in addition to several seminars and a "fireside chat" with RSIS students. Professor Gambari also met senior policymakers and gave a talk at the Singapore Business Federation to promote trade and investment between Africa and Singapore.



Professor Ibrahim Gambari (left) with Dean Barry Desker



The Hon. Dr. Wayne Mapp

RSIS DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOW, DR. WAYNE MAPP

Dr. Wayne Mapp, Law Commissioner and former Defence Minister of New Zealand, spent the month of August 2013 as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at RSIS, where he focused on completing his book titled *The New Zealand Paradox*, which was a study of the changing balance of power in the Pacific region. During his visit, Dr. Mapp met key policymakers and participated actively in the week-long 15th Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers, where he delivered the Distinguished Lunch Talk. He also delivered an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture and conducted several seminars.



Professor Hugh White (right) with Dean Barry Desker

VISITING S. RAJARATNAM PROFESSOR OF STRATEGIC STUDIES

Professor Hugh White was at RSIS on 13–27 February 2013 as the School's S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies. Professor White, who is Professor of Strategic Studies at the Australian National University, is considered one of the world's top strategic thinkers. During his visit, he had many meetings with key policymakers keen to hear his views. Professor White also participated in a workshop organised under the RSIS-MacArthur Asia Security Initiative and delivered several talks, including an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture and a colloquium.



Professor T. J. Pempel

VISITING NTUC PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Professor T. J. Pempel visited RSIS from 27 July to 12 August 2013 as the School's NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations. While at RSIS, Professor Pempel, who is the Jack M. Forcey Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Berkeley, delivered an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture that focused on the Asian and global financial crises, addressed a colloquium on Northeast Asia's economic-security climate and gave a seminar on the U.S. pivot to Asia. Professor Pempel also had the opportunity to meet senior government policymakers during his visit.

VISITING NGEEN ANN KONGSI PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Professor Stuart Croft, the Pro Chancellor for Research at the University of Warwick, was at RSIS from 21 August to 7 September 2013 as its Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations. During his stint at RSIS, Professor Croft met senior government policymakers, delivered several talks, including an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture and participated in a workshop jointly organised by RSIS' Centre of Excellence for National Security and the University of Warwick. Professor Croft also met students from the third cohort of the NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme.



Professor Stuart Croft (left) with Dean Barry Desker

DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY DR. GITA WIRJAWAN

Indonesia's Minister of Trade, Dr. Gita Wirjawan, delivered an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture on 2 September 2013, where he spoke on the topic "Indonesia's Economy: Future Challenges and Opportunities". During his presentation, Dr. Wirjawan stressed the importance of Indonesia achieving prominence at the geopolitical level, and highlighted that Indonesia can be the bridge between the West and the Middle East.



Dr. Gita Wirjawan (second from right) with (from right) Mr. Eddie Teo, Chairman of RSIS' Board of Governors, Ms. Grace Fu, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, and Mr. Mushahid Ali of RSIS

DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY DR. SURYADHARMA ALI

Dr. H. Suryadharma Ali, Minister of Religious Affairs of Indonesia, delivered an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture on 20 September 2013. Speaking on the topic "Managing Religious Diversity in a Democratic Indonesia", he examined the relationship between Islam and democracy and used Indonesia, which is host to the world's largest Muslim community, as an example. Dr. Ali said that Indonesia had to adopt democratic principles to manage religious diversity and achieve much-needed social cohesion, instead of relying on state controls as in the past.



Dr. Suryadharma Ali (left) with Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs



Professor Mahfud MD (centre) with RSIS' A/P Leonard Sebastian (on his right) and H.E. Andri Hadi, Indonesia's ambassador to Singapore (on his left)

DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY PROFESSOR DR. MAHFUD MD

Professor Dr. Mahfud MD, Indonesia's former Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court, delivered an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture on 6 February 2013. Speaking on the topic "Indonesia's Second Wave of Reform", Professor Mahfud focused his presentation on assessing the reform movement in Indonesia and stressed the need for a second wave of reforms to improve the legitimacy and mandate of the Indonesian government.

S. T. LEE DISTINGUISHED ANNUAL LECTURE

Professor Sir Steve Smith, Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive (President) of the University of

Exeter, delivered the fifth S. T. Lee Distinguished Annual Lecture on 16 August 2013. Speaking on "The Race to the Top: Reflections on the Major Trends in Higher Education and Knowledge Economies", Professor Smith shared his insights on the many changes occurring in higher education systems and the major challenges faced by knowledge-based economies. Professor Smith, who is a member of RSIS' Board of Governors, noted in his lecture the swift rise of the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University in global university rankings.



Professor Sir Steve Smith

FOCUS ON THE MALAYSIAN GENERAL ELECTION

The Malaysia Programme of RSIS' Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies focused on the run-up to and the results and implications of the Malaysian General Election held in May 2013. A series of well-attended events, including talks and panel discussions, were held to facilitate an understanding of the process and the impact of the election's outcome. The Malaysians invited to speak at these events included Mr. Liew Chin Tong, Member of Parliament for Bukit Bendera, and Central Executive Committee member for the Democratic Action Party; Mr. Nik Mohamad Abduh bin Nik Abdul Aziz, Deputy Youth Chief of PAS; Dr. Mohamed Salleh bin Tun Said Keruak, Speaker of the Sabah State Legislative Assembly; and Dr. Khoo Kay Peng, an independent analyst.



A talk on the 13th Malaysian General Election by Mr. Nik Mohamad Abduh bin Nik Abdul Aziz on 6 February 2013

COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC (CSCAP) NINTH GENERAL CONFERENCE

On 2–4 December 2013, Dean Barry Desker led an RSIS delegation representing CSCAP-Singapore to the CSCAP Ninth General Conference held in Beijing. The conference, which was based on the theme “Prioritising Mutual Trust and Win-Win Cooperation”, focused on the evolving dynamics in the Asia Pacific and on regional security cooperation, besides non-traditional security issues such as cyber security and water security. Dean Desker chaired the session on “Enhancing a Peaceful and Cooperative Maritime Environment in the Region”, while Mr. Kwa Chong Guan presented a paper during the session on “Building a Secure and Open Cyber Space through Cooperation”. The RSIS delegation, which included Mr. Mushahid Ali and Ms. Sarah Teo, also participated in the preceding 40th CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting held on 2 December.



Dean Barry Desker (centre) chairing a session during the CSCAP Ninth General Conference

RESEARCH



Endowed Professorships at RSIS

RSIS has four endowed professorships that were established to enable it to engage renowned scholars in their respective fields to participate in the School's research and teaching activities and to share their knowledge with the wider community through public lectures and seminars:

- ◇ S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies
- ◇ National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) Professorship in International Economic Relations
- ◇ Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations
- ◇ Bakrie Professorship in Southeast Asia Policy

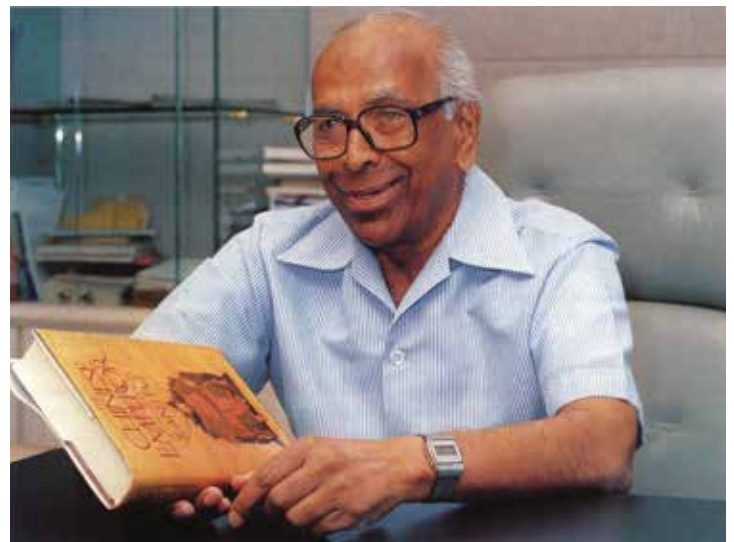
S. RAJARATNAM PROFESSORSHIP IN STRATEGIC STUDIES

The S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies at RSIS was inaugurated on 31 August 1998 to enable the School to invite distinguished scholars in Strategic Studies and related fields to participate in its activities. The professorship was established in honour of Mr. Sinnathamby Rajaratnam for his distinguished services to the nation.

Mr. Rajaratnam, born in 1915, was elected Member of Parliament for Kampung Glam in 1959 and continued to represent the constituency until his retirement in 1988. He became the Minister for Culture in 1959 and the Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1965 and in the latter capacity he took on a second portfolio as the Minister for Labour from 1968 to 1971. He became Second Deputy Prime Minister (Foreign Affairs) in 1980, after which he was appointed Senior Minister until his retirement. He passed away in 2006.

The S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies is made possible by a \$2.6 million fund (excluding a matching grant from the Singapore Government) raised by the Fund Raising Committee chaired by Mr. S. Chandra Das, former Member of Parliament for Cheng San Group Representative Constituency (1980–1996). Income generated from the invested endowment funds is used to invite internationally renowned scholars to teach and research at the School. The S. Rajaratnam Professorship thus enables RSIS to increase its international linkages as well as benefit from the knowledge, experience and wisdom of eminent scholars appointed to the chair.

The scholar appointed to the prestigious S. Rajaratnam Chair in the period reviewed was Professor Hugh White, Professor of Strategic Studies, Head of Strategic and Defence Studies, of the Australian National University, from 13 to 27 February 2013.



Mr. S. Rajaratnam

NATIONAL TRADES UNION CONGRESS (NTUC) PROFESSORSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS



In 2007, the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) raised a total of \$2.5 million, which, with additional funding from the Singapore Government and other sources, enabled RSIS to establish an endowed chair known as the NTUC Professorship in International Economic Relations. Set up in 1961, the NTUC is the national federation of trade unions in Singapore, whose basic aim is to safeguard and enhance the interests of workers.

Income from the endowment enables RSIS to appoint an NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations to provide leadership for the School's International Political Economy Programme. As such, besides possessing strong academic credentials, the holder of the chair will have policy experience working in multilateral institutions such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the World Trade Organisation, as well as in government ministries responsible for policy formulation in international trade, investments and finance. He or she will also be familiar with increasingly important entities such as hedge funds, private equities, petrodollars and sovereign wealth funds.

The scholar who held this prestigious NTUC Chair in 2013 was Professor T. J. Pempel, Jack M. Forcey Professor of Political Science for Study of East Asian Politics, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley. Professor Pempel held the chair from 27 July to 12 August 2013.

NGEE ANN KONGSI PROFESSORSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



The Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations was established on 27 November 2007 through a donation of \$3 million from Ngee Ann Kongsi and a matching grant from the Singapore Government. Income from the endowment is used to engage renowned scholars in International Relations to teach and research at RSIS.

Ngee Ann Kongsi has a long history of promoting education in Singapore and Nanyang Technological University has benefited from its many generous donations. The University's association with Ngee Ann Kongsi began in the 1990s when the *kongsi* donated \$1 million to the Chinese Heritage Centre located in the University. In 2005, Ngee Ann Kongsi also donated \$1.5 million to set up the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in Traditional Chinese Medicine to help develop the University's expertise in traditional Chinese medicine. Besides these, it has also awarded many scholarships and bursaries to students at NTU over the years.

The scholar appointed to this prestigious Ngee Ann Kongsi Chair in 2013 was Professor Stuart Croft, Pro Vice Chancellor for Research (Arts and Social Sciences) of the University of Warwick. Professor Croft held the chair from 21 August to 7 September 2013.

BAKRIE PROFESSORSHIP IN SOUTHEAST ASIA POLICY

The Bakrie Professorship in Southeast Asia Policy was launched on 18 November 2010 at the Chinese Heritage Centre in Nanyang Technological University. Established to deepen knowledge of the region and its largest country, Indonesia, the professorship was made possible through a generous grant from the Bakrie Center Foundation of Indonesia, led by Mr.



Anindya Novyan Bakrie, and a matching grant from the Singapore Government. Its establishment is also in line with the donor's belief in intellectual values and social responsibility and expectation of the chair holders' commitment to advancing knowledge and deepening understanding of the domain they are appointed to. The Bakrie Professorship in Southeast Asia Policy at RSIS will be a prime anchor in providing insights into Southeast Asia policy. The chair holders are expected to mentor the younger faculty members and research scholars, as well as serve as a beacon to attract and retain other illustrious academics with an interest in Southeast Asia.

The first scholar to hold this professorship is Ambassador Barry Desker, Dean of RSIS. Appointed by Mr. Eddie Teo, Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors, on 1 April 2011, Ambassador Desker holds the Bakrie Chair concurrently and in an honorary capacity.

Visiting Scholars

Visiting scholars play an important role in RSIS' research and networking agenda. Besides scholars appointed to the School's endowed professorships, RSIS also has a Visiting Programme to enable local and overseas scholars to do research and give talks at the School. Visiting scholars contribute to the intellectual life in RSIS by providing faculty and research staff with additional perspectives and insights through informal exchanges at in-house seminars.

VISITING SCHOLARS WHO SPENT TIME AT RSIS IN 2013

General (Ret.) John ALLEN
Distinguished Fellow of Foreign Policy, The Brookings Institution
RSIS Distinguished Speakers Programme
 29 July – 12 August 2013



General (Ret.) John Allen

Ms. Naomi Elizabeth ATKINS
Ph.D. Candidate, Australia National University
Visiting Research Associate in the Associate Dean's Office
 7 June – 6 October 2013

Captain Ted Warren BIGGS
Ph.D. Candidate and Researcher, Anthropology Department, University of California, Santa Cruz
Visiting Research Associate in the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies
 7 October – 15 December 2013

Dr. Bernard James BRISTER
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Economics, Royal Military College of Canada
Visiting Fellow in the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme
 2–15 May 2013

Dr. Marcus Page BUSSEY
Lecturer, History and Futures, Faculty of Arts and Business, University of the Sunshine Coast
Visiting Fellow in the Centre of Excellence for National Security
 1 March – 8 June 2013

Dr. Gerard Chaliand
Former Director, European Center for the Study of Conflicts (Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique), Paris
Visiting Professor in the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research
 29 July – 9 September 2013

Professor Eliot COHEN
Robert E. Osgood Professor of Strategic Studies, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, and Founding Director, Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies
Distinguished Speakers Programme
 16–25 January 2013



Professor Eliot Cohen

Commodore Lee CORDNER, AM, RAN (Ret.)
Researcher, Indo-Pacific Governance Research Centre (IPGRC), School of History & Politics, The University of Adelaide
Visiting Fellow in the Maritime Security Programme
1 June 2012 – 31 March 2013

Professor Stuart CROFT
Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research (Arts and Social Sciences), The University of Warwick
Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations
21 August – 7 September 2013

Professor CUI Liru
President, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)
Distinguished Speakers Programme
18–22 March 2013

Mr. Jose FERNANDEZ
Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs, U.S.
28 February 2013

Professor Ibrahim Agboola GAMBARI
Joint Special Representative, African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur
Distinguished Visiting Fellow
7 January – 9 July 2013

Mr. Seshagiri Rao Prasannakumar HARISH
Ph.D. Candidate, New York University
Visiting Research Associate in the Centre of Excellence for National Security
30 May – 26 September 2013

Dr. John HORGAN
Professor of Security Studies; and Director, Center for Terrorism and Security Studies, University of Massachusetts Lowell, School of Criminology and Justice Studies
25 August – 6 September 2013

Gary Clyde HUFBAUER
Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington D.C.
25 February 2013

Ms. Nicole JENNE
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute
Visiting Research Associate in the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme
24 July – 23 October 2013



Professor Cui Liru

Dr. Hiroshi KATSUMATA
Research Fellow, Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Waseda University
Visiting Fellow in the Centre for Multilateralism Studies
27 December 2012 – 4 January 2013

Professor Farhad KHOSROKHAVAR
Director of Studies, Centre for Sociological Analysis and Intervention (CADIS), School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), France
4–8 November 2013

Dr. Christine Martine LEAH
Visiting Fellow in the Military Transformations Programme
24 July – 23 September 2013

Dr. LI Tao
Assistant Professor, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Yunnan University
Visiting Fellow in the China Programme
17 January – 14 March 2013

Ms. LI Jianwei
Director and Research Fellow, Research Division III, National Institute for South China Sea Studies
Visiting Fellow in the China Programme
1 February – 31 March 2013

Dr. MAO Jikang
Associate Research Fellow, Shanghai Academy for World Watch
Visiting Fellow in the China Programme and the Maritime Security Programme
21 January – 30 August 2013

Honorable Dr. Wayne MAPP
Commissioner, Law Commission, New Zealand
Distinguished Visiting Fellow
1–27 August 2013

Professor Duncan MCCARGO
Professor of Southeast Asian Politics, School of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds
Distinguished Speakers Programme
29 July – 2 August 2013

Mr. Rahul MISHRA
Researcher, Southeast Asia and Oceania Centre, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
Visiting Fellow in the South Asia Programme
23 October 2012 – 22 January 2013

Professor Peter NEUMANN
Director, International Center for the Study of Radicalisation, United Kingdom
18–22 February 2013



Professor Duncan McCargo



Lieutenant General (Ret.) Professor Sir Paul Newton

General Sir Paul NEWTON
Director of Strategy and Security Institute, University of Exeter
Distinguished Speakers Programme
27 January – 2 February 2013

Professor PANG Zhongying
Director and Professor of International Political Economy, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, School of International Studies, Renmin University of China
Visiting Senior Fellow in the China Programme
11 July – 10 August 2013

Professor T. J. PEMPEL
Jack M. Forcey Professor of Political Science for Study of East Asian Politics, Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations
27 July – 12 August 2013

Mr. Francois PERREAULT
Visiting Fellow
24 June – 31 December 2013

Professor Abdullah SAEED
Sultan of Oman Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Melbourne
21–23 July 2013

Dr. Joel Sawat SELWAY
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, School of Family, Home & Social Sciences, Brigham Young University
Visiting Fellow
30 October 2012 – 16 June 2013

Dr. Mahesh SHANKAR
Visiting Fellow in the South Asia Programme
14 January – 13 July 2013

Ms. Sandra Anna Maria SILFVAST
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Melbourne
Visiting Research Associate in the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies
30 September – 17 December 2013

Professor Sir Steve SMITH
Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, University of Exeter
S.T. Lee Distinguished Speakers Programme
12–19 August 2013

Colonel Per Erik SOLLI
Senior Advisor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Visiting Fellow in the Maritime Security Programme
7 October – 30 December 2013

Dr. SUN Wei
Teacher, Jilin University
Visiting Fellow in the China Programme
30 September 2013 – 29 September 2014

Mr. Keith TAN
Director, Foreign Economic Policy Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
15 January 2013

Professor Geoffrey Till
Director, Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies, King's College London
Visiting Professor in the Maritime Security Programme
22 October 2012 – 12 March 2013; 17 October 2013 – 10 March 2014

Professor Hugh WHITE
Professor of Strategic Studies, and Head of Strategic and Defence Studies, Australian National University
S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies
13–27 February 2013

Dr. Quintan WIKTOROQICZ
Founder and CEO, Solve For ward, U.S.
1–12 July 2013

Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Rex WOODALL
Fellow, U.S. Army War College
Visiting Fellow in the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research
8 July 2013 – 7 July 2014

Dr. XIA Wei
Lecturer, Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade
Visiting Fellow in the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations
11 April – 27 June 2013



Colonel Per Erik Solli



Professor Geoffrey Till

Dr. XU Ke
Associate Professor, South China Sea Institute / Research School of Southeast Asia Studies, Faculty of International Relations, Xiamen University, China
Visiting Fellow in the China Programme
11 June – 8 July 2013

Dr. ZHANG Yuanjun
Associate Professor, National University of Defense Technology
Visiting Associate Professor in the China Programme
20 September 2012 – 23 August 2013

Research at RSIS

RSIS faculty and researchers conduct both academic and policy-oriented research on international security issues that affect Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific regions, in the context of major developments and shifts in the international system. This report covers research conducted by the six centres of RSIS in 2013:

- ◇ Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies
- ◇ International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research
- ◇ Centre of Excellence for National Security
- ◇ Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies
- ◇ Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations
- ◇ Centre for Multilateralism Studies

INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) tracks defence and security issues in the Asia-Pacific region. To date, the Institute comprises nine distinct programmes, of which four are functional—Maritime Security, Military Transformations, Multilateralism and Regionalism, and Contemporary Islam—and five are country- or area-specific—China, Indonesia, Malaysia, the United States and South Asia. Faculty members and researchers of all programmes engage in research, teaching and networking.

Over the course of 2013, the IDSS programmes conducted a wide array of activities in support of the aforementioned research agenda, including conferences, workshops and colloquia. As befitting RSIS' dual role as an academic institution and policy think tank, all research produced by IDSS programmes has either been or will be disseminated through a variety of formats such as reports, briefs, op-ed commentaries, journal articles and books.

Broadly defined, the Institute's research agenda for the past year featured the following five concerns: (i) the impact of growing Chinese power and influence on one hand and of the American pivot on the other, on various bilateral interstate relations in the Asia-Pacific region, especially China-U.S. relations; (ii) developments in domestic society, religion and politics, and the foreign policies of Indonesia and Malaysia; (iii) ASEAN's centrality in the evolving regional institutional architecture and its promotion of stable relations among the Asia Pacific's great powers and regional powers, and India's growing defence and security engagement of Southeast Asia; (iv) the impact of force modernisations, critical emerging technologies and strategic trajectories on the security and stability of the Asia-Pacific region; and (v) factors shaping the future of Asia's maritime environment, such as sea lanes of communication (SLOCs), naval force modernisations, shipping and seaborne trade, energy and resource issues, and the establishment of crisis hotlines.

Research on those issues was complemented and enhanced further by additional research on sources of strategic stability and instability in contemporary Asia Pacific undertaken by a team of IDSS researchers with the aid of a US\$500,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The following are some of the key findings that emerged from the Institute's various projects in 2013:

- ◇ China's recent regional behaviour has been assertive but non-confrontational. This pattern will likely continue in the foreseeable future. With the leadership transition now completed and the streamlining of government agencies responsible for Chinese maritime policy in the South China Sea, China will likely pursue a more coordinated approach henceforth.
- ◇ In strategic terms, America's pivot to Asia has expanded U.S. security commitments among Southeast Asian countries and has extended U.S. political interests into the South China Sea. However, Washington's policy of "creeping containment" of China runs the risk of triggering a diplomatic confrontation with Beijing on terms that do not favour the United States. Moreover, the U.S. military's ambiguous AirSea Battle strategy also complicates the Sino-U.S. strategic rivalry and could destabilise the Asia-Pacific region.
- ◇ India and Southeast Asian countries are equally keen to forge stronger defence ties between themselves, but would likely be constrained by their shared desire to avoid aggravating tensions with China and getting entangled in one another's problems.



A/P Li Mingjiang, Coordinator of the China Programme in the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, speaking at the workshop on "China's New Leadership, the PLA, and National Security Policy" held on 22 March 2013



Professor Joseph Liow (left), Associate Dean of RSIS, speaking at a panel discussion on the 13th Malaysian General Election held on 22 May 2013

- ◇ Our research on Malaysia successfully forecasted the Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition's victory and the Parti Islam Se-Malaysia's (PAS) poor performance in Malaysia's General Elections 2013, as well as PAS' reassessment of its commitment to the opposition coalition, Pakatan Rakyat.
- ◇ Indonesian youth voters are likely to reject establishment candidates in favour of newcomers such as the governor of Jakarta, Joko Widodo, in Indonesia's Presidential Election 2014. However, ambivalence and lack of cohesion among the youth imply they would not be the collective bargaining force their predecessors of the Reformasi era were.
- ◇ Despite the setbacks suffered by Islamist parties in Egypt and Bangladesh, populist Islam remains the dominant factor in domestic politics in Muslim-majority countries in Southeast Asia. The developments among Islamist parties in Malaysia and Indonesia in 2013 highlight their commitment to the constitutional path towards state capture.
- ◇ The progress of China's military aircraft industry has proved slower and more fitful than Western analysts speculated, but it continues apace.
- ◇ In Asia's maritime domain, there are sub-regional variances in hotline arrangements. Given the proliferation of maritime security initiatives in the region, the potential for overlap, duplication and the lack of coordination and communication among them is high.
- ◇ Finally, ASEAN centrality in Asia-Pacific regionalism remains intact but there will be greater expectations on ASEAN to guarantee outcomes. Enhanced coordination and cooperation among the region's stakeholders will help make the existing regional architecture more effective.

Besides contributing to the graduate and doctoral programmes of RSIS, IDSS faculty from its Military Studies Programme, which specialises in capacity-building for the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF), contributed significantly to the following courses: (i) Command and Staff Course (since 1997) and the Senior Commanders Course conducted at the Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College; (ii) Tri-Service Warfighters Course (TSWC) conducted by the SAF Advanced Schools; (iii) Warrant Officer Course conducted by the SAF Warrant Officer School; and (iv) Undergraduate Professional Military Education and Training (UGPMET) programme offered under the aegis of the SAF-NTU



Dean Barry Desker (front row, fifth from right) with participants of the sixth RSIS-NMF Bilateral Workshop held on 18 November 2013



Minister Chan Chun Sing with international participants at APPSMO 2013

Strategic Partnership. Finally, in partnership with the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the RSN's Information Fusion Centre, members of the Maritime Security Programme facilitated and taught the Regional Maritime Security Practitioner Course.

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM RESEARCH

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism (ICPVTR), helmed by Professor Rohan Gunaratna, continues to be a leading centre for counter-terrorism and rehabilitation. ICPVTR produces research and analyses, threat assessments and policy briefs on developments in terrorism in countries and regions around the world. Its strategic projects include countering radical ideologies, promoting moderation, terrorist rehabilitation, community engagement and countering financial terrorism. Attuned with the evolving threat landscape, the centre provides relevant training and outreach programmes domestically and internationally. Through these engagements, the centre establishes new avenues for partnerships and collaborations, while strengthening existing networks to support the centre's efforts in mitigating political violence and terrorism globally.

A key milestone in 2013 was the International Conference on Terrorist Rehabilitation and Community Resilience held on 26–27 March 2013 at the Raffles City Convention Centre. Jointly organised with the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG), the conference was held in conjunction with the tenth anniversary of the RRG, a voluntary group of Islamic scholars and teachers that provides counselling and rehabilitation of terrorist detainees in Singapore. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong was the guest-of-honour at the event, which brought together 28 distinguished local and foreign speakers and more than 500 participants. The conference focused on new issues and developments relating to terrorist rehabilitation and the strengthening of the global community's resilience to the influence of terrorist ideology and propaganda.

Another key milestone was ICPVTR's inaugural cyber-related programmes. The ICPVTR-CPSS Cyber Extremism Workshop, jointly organised with the Centre for Protective Security Studies (CPSS)

of the Home Team Academy (HTA), was conducted at the HTA on 18–22 February 2013. The five-day course equipped officers from Singapore's Home Team agencies with a better understanding of the threat emanating from cyber extremism and the mitigation strategies.

ICPVTR also co-organised a roundtable on cyber warfare with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on 19 February 2013. This Track 2 discussion provided regional specialists with insights on the implications of cyber warfare on International Humanitarian Law. Participants came from China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Australia.

As in previous years, ICPVTR contributed to the professional development of local and foreign law enforcement and security personnel through its sixth annual Terrorism Analyst Training Course (TATC) held on 14–25 January 2013. Participants came from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Somaliland, Kenya and Singapore's defence and home affairs ministries. Guest lecturers included Major-General Tritot, Special Branch Police Commissioner, Thailand; Mr. Rakesh Maria, Chief of Anti-Terrorist Squad and Lead Investigator in the Mumbai Bombings, India; and Mr. Angelo Bani, Interpol, Thailand. The TATC aimed to deliver a holistic perspective by building analysts' knowledge and capacity while strengthening the vital networks between counter-terrorism academics and practitioners.

ICPVTR forged new links and reinforced existing ties through field trips to Nigeria and the Philippines. On these trips, the ICPVTR team met counter-terrorism leaders in national security, law enforcement and the military to share Singapore's experiences in counter-terrorism and rehabilitation and to jointly develop counter-terrorism education and training.

Additionally, the centre conducted a workshop on detainee rehabilitation on 13 August 2013 in the Philippines, which was jointly organised with the Bureau of Jail Management & Penology (BJMP) of the Philippines. ICPVTR staff shared best practices in rehabilitation with participants comprising prison wardens and officers, Muslim clerics, NGOs, psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, social workers, teachers, vocational instructors, academics and caregivers. As a keen advocate of a community-based approach to fighting terrorism, ICPVTR has strived to educate and to reach out to educational institutions and public agencies in Singapore by regularly conducting workshops, talks and focus group discussions with them. The centre also endeavours to increase public awareness of the current and



Participants at the International Conference on Terrorist Rehabilitation and Community Resilience held on 26–27 March 2013



Professor Rohan Gunaratna addressing participants of the Cyber Extremism Workshop held on 18–22 February 2013

evolving threat landscapes while emphasising the importance of community involvement.

ICPVTR's outreach encompasses both print and online research publications. Notable publications in 2013 by centre staff include *The Terrorist Threat from Thailand: Jihad or Quest for Justice?* by Rohan Gunaratna and Arabinda Acharya, published by University of Nebraska Press; *Ten Years After 9/11 – Rethinking the Jihadist Threat* by Arabinda Acharya, published by Routledge; and *Countering Extremism: Building Social Resilience Through Community Engagement* by Rohan Gunaratna, Jolene Jerard and Salim Mohamed Nasir (Eds.), published by Imperial College Press. ICPVTR's monthly online publication, *Counter Terrorist Trends and Analysis (CTTA)*, has over 11,000 subscribers and sees continually growing readership.

As a mark of ICPTVR's local and international renown, the centre has briefed a wide spectrum of visitors from various governments, the security and intelligence community worldwide, academia and the private sector. In 2013, ICPVTR hosted more than 70 visits by individuals and groups. In a first for RSIS, the United States Army War College sponsored a Senior Service College Fellowship at the centre in July 2013. The first beneficiary of this Fellowship was Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Woodall, a former battalion commander, who recently served in Afghanistan and was a Special Operations Intelligence Director in Iraq. Lt. COL. Woodall is presently working with the centre to conduct a study in support of counter-terrorism, Asia-Pacific strategy and homeland security.

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

2013 was a productive year for the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS). The centre's signature event, the annual Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), organised jointly with the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS), took place on 8–11 April. Participants from 28 countries, including Russia, China, the United States, the United Kingdom and countries of ASEAN, met to discuss the topic "Narrowing the Theory-Practice Gap".

This conference was followed in May by the workshop entitled "Effective and Credible Cyber Deterrence", which was organised with the aid of the Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore (IDA). The

workshop explored the fundamentals of developing cyber deterrence strategies and went far in permitting CENS to contribute to the building of a Community of Practice in Singapore vis-à-vis cyber security. A conference titled “Researching Social Resilience” was held in August, and following that a workshop on “Social Media and Digital Maturity: Implications for National Security” was held in October. Rounding up the CENS conference calendar for the year was a workshop jointly organised with the University of Warwick in September, tackling the many issues related to countering violent extremism.

In the area of publications, CENS staff, including Associate Professor Kumar Ramakrishna, the centre head, contributed significantly to the RSIS Commentary series. As for academic articles, notable publications include Joseph Franco’s “Malaysia: Unsung Hero of the Philippine Peace Process” in *Asian Security*, and Norman Vasu and Damien D. Cheong’s “Immigration and the National Narrative: Rethinking Corporatism in Singapore” in the *Copenhagen Journal of Asian Studies*. Finally, Norman Vasu, Yolanda Chin with Law Kam-Yee of City University, Hong Kong, published an edited volume titled *Nations, National Narratives and Communities in the Asia Pacific* with Routledge.

During the year, CENS hosted a number of eminent scholars, including Professor Peter Neumann, Director of the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation, King’s College, London; Dr. Quintan Wiktorowicz, a former Senior Director for Community Partnerships in the White House; and Professor John Horgan, Director of the Centre for Terrorism and Security Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Besides making significant contributions to research conducted by CENS, their lectures and seminars were well received by the local academic and policy community. Other scholars who were guests of CENS included Associate Professor David Cook of Rice University, Dr. Greg Barton of Monash University, Dr. Mark Dechesne of Leiden University, and Dr. Eran Lerman, who is the Israeli



A/P Kumar Ramakrishna (second from right), Head of CENS, with (from left) Dr. Norman Vasu, Mr. Kok Ping Soon, Director of National Security Coordination Secretariat, and Ms. Yolanda Chin, at the opening dinner of APPSNO 2013



Participants at the CENS conference on “Effective and Credible Cyber Deterrence” held on 27–28 May 2013

Deputy National Security Advisor for Foreign Policy and International Affairs.

CENS staff continued to engage extensively in overseas networking during the year. In February, Kumar Ramakrishna spoke on violent extremism at an ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) meeting in Tokyo, while both he and Sulastris Osman participated in the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre’s “International Conference to Promote Counter-Terrorism Collaboration between National, Regional and International Centres and Initiatives”. The ARF and UN engagements helped to enhance the reputation of CENS as an important research and networking resource for the Southeast Asia region. Yeap Su-Yin attended the Multinational Resilience Policy Group meeting in Berlin on 27–30 May. Yeap exchanged ideas with policy-makers, practitioners and academics involved in formulating policies and conducting research on resilience, as well as gained firsthand information on policies and practices in building community resilience from different countries.

On 6 June, Norman Vasu and Damien Cheong presented papers at the International Academic Forum’s Fourth Asian Conference of the Social Sciences in Osaka, Japan, on “Human Nature and Governance in Singapore” and “The People’s Action Party: Moving Towards Governance by Persuasion?”, respectively. Kumar Ramakrishna, Jennifer Yang Hui, Joseph Franco and Sulastris Osman also took part in a working trip to Australia in September and met with authoritative voices from academia and government on issues relating to cyber security and counter-radicalisation.

CENS will be hosting a number of international thought leaders on violent extremism and homeland security in the coming months. This includes the eminent French scholar Farhad Khosrokhavar, who visited in November to speak on Jihadist violence, as well as Mark Juergensmeyer (who will be a Distinguished Visiting Person) in January 2014, to give a number of seminars on religious extremism.

CENTRE FOR NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY

Headed by Associate Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony, the Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies continues to lead research in the areas of (i) internal and cross-border conflict, (ii) climate change, environmental security and natural disasters, (iii) energy and human security, (iv) food security, and (v) health and human security.

During the year, the centre focused on projects related to the themes of food security, urban resilience, Johor and the Singapore environment, energy security and activities under the ASEAN-Canada Research Partnership.

In the area of food security, the centre launched four projects to develop greater resilience in Singaporean and regional food systems. Two projects on “The Impact of Climate Change on ASEAN Food Security” and “The ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and Food Security” seek to explore elements of climate change and elements of the AEC that may impact the components of the food security ecosystem and, in doing so, impact the food security of ASEAN. The third project, on “Developing a Dynamic Model of Food Availability for Singapore”, seeks to provide national capacity to evaluate current strategies for ensuring food security through managing food availability and, importantly, to propose new strategies and policies to ensure continued adequate levels of food availability under different scenarios of population growth and environmental change. An inception meeting was held in October 2013 to discuss the framework of the fourth project, the “Second International Conference on Asian Food Security (ICAFs)”, a high-level global dialogue on food security issues in Asia which is slated to be held in August 2014.

In addition, the centre launched a cross-country study on the robustness of food security in Southeast Asia. The study determined which of the factors of the Rice Bowl Index[®] had the most impact on the food security of each country. In doing so, the project arrived at a systematic identification of key food security trends in Southeast Asia and made policy suggestions to improve the robustness of food security in Asia. The above-mentioned projects are supported by the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), the Singapore Inter-Ministerial Committee on Food Security (IMC-FS) and Syngenta (an agri-business company) respectively.



Participants of the ASEAN-Canada Forum & Public Symposium “Reflections on an Inclusive and Equitable ASEAN Community in 2015” held in Ho Chi Minh City, on 20–21 August 2013

The topic of urban resilience was explored in a project on “Advancing Urban Resilience in the Face of Environmental Challenges”, supported by the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources (MEWR) and the Sustainable Earth Office (SEO) in NTU. The project looked at key environmental challenges facing Southeast Asia’s urban spaces and their implications on resilience in key physical and social urban systems. It sought to discuss the costs and benefits of building urban resilience for both the public and private sector and review best practices of participatory urban resilience building.

In the MEWR-supported project “Johor and the Singapore Environment: Development Trends”, the centre sought to investigate the primary drivers of development in southern Johor, and the likely trajectory of the area’s economic activities. It also identified the environmental challenges this trajectory would create for Singapore as well as explored the (in)effectiveness of the safeguards and regulations governing activities in Johor for addressing potential trans-boundary environmental risks. In doing so, it helped to identify Singapore’s useful response options to these risks.

With regard to energy security, the centre explored the growing regional interest in the development of civil nuclear energy despite the Fukushima incident, and its implications for Singapore. It then expanded its research focus to study the issue of nuclear governance in the region post-Fukushima, organising a joint conference with the Energy Studies Institute (ESI) of NUS to examine the issue under the aegis of the Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) in October 2013.

As part of activities for the ASEAN-Canada Research Partnership supported by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, the centre co-organised in May with the Institute of Asian Research (IAR) in the University of British Columbia (UBC) a writing workshop for junior fellows of the partnership. The centre also organised an ASEAN-Canada Forum to disseminate research findings from the senior and junior fellowships to Track 1 and Track 2 officials. The forum, held in Vietnam in August, also facilitated discussions on key regional and bilateral issues.

The centre organised 14 conferences and seminars, and published over 60 books and articles in line with these projects throughout the year. Of notable mention was the roundtable on “Enhancing Global and Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Management and Resolution” in April, which featured Professor Ibrahim Gambari, the former Joint Special Representative of the Africa Union/UN Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID), as key speaker.

Going forward, the centre will continue its projects on food security, conduct activities under the ASEAN-Canada Research Partnership, and embark on research on other components of the Johor project, namely, the study of the Johor project’s environmental implications in relation to air, as well as an examination of regulatory frameworks and their enforcement vis-à-vis environmental challenges. It will also build upon the momentum from the first urban resilience project to develop another SEO project on “Towards a Sustainable Metropolis in Southeast Asia: Building Community-based Resilience”.



Professor Ibrahim Gambari, RSIS Distinguished Visiting Fellow, speaking at a roundtable on “Enhancing Global and Regional Mechanisms for Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution”, on 15 April 2013

The project seeks to address urban vulnerabilities to climate change by shedding light on community-based initiatives for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation strategies in metropolitan Asian cities. It will formulate recommendations to address difficulties in up-scaling or mainstreaming such initiatives for the benefit of a broader section of a metropolitan society.

TEMASEK FOUNDATION CENTRE FOR TRADE & NEGOTIATIONS

The Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN) was formally launched in October 2008, following a generous initial donation from the Temasek Foundation. Headed by Dr. Deborah Elms, it is dedicated to improving the process of international negotiations, with a particular focus on increasing capabilities and access for developing states. The centre uses rigorous empirical research to create new ideas and generate informed debate leading to practical policy alternatives for improving global negotiations on trade and economic issues. In June 2010, the centre received a second round of funding from the Temasek Foundation to run until 2013.

Currently, the centre is focusing its research on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) talks and on Global Value Chains (GVC). The findings of the research were published in numerous newspaper reports and journals. In addition, the research also culminated in the production of a book entitled *Global Value Chains in a Changing World* by the World Trade Organization (WTO). It is a comprehensive study of GVCs by a group of leading GVC experts. A book launch was held in Geneva and responses to the book were very good.

The centre received several invitations to present its findings on the TPP. These include invitations from the governments of Brunei, China, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, the Philippines and Vietnam, the European Commission and private companies such as Temasek Holdings, Shell and Mitsui.



Dr. Gary Clyde Hufbauer (right), Reginald Jones Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, who delivered a Distinguished Public Lecture organised by TFCTN on 25 February 2013



Dr. Deborah Elms (front row, left), Head of TFCTN, with participants of the Workshop on Trade Facilitation held on 18–22 February 2013

In the area of training, TFCTN conducts two key training programmes each year. The first is a six-week-long TFCTN Executive Programme for mid-level government officers. This executive programme provides government officials with the practical, interdisciplinary knowledge needed to effectively participate in international trade negotiations. The overall objective of the course is to assist regional states in implementing World Trade Organisation (WTO) and Free Trade Area (FTA) agreements domestically through training and to create a greater awareness of the rules of various trading regimes. This helps regional and local officials devise strategies to best meet the challenges of—and benefit from—global trade liberalisation and economic integration.

The second training programme is a three-day Parliamentary Workshop that TFCTN runs together with the World Trade Organization. This workshop brings together members of parliament from across Asia. The workshop is intended to increase the capacity of regional legislators to engage in international trade issues. This includes a deeper understanding of the WTO, current and future negotiation issues in international trade and a sustained focus on the particular concerns of developing states in the process. This is important, as parliamentarians have an important role to play in facilitating trade. Legislators must consider and ratify international agreements as well as ensure domestic implementation of all agreements reached at the international level. They also serve as a bridge between domestic audiences, like business or consumer interests, and intergovernmental trade organisations like the WTO.

In addition to the two key training programmes, TFCTN conducts customised training programmes for government officials and the business community in Singapore and overseas. In 2013, overseas workshops were conducted in Indonesia (March 2013), Mongolia (May 2013), Bhutan (September 2013) and Sri Lanka (November 2013).

CENTRE FOR MULTILATERALISM STUDIES

The Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS) conducts research and capacity building on global and regional economic governance. In 2013, the centre's research activities included convening a workshop on "Governance of East Asian Regional Economic Architectures". Furthermore, researchers from the centre—Associate Professor Pradumna Rana, Dr. Kaewkamol Pitakdumrongkit, and Maria Theresa Anna Robles—formed the core of an RSIS team that produced the "Vision Paper on the AEC beyond 2015", on behalf of the High Level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration (HLTF-EI). Overall, the centre's research outputs produced the following findings:

- ◇ Regional economic governance mechanisms in East Asia are limited in their ability to respond effectively to the region's shifting power configurations and changes in the flows and patterns of trade and finance, as well as the expansion of global production networks and value chains.
- ◇ A key challenge is to ensure that global and regional trade mechanisms complement rather than compete with one another. For example, ASEAN is more effective than the WTO in investment protection, while ASEAN relies on the WTO for dispute settlement and trade policy monitoring.
- ◇ Regional trade mechanisms such as the RCEP and TPP should be multilateralised over the long run and their commitments aligned with existing external economic policies and domestic reform priorities. On finance, East Asian countries must work to overcome national constraints and collective action problems, in order to ensure the success of regional mechanisms such as the CMIM and AMRO. They should serve as building blocks towards a more robust multilateral system of trade and finance governance.
- ◇ By 2025, the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) ought to progress beyond its existing aims—of forming a single market and production base, creating a competitive economic region, establishing equitable development and integrating the AEC in the global economy—to more substantive ones of forming a networked, competitive and innovative region, creating equitable and inclusive economic growth, establishing sustainable development and ensuring ASEAN centrality in the regional architecture and a common voice in global platforms.

In partnership with the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the centre facilitated a capacity-



A participant asking a question at the CMS workshop on "Governance of East Asian Regional Economic Architectures" held on 10 September 2013

building exercise for Asian trade officials on “Integrating Domestic Industries with Global Production Networks and Supply Chains” and convened a forum on the South China Sea for ASEAN Track 2 participants. Finally, the head of the centre, Associate Professor Tan See Seng, represented RSIS at the Council of Councils and Think 20 conferences on the G20 and global and regional governance issues.

PUBLICATIONS

RSIS’ research activities have resulted in a variety of publications, including books, monographs, journal articles and policy papers. RSIS has several in-house publications: (i) a monograph series on projects carried out by staff and visiting research fellows and collaborating institutions, (ii) the RSIS Working Paper series that allows resident and visiting scholars to seek feedback on the initial draft of their research papers, (iii) RSIS Commentaries, offering timely analyses of major developments in regional and international affairs intended primarily for a policy audience, and (iv) Policy Papers and Policy Briefs, which analyse key policy issues and offer recommendations to policymakers and stakeholders. Besides these publications, RSIS faculty and researchers also actively publish in their own areas of interest and specialisation.

The publications of RSIS and RSIS staff members are listed in Annex A and Annex B, respectively.



Professor J. Soedradjad Djiwandono of RSIS speaking at the CMS workshop on “Governance of East Asian Regional Economic Architectures” held on 10 September 2013



Conference participants browsing through RSIS publications

EDUCATION



Education at RSIS

GRADUATE EDUCATION

Masters Programmes

The global graduate education market is exceedingly competitive. Partially as a consequence, RSIS experienced a decline in its M.Sc. admissions level in AY2013/2014. As student numbers in the following table show, strong growth was experienced in International Political Economy, while Asian Studies, International Relations and Strategic Studies all suffered reductions in student admissions. This may simply represent a one-off fluctuation in student numbers rather than a trend. To ensure that student applications and admissions remain at robust levels, RSIS has taken measures to strengthen its marketing initiatives, including information-sharing sessions at RSIS and in the city, at Raffles Hotel, marketing visits to selected regional countries, advertising on local and regional television, advertising in student magazines at local and overseas universities as well as online and print advertising in local and international newspapers and magazines. The overarching goal of these initiatives is to attract a higher number of applications for AY2014/2015.

M.Sc. Student Intake
AY2013/2014 vs. (AY2012/2013)

	Strategic Studies		International Relations		International Political Economy		Asian Studies		Total
	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	
Number of students	16	36	19	37	9	60	4	20	201
	(22)	(42)	(25)	(46)	(13)	(48)	(2)	(33)	(231)
	52		56		71		24		
	(64)		(71)		(61)		(35)		

It should be noted that the AY2013/2014 admission figures include the third cohort of ten students from the University of Warwick, joining as Year 2 students under the NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme.

Admission for the next academic year will be based on attracting first-rate scholars from around the world, and whilst this may increase admission numbers, it will not be at the cost of maintaining the highest standards of our admission criteria. The selection committee for the four RSIS Masters programmes comprises the coordinators and faculty members for each of the degree programmes. They rigorously screen student applications to ensure that successful applicants are selected based on

a judicious mix of high-quality academic qualifications, relevant professional experience and a high level of English proficiency. This approach rests on the belief that whilst academic qualifications are important, in a professional school due weight must also be given to appropriate work experience. Moreover, it is an approach that has contributed towards a rich learning experience for our students, as evidenced by the common perception among the teaching faculty and employers of the impressive intellectual and practical skill-sets of the School's graduates.



Dean Barry Desker meeting new RSIS students of Academic Year 2013/2014



Professor Joseph Liow, Associate Dean, addressing RSIS students on 18 July 2013 at the start of the new academic year

As a school of international studies, RSIS welcomes students from all countries. The presence of students from a variety of cultural backgrounds provides an additional dimension to seminar discussions and adds depth to learning. We are proud of the fact that during the programmes' existence, students from more than 60 countries have been drawn to enrol in RSIS Masters degrees. For AY2013/2014 in particular, students hail from 27 countries, including, for the first time, Iceland, Iran and Colombia.

Doctoral programme

Over the last few years, the RSIS Doctoral programme has grown considerably from just six students in 2008 to 24 in 2013. This figure includes four Ph.D. students from Brunei, Pakistan, Nepal and the U.S. who joined us in July. Moreover, two of our doctoral candidates have recently successfully completed their final oral examination and graduated in July. Almost all RSIS doctoral scholars have benefitted from competitive NTU Research Scholarships for a broad array of contemporary and relevant topics. As with the Masters programme, the Ph.D. programme has a diverse and cosmopolitan student body.

DEVELOPMENTS

The RSIS Student Wing was opened two years ago and has been of immense benefit to the students. The lecture theatre has become the focal point for specialist strategic and security talks and discussions. It can accommodate up to 60 delegates/students and has been used extensively for lectures, colloquiums and workshops. For example, in January 2014 the RSIS lecture theatre will be the venue for a three-day workshop on Nuclear Security and Safety that RSIS anticipates will attract many students and government officials.



The well-attended RSIS Alumni Annual Dinner held by the Graduate Programmes Office at Hilton Hotel on 16 August 2013

The student representatives on the Staff-Student Liaison Committee have been provided with a budget to organise social events and hence support the social side of our students' RSIS experience. This has proven to be a great success. Besides BBQ events, the students organised two student-staff soccer matches. These events were very well attended, producing two exciting games, with the students coming out winners both times. The matches were followed by supper and drinks at NTU's Al Fresco Café. More of these social activities are planned for 2013/14, and these have proved to be a very effective way to forge bonds and friendships between the students, as well as demonstrating that professors have sports and social skills besides a focus on pushing out papers and books.

Professor Pascal Vennesson and his team have also proved active over the last year in promoting a movie-club, the RSIS Film Society. The types of movies shown include, for instance, *The Take* and *Merah Putih*. However, it is not just about watching a film; it is also about exploring the educational themes that lie behind each story. So, whether the movie depicts, for instance, strategic or international relations events, a professor well-versed in the academic aspects of the movie will debate and critically evaluate the key issues addressed in the movie. Harnessing the learning value of movies has added an exciting new element to RSIS' educational activities.

Finally, it should be noted that the GPO has moved to refresh and expand the professional skills workshop offerings, adding several new workshops, including presentation skills, negotiation skills, leadership and influence skills, critical thinking and scenario planning. Additionally, in response to student demand, the GPO has introduced several new job-seeking skills workshops, which cover CV writing, effective techniques at interviews, and professional image, social and business etiquette.



RSIS Alumnus Major Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono (centre) receiving the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award on 12 October 2013. With him are Mr. Lawrence Wong (right), Acting Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and NTU's President, Professor Bertil Andersson.

NETWORKING WITH OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

RSIS enjoys a partnering and exchange programme with the highly respected Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The memorandum of understanding between the two institutions allows for small numbers of Elliott School students to visit RSIS to participate in Asia studies, with similar numbers of RSIS students engaging in reciprocal visits to the Elliott School. Fees are waived for both groups of students. In June 2012, three RSIS students took advantage of this exchange programme to visit the Elliott School, broadening their international educational experience as well as enriching their network of contacts. A similar number of RSIS students participated in exchange programmes in June and July 2013 while three Elliott students spent a trimester at RSIS.

RSIS joined a Japanese Government-sponsored exchange programme in 2012. The programme comprises several universities in Japan, such as those in Osaka, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, along with selected universities in Southeast Asia, including those in Thailand, Indonesia, Timor Leste, Cambodia, the Philippines and Singapore (RSIS). The focus of studies among all participating universities is peace and human security. The exchange programme will run for five years, allowing participating universities to send students to RSIS and vice versa. As a result, two RSIS Ph.D. students attended a two-week summer school in Okinawa, in 2012, and in 2013, another two Ph.D. students attended a summer school in Hiroshima. These summer schools have proved to be a great success, enabling our students to get closer to the history, culture, security and politico-economic issues of Japan and Southeast Asian



Graduating students from RSIS' M.Sc. class of 2012/2013

nations. Over the last two years, there have also been three young Japanese Ph.D. scholars spending a semester at RSIS attending courses and pursuing research in the counter-terrorism and peacekeeping fields.

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

2013 was the fourth year of the SAF-NTU Strategic Partnership, and six SAF officers who had enrolled in 2011 in the M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) programme graduated. Since 2009, this partnership has administered the SAF's Continuing Education Programme for its serving officers. RSIS continues to participate in this military education effort, principally through two key programmes:

- ◇ The Command and Staff Course and Command and Staff Course (Executive) at the Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College in Saiti Military Institute, where four courses taught by RSIS faculty provide students with academic credits that can be subsequently transferred towards an eventual M.Sc. degree from NTU
- ◇ The Undergraduate Professional Military Education and Training programme, conducted by NTU for young SAF officers from May to August each year

Apart from these courses, RSIS also continues to support other route-of-advancement courses conducted by the SAF for its officer corps and warrant officer corps.



Prospective students at the information-sharing session held by RSIS' Graduate Programmes Office at Raffles Hotel on 27 November 2013

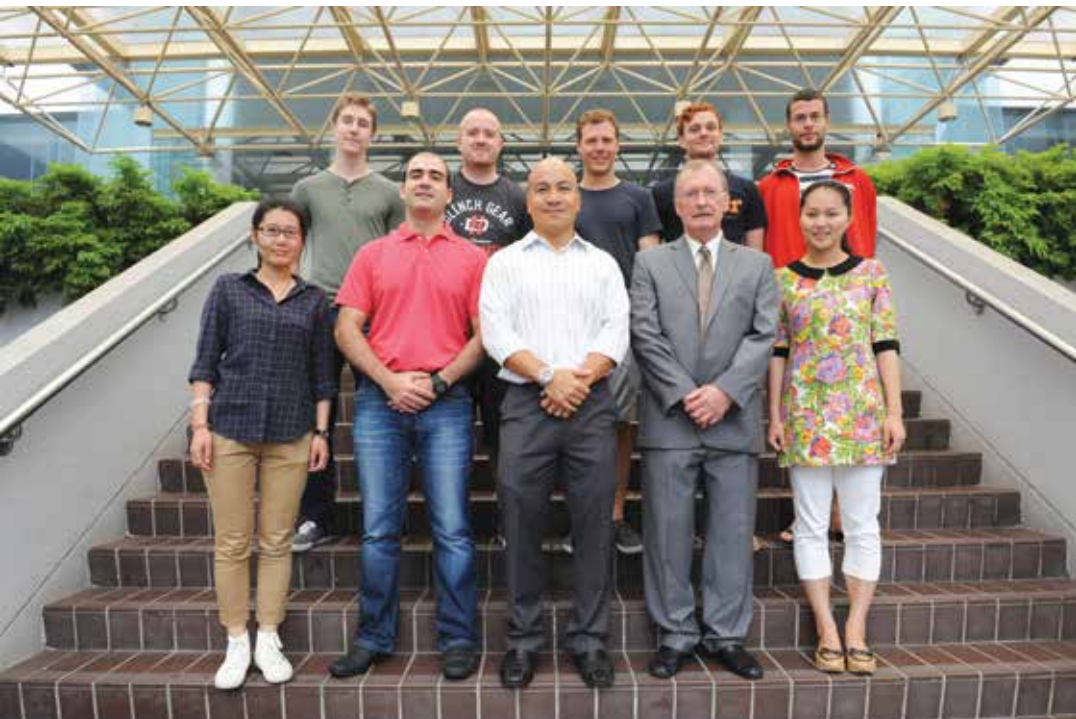
RSIS new Ph.D. Students of Academic Year 2013/2014



D. K. Nur'Asyura PG Mohd Salleh (left), Brunei, and George Orin Boone (right), United States, with Professor Ron Matthews, Head of Graduate and Doctoral Studies, RSIS

RSIS M.Sc. Students of Academic Year 2013/2014

M.Sc. Class of 2013/2014 (NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme students)



RSIS M.Sc. Students of Academic Year 2013/2014
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RSIS M.Sc. Students of Academic Year 2013/2014
M.Sc Class of 2013/2014 (International Relations)



RSIS M.Sc. Students of Academic Year 2013/2014
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RSIS M.Sc. Students of Academic Year 2013/2014
M.Sc Class of 2013/2014 (Asian Studies)



Master of Science (Strategic Studies)

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S6007 Research Methods in International Studies

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Participants of the workshop organised by the Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, held on 21 February 2013

13. Workshop on “China’s New Leadership, the PLA, and National Security Policy”, organised by the China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 22 March 2013
14. International Conference on “Terrorist Rehabilitation and Community Resilience”, jointly organised by the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, RSIS, and the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG), Singapore, 26–27 March 2013
15. Seventh Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 8–12 April 2013
16. Center for a New American Security (CNAS)-RSIS Asian Security Relations Workshop on “The Emerging Asia Power Web: Implications for the Region and U.S. Policy”, organised by the Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, 15 April 2013
17. Expert Working Group Meeting on “Advancing Urban Resilience in the Face of Environmental Change”, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 22–23 April 2013
18. Asia Development Bank Institute (ADBI)-RSIS Regional Conference on “Integrating Domestic Industries with Global Production Networks and Supply Chain”, organised by the Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, 8–10 May 2013
19. TFCTN In-Country Workshop 2013, organised by the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations, RSIS, 8–10 May 2013, Mongolia
20. Workshop on “So You Want to Get Published: Writing Training for Junior Scholars”, jointly organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, and Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia, 13–17 May 2013, Canada
21. International Maritime Security Conference 2013, co-organised by Experia Events and the Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 15 May 2013
22. ASEAN Track 2 South China Sea Workshop, organised by the Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, 23 May 2013
23. CENS Cyber Security Workshop on “Effective and Credible Cyber Deterrence”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 27–28 May 2013



Participants of the RSIS-Norwegian Embassy Workshop held on 13–14 March 2013



Participants at the RSIS-SIPRI Workshop held on 15 March 2013

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25. Expert Group Meeting on “The ASEAN Economic Community 2015: Opportunities and Challenges for Food Security”, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 3–4 June 2013, Philippines
26. Expert Group Meeting on “The Impact of Climate Change on ASEAN Food Security”, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 6–7 June 2013, Philippines
27. Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Study Group Meeting on “Maritime Security – Principles for Good Order at Sea”, organised by RSIS, 7–8 June 2013

28. TFCTN-WTO Parliamentary Workshop on International Trade 2013, organised by the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations, RSIS, and World Trade Organisation (WTO), 10–12 June 2013
29. Workshop on “Strategic Engagement in the Asia Pacific: The Future of the ADMM-Plus”, organised by the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 24 July 2013
30. Conference on “Researching Social Resilience”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 5–6 August 2013
31. 15th Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO), organised by the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 6–11 August 2013
32. Terrorist Rehabilitation Training Programme, jointly organised by the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, RSIS, and the Bureau of Jail Management & Penology (BJMP), Philippines, 13 August 2013, Philippines
33. ASEAN-Canada Forum & Public Symposium on “Reflections on an Inclusive and Equitable ASEAN Community in 2015”, jointly organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, and HCMC University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh, 19–21 August 2013, Vietnam
34. Korea-Singapore Forum on “Collaborating with Middle Powers for a Prosperous Asian Partnership”, organised by RSIS, 29 August 2013
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Professor Stuart Croft, RSIS' S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, at the CENS-Warwick GR:EEN Workshop held on 2–3 September 2013

46. Workshop on “Social Media and Digital Maturity: Implications for National Security”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 31 October – 1 November 2013
47. Sixth RSIS-NMF Bilateral Workshop on “Changing Directions & Closing the Gaps”, jointly organised by National Maritime Foundation (NMF) and the Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 18 November 2013
48. Workshop on “Global Commons and Order at Sea”, jointly organised by the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies and Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 19 November 2013
49. Track II Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI) Workshop on “Cyber Security: Emerging Challenges and Responses”, organised by the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 21–22 November 2013
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51. Workshop on “China’s Regional Policy in Asia: An Omnidirectional Assessment”, organised by the China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 9–10 December 2013
52. Workshop on “Maritime Security in East Asia”, jointly organised by the Japan Institute of International Affairs and RSIS, 10 December 2013



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17. Dr. Peter Neumann, CENS Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS; Professor of Security Studies, Department of War Studies, King’s



Dr. Peter Neumann (right) with CENS Research Fellow, Ms. Sulastri binte Osman

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83. Ron Huiskens, Adjunct Associate Professor with the Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University, on “Rethinking the Political Strategy for Nuclear Disarmament”, 6 September 2013
84. Mrs. Arshi Saleem Hashmi, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Contemporary Studies at National Defense University (NDU) Islamabad and Visiting Faculty at Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, on “Pakistani Civil Society against Radicalisation: Caught between Culture of Violence and Culture of Silence”, 6 September 2013
85. Dr. Ahmed S. Hashim, Associate Professor, RSIS, on “When Counterinsurgency Wins: Sri Lankan Military Innovation for Defeating Insurgency”, 12 September 2013
86. RSIS-Prospect Foundation Roundtable Discussion on “Regional Security and Foreign Policy”, 12 September 2013
87. Luncheon Seminar by Professor Pascal Vennesson, Professor, Military Studies Programme, RSIS, on “Strategic Thought and International Relations Theory”, 18 September 2013
88. Mr. See Chak Mun, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, on “The WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) – What has Gone Wrong and the Future of the Multilateral Trading”, 19 September 2013
89. Professor Paul Evans, Professor of Asia Pacific International Relations at the University of British Columbia, on “Asia Pacific Security Architecture: Cooperative Security 2.0 or Cold War II”, 24 September 2013
90. Mr. Timothy Holman, former Intelligence Analyst and Research Specialist, INTERPOL, Swiss Federal Criminal Police, International Criminal Court, on “French and Belgian Foreign Fighters in Iraq 2003 to 2005: Lessons for Syria”, 24 September 2013



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91. Dr. Laura Sjoberg, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, on “Relations International: Feminist Revisioning of Dyadic-Level War Theorising”, 3 October 2013
92. Dr. Rodolfo Severino, Head, ASEAN Studies Institute, ISEAS, on “Building an ASEAN Community – Challenges and Prospects in the Coming Decade”, 3 October 2013
93. His Excellency Mr. Philip Green, Australia’s High Commissioner to Singapore, on “Australia’s Foreign Policy and its Role in East Asia”, 8 October 2013
94. Dr. Martin Andrew, Adjunct Research Fellow, Monash University, on “Chinese Naval Power in the South China Sea: Looking Out Twenty Years”, 10 October 2013
95. Roundtable discussion with Dr. Eran Lerman, Israeli Deputy National Security Advisor for Foreign Policy and International Affairs, on “Recent Trends Impacting the Security and Stability of the Middle East”, 10 October 2013

96. Luncheon Seminar by Dr. Alan Chong, Associate Professor, Military Studies Programme, RSIS, on “Civil-Military Relations in Singapore: Militarised Civilians Preparing for ‘Crisis’ within a Calibrated Nationalism”, 16 October 2013
97. Professor Evelyn Goh, Shedden Professor of Strategic Policy Studies at the Australian National University, on “Hegemony, Hierarchy, and Order Transition in Post-Cold War East Asia”, 23 October 2013



Professor Farhad Khosrokhavar



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98. Professor Farhad Khosrokhavar, Director of Studies at the EHESS (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences); and Researcher at the CADIS-EHES (Centre for Sociological Analysis and Intervention-EHESS), on “Is Global Jihadism a Spent Force?”, 5 November 2013
99. Professor Farhad Khosrokhavar, Director of Studies at the EHESS (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences); and Researcher at the CADIS-EHES (Centre for Sociological Analysis and Intervention-EHESS), on “Radicalisation and Prison: The Case of French Prisons”, 7 November 2013
100. Ambassador Dr. Joergen Oerstroem Moeller, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, on “EU and the Euro Crisis – Challenges and Implications for World Economy”, 7 November 2013
101. Professor Farhad Khosrokhavar, Director of Studies at the EHESS (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences); and Researcher at the CADIS-EHES (Centre for Sociological Analysis and Intervention-EHESS), on “The Future of the Arab Spring and the Geopolitical Implications”, 8 November 2013
102. Mr. Teo Eng Cheong, Chief Executive Officer, International Enterprise Singapore, on “Enhancing the External Economy of Singapore”, 13 November 2013
103. Dr. Christopher M Joll, Visiting Scholar, Centre for Ethnic Studies and Development (CESD), Chiang Mai University, on “Language Loyalty and Loss in Malay South Thailand: From Ethno-religious Rebellion to Ethnolinguistic Angst?”, 15 November 2013
104. Professor Patrick Mendis, Distinguished Senior Fellow and Affiliate Professor of Public and International Affairs, George Mason University; and American Commissioner, The United States National Commission for UNESCO, US State Department, on “China’s Buddhist Diplomacy in Sri Lanka and “CIA”: Will the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea be the New Theaters of Conflict with the U.S.?” 20 November 2013
105. Luncheon Seminar by Dr. Ahmed Hashim, Associate Professor, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, RSIS, on “Carl Schmitt’s Theory of Irregular War and its Contemporary Relevance”, 21 November 2013



Professor Gerald Chan

106. Professor Daniel A. Bell, Professor of Ethics and Political Theory and Director of the Center for International and Comparative Political Theory, Tsinghua University (Beijing); and Visiting Professor, Departments of Political Science and Philosophy, National University of Singapore, on “What’s Wrong with Political Meritocracy in China (and can it be fixed without electoral democracy?)”, 22 November 2013
107. Professor Gerald Chan, Visiting Professor, Public Policy and Global Affairs Programme, NTU; Professor and former head of Department of Political Studies, The University of Auckland, New Zealand, on “Does China Make Rules for the World? How?”, 28 November 2013
108. His Excellency Suh Chung-ha, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, on “Challenges to South Korean Diplomacy”, 28 November 2013
109. Mr. Dennis Taenzler, Head of Climate and Energy Policies, Adelphi, on “Dealing with Climate Risks: The Prospects for Climate Diplomacy”, 28 November 2013
110. Colonel Per Erik Solli, Visiting Fellow, RSIS, and Senior Military Advisor, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), on “Rethinking NATO’s Future Role in Global Security”, 29 November 2013
111. Professor Donald R. Rothwell, Professor of International Law, and Head of School at the ANU College of Law, Australian National University, on “The Law of the Sea and South China Sea Disputes”, 29 November 2013
112. Sophie Lemi re, Associate Researcher, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, on “Gangsters and Masters: Connivance Militancy in Contemporary Malaysia”, 2 December 2013
113. Colonel Per Erik Solli, Visiting Fellow, RSIS, and Senior Military Advisor, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), on “Coming into the Cold: Asia’s Arctic Interests”, 4 December 2013
114. Dr. Alan Bollard, Executive Director, the APEC Secretariat, Singapore, on “APEC’s Role in Regional Development-Enhancing Economic Cooperation in the Region”, 4 December 2013
115. His Excellency Vijay Thakur Singh, High Commissioner of India, on “India’s Foreign Policy and Prospects of Closer Engagement with East Asia”, 12 December 2013
116. Professor Abdullah Saeed, Advisor to the Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme, RSIS, and Sultan of Oman Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Melbourne, on “Islam, Co-existence and the Challenge of Pluralism”, 13 December 2013

APPROACHING CRITICAL MASS: ASIA'S MULTIPOLAR NUCLEAR FUTURE, 7–8 JANUARY 2014

This workshop, a collaborative exercise of RSIS and the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR), seeks to examine the dynamics influencing the Asia Pacific's current and future nuclear environment, and assess their implications for regional stability. It will focus on stability under bipolar and multipolar systems, the conventional-nuclear linkage and the dynamics of specific relationships involving the United States, China, North Korea, India and Pakistan.

SEVENTH TERRORISM ANALYST TRAINING COURSE, 13–24 JANUARY 2014

This course explores new frontiers in counter-terrorism research, analysis and practice, besides aiming to improve the professional competence and development of analysts. Covering four broad areas, namely, Terrorism Primer, Global and Regional Threat Landscape, Counter Terrorism Response, and Research and Methodology, the course will deliver a holistic perspective aimed at building the knowledge and capacity of counter-terrorism analysts.

SEVENTH ASIA PACIFIC SECURITY CONFERENCE (APSEC): ASIAN SECURITY DYNAMICS AND THE ROLE OF AIRPOWER, 10 FEBRUARY 2014

This biennial conference will be organised by the Military Transformations Programme of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies at RSIS, with the support of Experia Events Pte Ltd. As on previous occasions, APSEC 2014 will be held in conjunction with Singapore Airshow 2014. It will bring together a combination of international scholars and practitioners to discuss Sino-U.S. strategies in East Asia and their implications for regional security. They will also discuss how new and future airpower technologies might impact future air forces, and how that might in turn affect regional military match-ups.

TFCTN EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME, 10 FEBRUARY – 21 MARCH 2014

This Executive Programme is a six-week capacity-building and training programme focused on trade negotiations and economic issues. Participants are drawn from various government agencies and ministries in Asia. These officials come from trade and industry, as well as finance, agriculture and other government agencies that handle trade policy formulation. Participants include not only the individuals specifically responsible for day-to-day negotiations in the World Trade Organization, regional or bilateral free trade areas but may include those responsible for implementing these agreements in the domestic arenas, including upholding international trade law obligations.

INDIA'S MARITIME STRATEGY: A GRADUAL TRANSFORMATION, 20–21 FEBRUARY 2014

What is a rising India's maritime strategy and how is it being implemented? The South Asia Programme at RSIS, in collaboration with the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, will look into the key aspects: maritime strategy development, operational dynamics, maritime multilateralism, and international intersections. Speakers from Australia, India, Singapore, the U.K. and the U.S. will participate in the event in New Delhi.

MITIGATING FRESHWATER CONFLICTS IN ASIA: HARNESSING AVENUES FOR COOPERATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION, 25 FEBRUARY 2014

Water conflicts involve complex relationships between individuals, governments and industry, operating within the context of environmental degradation and resource scarcity. Within this context, conflicts over freshwater resources in the greater Asian region involve a variety of actors across and between different levels of governance. Scientists, governments, corporations and international organisations all contribute to policy at both the domestic and international levels in varying degrees. This interdisciplinary workshop brings together experts in the field of water and policy to discuss the conflicts and possible solutions to the numerous water resource issues in the Asia region.

TERRORIST REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (TRaCE) WORKSHOP, FEBRUARY 2014

Terrorist rehabilitation and community engagement is a strategic tool in the fight against terrorism and extremism. The sharing of expertise, resources, approaches and practices are quintessential in mitigating these threats. This workshop aims to share with Indonesian counter terrorism officers and practitioners, global strategies on terrorist rehabilitation and the need for effective community engagement.

RETHINKING INFORMATION AND CYBER WARFARE: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES AND STRATEGIC INSIGHTS, 2–3 MARCH 2014

The global strategic importance of information and the new cyber warfare is increasing. However, military organisations are facing uncertainties as to how to conceptualise, integrate and deploy cyber strategies in their operational conduct and organisational structures. The progressive complexity of cyber threats presents contending questions and new dilemmas such as which military services or government intelligence agencies should be responsible for both offensive and defensive cyber warfare capabilities. In this context, this workshop will examine the current state of the field, and the legal, political, technological and strategic contexts in which cyber threats are evolving and, ultimately, compare and contrast country-specific approaches, challenges and responses to cyber warfare.

THE INDIAN OCEAN RIM ASSOCIATION (IORA) AND STRATEGIC STABILITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, 4–5 MARCH 2014

The South Asia Programme and the Maritime Security Programme will hold a workshop on this subject in collaboration with IORA in Port Louis, Mauritius. The central issues around which the workshop will revolve will be the key challenges to security stability in the Indian Ocean, what IORA can do to build the necessary cooperation among member states, and how IORA can more broadly build trust and confidence in the Indian Ocean region.

CHINA'S ECONOMIC STATECRAFT, 21 MARCH 2014

This workshop is intended to be a comprehensive review of China in its use of economic power for the pursuit of political and security interests in its foreign relations, a topic that is under-studied and insufficiently understood in scholarly and policy circles. It will explore the patterns that have appeared in China's economic diplomacy, Beijing's considerations when it decides to use economic tools for other purposes, and major factors that would have an impact on the effectiveness of China's economic statecraft. The aim of this workshop is to discern some predictive analyses as to when and how China might wield its growing economic power in its foreign and security policy.

EIGHTH ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS (APPSNO), 6–11 APRIL 2014

The eighth Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers will be held on 6–11 April 2014. The event brings together senior national security officers from the Asia Pacific and beyond to discuss various issues related to national security, and to network with their counterparts. The theme for APPSNO 2014 is “The Challenge of Systemic Resilience for National Security”. Various panels will take a systems-based approach in mapping resilience in seeking to understand the components, processes and connections involved in shaping and sustaining resilient elements of the national security ecosystem.

REGIONAL MARSEC PRACTITIONER COURSE (RMPC 2014), JUNE 2014

This course is jointly organised by RSIS and the Republic of Singapore Navy. It brings together maritime security practitioners from Singapore, regional and extra-regional navies, as well as law enforcement agencies. It aims to foster interaction, networking and sharing of diverse perspectives.

CYBER SECURITY CBMS AND NORMS WORKSHOP, 17–18 JULY 2014

The open nature of the Internet offers great opportunities for social and economic development. However, the same characteristics also allow for nefarious and destructive actions. It seems only a matter of time before state actors use figurative cyber missiles in international conflicts. In the context of traditional weapons, arms control was employed to reduce the threats associated with weapons. However, since the development and trade of cyber arms can be carried out clandestinely, monitoring such activities is near impossible. Given these difficulties, the next best thing to do is to invest in confidence building mechanisms (CBMs) to lessen the threat of cyber war. Norms can also play an important role in fighting other threats such as cyber crime and to enhance international cooperation. The purpose of this workshop is to assemble experts from governments, international organisations, NGOs and the private sector to explore CBMs, norms and Internet-governance issues to shed light on challenges, opportunities and the road ahead.

16TH ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS (APPSMO), AUGUST 2014

This annual event will be organised by the Military Studies Programme of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies at RSIS. It was conceived to enable senior military officers from the Asia Pacific to interact informally and to build relationships. Aimed at fostering trust and developing mutual understanding among military organisations in the region, APPSMO 2014 will be held in August 2014. It will bring to Singapore an impressive group of senior military officers representing Asia, Oceania, North America and Europe to participate in an extensive series of academic seminars and group discussions, and to visit places of security interest.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASIAN FOOD SECURITY (ICAFS), 21–22 AUGUST 2014

Asia is facing a serious food security challenge due to changes in demography and consumption patterns, performance decline of agriculture, degradation of the natural resource base for food production, volatility of food prices, the rising cost of fuel and the transformation of supply chains, and the supermarket phenomenon. The scope of food security, which is open to policy and technology interventions, includes (i) food availability (agricultural production, imports, reserves or stockpiles); (ii) physical access to food (supply chains and their associated logistics); (iii) economic access (food pricing and safety nets); (iv) food utilisation (nutrition and safety); and (v) stability. The inaugural ICAFS held in August 2011 had the theme “Asia in the 21st Century: Building Urban-Rural Alliances”. ICAFS 2014 will provide a forum for updates, assessments and recommendations emanating from the different perspectives of science and technology, business entrepreneurship, and policy and social development.

COUNTERING ONLINE EXTREMISM: A MULTIDISCIPLINARY EXAMINATION OF PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES WORKSHOP, 16–17 OCTOBER 2014

Online media has been credited as one of the significant factors driving radicalisation into violent extremism. Anonymity and the instantaneous nature of Internet communications have allowed previously fringe ideas to find niches and captive audiences. However, while much has been written about online extremism, much less has been written about its mechanisms. Limited scientific and systematic research has been done to uncover the causative links between online extremism and “offline” real-world violent extremism. This workshop will assess the state of play of online extremism, track emerging trends, and explore underlying dynamics to arrive at potential solutions in addressing online extremism’s challenges.

CITIZENSHIP IN AN AGE OF IMMIGRATION, 3–4 NOVEMBER 2014

The United Nations estimates that there are 232 million international migrants living abroad in 2013. For many countries, the age of migration has been a reality for some time, in some cases bringing drastic changes to the demographic and cultural make-up of their societies. Beyond this however, are the ways in which the force of migration has challenged one of the key institutions of the modern era: citizenship. The aim of this workshop is to explore the various reinterpretations of citizenship that have arisen from societies having to adjust to large-scale immigration. This includes the effect of migration in reshaping the ideas and discourse surrounding citizenship rights, identity, obligations and state-society relations.

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