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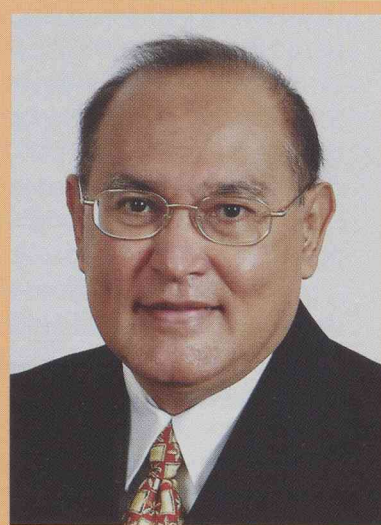
Message from the Director

The year 2005 was another fruitful one for IDSS. In the area of research, IDSS has achieved a good balance between “hard” and “soft” security. The Institute’s focus on terrorism, maritime security, civil and internal conflicts, and the revolution in military affairs is matched by the emphasis on non-traditional security, multilateralism and regionalism, contemporary Islam, and various country studies. I am pleased with the good progress despite the limited number of researchers.

Worthy of mention here are the achievements of the Institute’s International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR). Its signature project—a web-based, fully-integrated database intended for use by frontline agencies involved in counter-terrorism work—was launched in August 2005. The database project has been an outstanding success with numerous local and overseas agencies subscribing to its use, besides serving as a model for some foreign governments. ICPVTR also provided training to law enforcement agencies, including those in other countries such as the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation.

The Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme’s work on Asian multilateralism is also internationally renowned. Funded by the Sasaki Peace Foundation of Japan and the United States, the outcome of the project, which started in 2003, included four edited books with major international publishers and two special journal issues in *The Pacific Review* and *International Peacekeeping*. The programme also produced a policy study on East Asian institutionalism ahead of the East Asia Summit held in Kuala Lumpur in December 2005. All in all, the programme’s output is comparable to that of more established centres elsewhere.

At one time marginalised, the subject of non-traditional security has moved onto centrestage alongside other more traditional and popular aspects of security research. Besides contributing factors like the threat from pandemics arising from SARS and avian flu, and the



Barry Desker,
Director, IDSS

devastating impact of the tsunamis that hit countries on the rim of the Indian Ocean on 26 December 2004, the awareness of the new threats is partly an outgrowth of research done by the Institute's Non-traditional Security Programme since 2001. Made possible by two generous grants from the Ford Foundation that were won through open competition, the research output of the two respective Ford-funded projects—the last of which was concluded in 2005—included three edited books, one monograph and numerous working papers.

Besides these, research under the Maritime Security Programme, the Revolution in Military Affairs Programme, the China Programme and the United States Programme made good progress against the limited number of researchers available. Some of the good work done under these programmes in 2005 will bear fruit in the form of post-conference volumes in 2006.

In teaching, a small and highly selective Ph.D. programme has begun and the first graduate is likely to be awarded the degree in 2006. As for the Institute's Master of Science programmes, these continue to be very popular. The student enrolment for the year reached a new peak of 92, which is almost 50 per cent more than the enrolment in the previous year. Of these, 39 students are from overseas, which is a very good indication of the renown that IDSS has acquired internationally. Additionally, eminent scholars that passed through IDSS in 2005 included intellectual heavyweights like Chilamkuri Raja Mohan, an eminent Indian strategic analyst; Bruce Hoffman, a leading terrorism scholar; Gerard Chaliand, a leading counter-insurgency theorist; Donald Horowitz and Sumit Ganguly, both well-known scholars of ethnic conflict; and Christopher Coker, a leading scholar of war studies.

The contributions of such scholars, in addition to the high quality of the faculty and the soundness of the programmes, will help the student body to grow. But we must not rest on our laurels. Faculty members must make every effort through every means possible to bring our Master's programmes to the attention of potential candidates around the world.

Finally, in the area of networking, IDSS continued to demonstrate its position as a key node in the international network of strategic and security studies institutes by drawing many visitors from around the world. Scholars, analysts, policymakers, law enforcement officers and royalty came, on their own or as part of delegations, to learn from and to exchange views with the Institute. For example, a delegation led by

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Professor Dr. S. H. Muladi, Governor of Lembaga Ketahanan Nasional RI (LEMHANAS, Indonesia), visited IDSS in September with a mandate from the Indonesian President, Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, to restructure LEMHANAS along the lines of IDSS. During the year, the Institute's networking activities also included the organising of 25 conferences and workshops, and 76 seminars and talks—no mean feat for a think tank that was established only nine years ago.

As we approach our tenth year of existence in 2006, we will continue to build upon our successes. An external review board comprising an international panel will be instituted to evaluate the work done so far and make proposals for a roadmap that will take us into the future. To commemorate our tenth anniversary, we will organise a conference on “The Nature of Policy Relevant Knowledge in Security Affairs”, a most pertinent topic for think tanks like IDSS.

I look forward to another fruitful year ahead.

A Brief History of IDSS

The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) was inaugurated on 30 July 1996 by Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence. It was established by Statute as an autonomous research institute within the Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

IDSS exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its motto is to “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. The Institute is guided by a Board of Governors chaired by Dr. Andrew Chew, Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

The founding director of IDSS is 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 raised the Institute with start-up funds contributed by the Government and the 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.

Another leadership change took place on 1 October 2001 when Professor Khong returned to teach at Oxford University. He was succeeded by Mr. Barry Desker, who was formerly Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Trade Development Board and, before that, Singapore’s Ambassador to Indonesia. Professor Khong continues to provide invaluable service to IDSS in a concurrent capacity as Senior Research Advisor.

In July 2001, Professor Amitav Acharya joined IDSS as Deputy Director and Head of Research. Prior to his appointment, he was a Fellow of the Harvard University Asia Center and a Fellow of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, as well as a Professor of Political Science at York University, Toronto.

The Institute today runs several lecture and conference series that have established it as the centre for strategic



*Amitav Acharya,
Deputy Director
and Head of
Research, IDSS*

studies in Singapore and a key node in the global web of networks linking scholars, analysts and institutions in the field. It has also been active in organising conferences and workshops on regional security, including the annual “Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers” and the biennial “Asia-Pacific Security

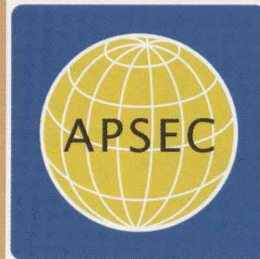
Conference”, which it organises jointly with Asian Aerospace Pte. Ltd. in conjunction with Asia’s largest air show, Asian Aerospace.

The Institute’s role in such multilateral activities was enhanced in 1998 when it took over the Secretariat for the Singapore National Committee of the Council for Security Co-operation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP). In this capacity, IDSS has contributed to the ASEAN Regional Forum’s security agenda through its participation in or convening of workshops on behalf of the Council.

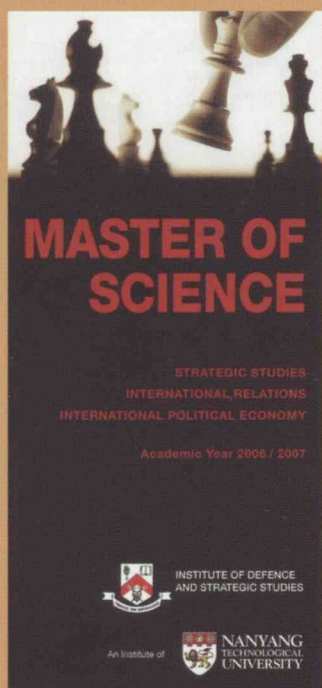
In the area of teaching, the Institute’s three Master of Science programmes in Strategic Studies, International Relations and International Political Economy were inaugurated in 1998, 2002 and 2004 respectively, to cater to the development of defence and security professionals, civil servants and others with an interest in these fields. The faculty comprises IDSS staff as well as international and local specialists in the field of strategic studies, terrorism studies, international relations, political economy, foreign policy analysis, defence technology and business management.

These Master’s programmes benefited from its earlier association with King’s College, London, and in particular, from the assistance of Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, its Professor of War Studies. Professor Freedman was the Consultant and External Examiner for these programmes until June 2003. He provided sterling service to IDSS and the Master’s programmes. Appointed to take Professor Freedman’s place were Professor Stephen Walt and Professor Steve Smith, who are serving IDSS as Consultant and External Examiner respectively. Professor Stephen Walt is Academic Dean at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, while Professor Steve Smith is Vice Chancellor of the University of Exeter.

The Institute’s Master of Science programmes have been able to draw students from many countries around the world. Thus



Asia Pacific
Security
Conference



far, students have come from 28 foreign countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Britain, Brunei, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Denmark, France, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Timor-Lesté, the United States 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 total student enrolment in 2005/2006 is now 92. IDSS's role in teaching was enhanced when it took in its first doctoral student in 2003/2004. In 2005/2006 and 2006/2007, the Institute will have several more positions available for doctoral students, some of whom will be given research scholarships made possible by a \$220,000 award given to the Institute by the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in 2004 for its good performance over the preceding

three years. IDSS was one of 11 research institutes out of a total of 31 within NTU to receive such an award.

Besides these core programmes, IDSS also teaches the module "International Relations of the Asia-Pacific" to NTU undergraduates offering the elective in the General Studies Unit. IDSS is also contracted to teach geopolitics and regional security in various officer courses at the SAFTI Military Institute. It also teaches the subject in various courses at the Defence and Home Affairs ministries. The Institute's International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) and Asian Programme for Negotiations and Conflict Management (APNCM) have also conducted courses on terrorism and negotiation respectively for officers of the Defence and Home Affairs ministries.

Members of the faculty and research staff of IDSS are also actively involved in research on issues related to security and stability in the Asia-Pacific and their implications for Singapore. More recent areas of focus include maritime security, contemporary Islam, and civil

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and internal conflict, while terrorism, multilateralism and regionalism, non-traditional security, and international political economy remained important areas of study. The Institute's ICPVTR, which was inaugurated on 20 February 2004, leads the region in counter-terrorism studies and training. Research findings are shared with others, including those involved in policy, diplomacy and business, by way of refereed journals and the Institute's Working Papers, *IDSS Commentaries* and other publications.

IDSS was also honoured to receive a grant of US\$310,000 twice in succession from the Ford Foundation for the periods 1999–2001 and 2003–2005. These grants, which were awarded on the basis of competitive tenders, were intended to help IDSS develop an institutional capacity on non-traditional security issues in the region. In addition, the Ford Foundation also provided IDSS with a grant of US\$126,200 to act as the coordinating body for the entire Asia-Pacific region. IDSS also received a generous grant of US\$350,000 from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (Japan) and Sasakawa Peace Foundation (United States) for a two-year project on multilateralism.

IDSS also hosts many local and foreign scholars under its Visiting Research Fellow Programme and the S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies. The presence of such scholars enriches the intellectual milieu of the Institute, and provides many opportunities—through informal seminars and “brown bag lunches”—for the faculty and research staff to acquire additional perspectives and insights.

IDSS is a non-profit organisation, and is funded partly by a grant of \$20 million from the IDSS Endowment Fund. Half of this sum was donated by the Singapore Totalisator Board while the other half was a matching grant from the Government. Other major sources of funds for the Institute include the Institute's Master's programmes; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which supports CSCAP and other Track Two activities; the Ministry of Defence, which remunerates IDSS for teaching and consultancy services; and the Singapore Totalisator Board, which funds the annual “Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers”.

IDSS was established nine years ago with only one person to tend to its birth—its founding director, Mr. S R Nathan. Today, it employs



Head of ICPVTR,
Dr. Rohan
Gunaratna

74 personnel. IDSS has achieved a track record out of proportion to its youth and size. The Institute has come a long way in establishing itself as a centre for teaching and research in strategic studies, and as one of the key nodes in the global network of security conferences and institutes.

IDSS will be entering its tenth year of existence in 2006. IDSS is still relatively young in comparison with renowned institutes elsewhere. As we begin the next ten years of life, this is a good time to take stock of ourselves. In this regard, IDSS will be setting up an external review board, comprising an international panel of distinguished people who have been or are in research, teaching and policy work, to evaluate the work that has been accomplished so far and, in consultation with the Institute, chart a roadmap that will serve to guide us for the next ten years and beyond.

To commemorate our first ten years, IDSS will be organising celebrations that will include a conference to be held in August 2006. The conference will discuss “The Nature of Policy Relevant Knowledge in Security Affairs”, which is an appropriate theme for the Institute and for think tanks elsewhere in their effort to remain relevant to the needs of policymakers.



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(as at 1 January 2006)

IDSS is guided by a Board of Governors appointed by the Nanyang Technological University Council. This Board comprises members representing the University and other organisations and international bodies concerned with defence and strategic studies. The Director of IDSS, currently Mr. Barry Desker, is an ex-officio member of the Board.

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(second from right); Associate Professor Tan
Tai Yong (extreme right). Also in the picture is
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S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies

*Mr. S. Rajaratnam,
former Senior
Minister in the
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The S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies at IDSS was inaugurated on 31 August 1998 to enable the Institute 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 as the 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, the Minister for Foreign Affairs in 1965 and, while in the latter capacity, 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.

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, the former Member of Parliament for Cheng San constituency.

The S. Rajaratnam "Chair in Strategic Studies" at IDSS will be held in perpetuity. Income generated from the invested endowment funds is used to invite internationally renowned scholars to teach and to research at the Institute. The S. Rajaratnam Professorship thus enables IDSS 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 Chilamkuri Raja Mohan, the Strategic Affairs Editor of *The Indian Express*, and formerly Professor of South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. Professor Mohan held the Chair in the month of August 2005.

The scholars who held this Chair previously are:

- ❖ Professor Stephen M. Walt, Evron and Jeane Kirkpatrick Professor of International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, in January 2000;
- ❖ Professor Jack L. Snyder, Robert and R  nee Belfer Professor of International Relations at the Institute of War and Peace Studies, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, from July to August 2001;
- ❖ Professor Wang Jisi, Director of the Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, on 21–25 February and on 2–8 March 2002;
- ❖ Professor Alastair Iain Johnston, the Governor James Albert Noe and Linda Noe Laine Professor of China in World Affairs in the Government Department at Harvard University, from 24 February to 24 August 2003; and
- ❖ John J. Mearsheimer, the R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor and Co-director of the Program on International Security Policy, at the University of Chicago, in August 2004.



*S. Rajaratnam
Professor,
Professor C. Raja
Mohan*

Visiting Scholars

Visiting scholars play an important role in the Institute's research agenda. Besides the scholars appointed to the S. Rajaratnam Chair in Strategic Studies, IDSS also has a Visiting Research Fellow Programme to enable local and overseas scholars to do research at the Institute, for varying periods of one month to a year. Visiting Research Fellows contribute to intellectual life in IDSS by providing faculty and research staff additional perspectives and insights through informal exchanges at in-house seminars and "brown bag lunches".

The visiting scholars who spent time at IDSS in 2005 are:

Dr. Gerard Chaliand

*Former Director of the European Center for the Study of Conflicts
(Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique), Paris*

22 August – 19 September

Dr. Nankyung Choi

Sogang University, Seoul

4 July – 3 October

Professor Simon Dalby

Carleton University, Canada

22 October – 1 November

Professor J. Soedradjad Djiwandono

University of Indonesia

1 July 2005 – 31 August 2006

Professor Riaz Ul Hassan

The Flinders University of South Australia

15 April – 14 May



*Professor Riaz Ul
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1 April 2005 – 2 February 2006

Dr. Bruce Hoffman
RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C.
25 July – 21 August

Mr. Gunawan Husin
Deutsche Bank AG, Singapore
15 November 2005 – 14 November 2006

Mr. Noor Huda Ismail
The Washington Post Southeast Asia Bureau, Jakarta
4 April – 3 October

Dr. Aleksius Jemadu
*Parahyangan Catholic University,
Bandung, Indonesia*
3 – 23 October

Mr. Nicholas Lee Wee Ann
United Overseas Bank Ltd., Singapore
15 November 2005 – 14 November 2006

Professor Chilamkuri Raja Mohan
*The Indian Express Newspapers
(Mumbai) Ltd., Mumbai, India*
1 – 31 August

Mr. Daniel Novotny
Doctoral student, University of New South Wales
4 – 21 April

Mr. Christopher Roberts
Doctoral student, Australian Defence Force Academy
1 March 2005 – 5 June 2006



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Research at IDSS

*Professor Amitav
Acbarya (centre),
IDSS Deputy
Director and Head
of Research, with
colleagues Dr. Mely
Anthony (left) and Dr.
Ralf Emmers (right)*



IDSS faculty and researchers conduct both academic and policy-oriented research on international and security issues affecting Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific regions, in the context of major developments and shifts in the international system. Research is organised under three broad categories:

- ❖ Asia-Pacific Security
- ❖ Conflict and Non-traditional Security
- ❖ Country and Area Studies

The research areas under each category are reflected in the following table while the research programmes related to these areas are described further below.

Asia-Pacific Security	Conflict and Non-traditional Security	Country and Area Studies
Multilateral Security	Political Violence and Terrorism	Indonesia
International Political Economy	Non-traditional Security	China
Revolution in Military Affairs	Negotiation and Conflict Management	United States
Maritime Security	Contemporary Islam	India
	Civil and Internal Conflicts	

ASIA-PACIFIC SECURITY

Multilateralism and Regionalism

Multilateral security is one major area of work for which IDSS has received international recognition. Its Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme, coordinated by Dr. Tan See Seng, received generous grants from the Sasakawa Peace Foundations of Japan and the United States for a research project in 2003/2004 addressing the question of multilateral security and economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region. The research outcomes arising from this recently-concluded project have been significant: four edited volumes with major international presses (MIT Press, Routledge and M.E. Sharpe); two special journal issues (*The Pacific Review* and *International Peacekeeping*); and four conference reports. IDSS is now negotiating for a follow-up grant from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation for 2006/2007.

During 2005, IDSS participated in an ongoing project on the "Languages of Security in the Asian Region and Australia". Led by the Australian National University and the Lowy Institute of Australia, the project explores the evolution of security ideas through localisation or internationalisation processes as well as multiple linguistic transitions. This project is important given that changes in meanings can bring about strategic misperceptions and even conflict. The project researches Indian and Malaysian concepts of security, bringing together a team of security scholars, area and country specialists, and linguists.

IDSS also held a workshop on "Why is There No Non-Western International Relations Theory?" on 11–12 July 2005. Chaired by Professor Barry Buzan of the London School of Economics and Professor Amitav Acharya, Deputy Director of IDSS, the participants in the workshop addressed the question of why there is so little distinctive non-Western International Relations (IR) theory with the aim of showing the resources available to redress the imbalance. Their ultimate purpose was to stimulate non-Western voices to bring their historical, cultural and intellectual resources into the theoretical debates about IR. The countries and regions covered in the workshop include China, Japan, India, Korea, Indonesia and Southeast Asia.

Other significant contributions IDSS made to multilateralism and regionalism research included the following:

- ❖ A major study assessing the contributions of the late Professor Michael Leifer to the field of Southeast Asian international relations and security. The research outcomes arising from this include an edited volume (Routledge), a special journal issue (*The Pacific Review*), and a conference report
- ❖ A policy study on East Asian institutionalism, *An Agenda for the East Asia Summit: Thirty Recommendations for Regional Cooperation*, and a three-part public seminar series on contemporary issues in Asian regionalism and regional institutionalism

The Institute's work on multilateralism and regionalism also includes its participation in the activities of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP). Through CSCAP, IDSS contributes to the building of multilateral security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. The programme also includes a two-year joint project with Harvard University's Asia Center to compare the design and performance of Asian regional institutions with their counterparts in other parts of the world. An edited volume arising from the project is forthcoming. Work on multilateralism and regionalism is at such an advanced stage that the programme is ready to be upgraded to a centre within IDSS.

International Political Economy

The Institute's International Political Economy (IPE) Programme, co-ordinated by Dr. Helen Nesadurai, aims at exploring how changes in global production, trade and finance as well as the evolution of global governance institutions affect the political economy and security of East Asia, including the specific challenges they pose for individual states and regional institutions. It also analyses shifts in the domestic political economy of major powers and key East Asian countries that will have an impact on the region. To this end, a monthly seminar series was launched in 2005. The topics discussed ranged from the World Trade Organisation and prospects for reaching a conclusion on the Doha Round; reviewing the ideas and proposals put forward by Jeffrey Sachs on ending world poverty; and China's outward foreign direct investment (FDI) strategy and Chinese companies' shifting globalisation strategy.

Other major contributions the Institute has made to IPE in 2005 included two conferences that were organised in November. On 7–8 November, IDSS hosted the Conference on "Globalisation and

Economic Success: Policy Options for Africa", organised and sponsored by the Brenthurst Foundation of South Africa, in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the Egyptian Ministry of Investments. On 10–11

November, IDSS organised a Workshop on "Southeast Asia and the Global Economy: Avoiding the Problem of Globalisation's 'Missing Middle'". Both these meetings highlighted the strengthening of the Institute's IPE Programme. They also enhanced the teaching of the Master of Science in IPE, which was inaugurated in July 2004 and which saw an encouraging 22 students enrolling for the 2005/2006 academic year.



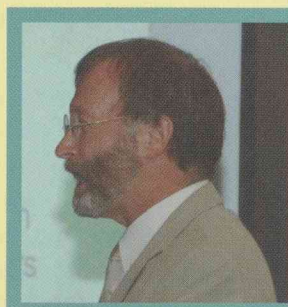
IDSS conference on "Globalisation and Economic Success: Policy Options for Africa" (from left), Dr. Deborah Elms (IDSS), Mr. Barry Desker (Director, IDSS), Dr. Razeen Sally (LSE)

Revolution in Military Affairs

The Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA) Programme, coordinated by Dr. Bernard Loo, aims to develop an indigenous scholarly and policy-relevant expertise on the subject of RMA theory and the related area of military transformation. It seeks to adapt the existing body of RMA literature to suit the geopolitical conditions relating to Singapore and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) so as to be relevant to the future development of the latter. Towards this end, the Programme has worked closely with the SAF's Future Systems Directorate to identify areas of research. These areas fall into four broad categories:

- ❖ Transformation and Strategy
- ❖ Transformation and Operational Doctrines
- ❖ Impediments to Transformation
- ❖ Country Approaches to Transformation

The RMA Programme organised three conferences in 2005. The first conference held in February examined the processes, problems and prospects of implementing an RMA for small states. The papers from this conference, together with those from a conference organised in the preceding year, are being published as a series



Professor Ron Matthews of Cranfield University, speaking at the conference on "Managing the Revolution in Military Affairs"

of monographs in *The Pointer*, the journal of the SAF, and as a full edited volume currently under consideration by Frank Cass Publishers. The second conference, held in 2005 and organised jointly with Tel Aviv University, examined the theory of revolutions in military affairs. The third conference “Managing the Revolution in Military Affairs”, was organised jointly with Cranfield University in December. The Programme is currently planning a conference to be organised jointly with the U.S. Army War College in 2006.

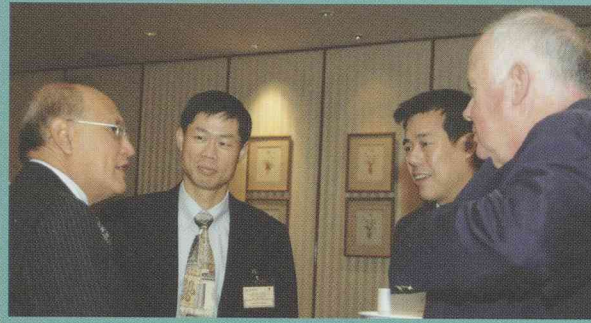
Maritime Security

The last research programme under the theme of Asia-Pacific Security is Maritime Security. The programme, coordinated by LTC Joshua Ho, covers the spectrum of maritime security issues ranging from traditional security topics like the impact of force modernisation on the regional balance of power, maritime boundary disputes and its impact on regional stability, as well as the non-traditional security topics of maritime terrorism and piracy. Bridging the two are topics on maritime security cooperation and regime building, which are essential to building confidence in tackling both traditional as well as non-traditional maritime security challenges. Research focuses on five main areas that are of policy relevance and interest, as well as having an impact on the operating environment of businesses for which maritime security is an important element. The five areas are as follows:

- ❖ Regional force modernisation and maritime boundary disputes
- ❖ The security of regional sea lanes that includes an examination of shipping and port development trends
- ❖ The phenomenon of maritime terrorism
- ❖ The phenomenon of piracy
- ❖ The development of Confidence Building Measures

In 2005, the Programme organised two conferences. The first conference, held in March, was on the “Maritime Balance of Power”, while the second was a joint IDSS-NUPI (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs) workshop on “Maritime Security in Southeast Asia”, held in November. The proceedings of the first conference are being compiled as an edited volume which should be ready by 2006. The joint collaboration with NUPI will also result in an edited volume that will be published in 2006. The Programme also co-organised a CSCAP Legal

Experts Meeting and a CSCAP Maritime Security Working Group Meeting. The programme plans to organise two conferences in 2006: a “Globalisation and National Security” conference, possibly in collaboration with The National Bureau of Asian Research; and a “Supply Chain Security” conference, possibly in collaboration with the Australian National University.



IDSS-NUPI conference on “Maritime Security in Southeast Asia” (from left), Mr. Barry Desker (Director, IDSS), BG (NS) Tay Lim Heng (Chief Executive of Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore), LTC Joshua Ho (IDSS) and Professor Sam Bateman (IDSS)

CONFLICT AND NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY

Political Violence and Terrorism

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) headed by Dr. Rohan Gunaratna conducts research on terrorist and extremist groups, provides education and training for law enforcement agencies on counter-terrorism and advises the Government on how the current and evolving threat is to be managed.

The centre launched its signature ICPVTR Terrorism Database in August 2005. This fully-integrated, state-of-the-art web-based proprietary database is intended for frontline agencies engaged in reducing the threat of terrorism and extremism. In 2006, the database will be expanded to include terrorist websites, videos and photographs as well as a list of counter-terrorism professionals.

In the area of counter-terrorism training, ICPVTR assisted both Singaporean and foreign law enforcement agencies, including those from Australia, Canada and the United States. It also designed and conducted the first counter-terrorism course at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation located within the Police Academy at Semarang. With the assistance of the University of Pittsburg, it has also built a capacity for counter-terrorism link analysis training.

ICPVTR made steady progress in projects aimed at creating a counter-terrorist environment. It added to its projects in ideology, education, finance, legislation and the media by launching a new

ICPVTR
researcher, Mr.
Muhammad
Haniff Hassan,
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initiative for which it shared the “best paper award” at the International Conference on Intelligence and Security Informatics held in Atlanta, Georgia, in May 2005. This was a manuscript countering the religious justification of the Bali bomber Imam Samudra. The research findings of the educational response project which proposes measures to regulate the radical Islamic *madrasabs* will be published

shortly. Under the financial response project, the centre collaborated with financial institutions in Singapore to develop indicators for the detection of terrorist finance. Banking personnel were also posted to ICPVTR to work on this. In addition, the centre’s one-stop database on terrorism legislation assisted Singapore Government departments in developing counter-terrorism legislation.

In 2005, ICPVTR also launched its offshore counter-terrorism capacity-building programme. It is presently assisting in the creation and in the initial operation of the Afghan counter-terrorism conflict management centre in Kabul. The Director-designate of the proposed centre is undergoing a one-year training programme at ICPVTR.

Non-traditional Security

Non-traditional Security (NTS) is another area in which the Institute has acquired international renown. The programme, coordinated by Dr. Mely Anthony, had a good headstart when it received two generous grants from the Ford Foundation. The first grant of US\$310,000 in 1999 was for a project on Non-traditional Security Issues in Southeast Asia. It received a similar grant in 2002 for another NTS project, this time extending beyond the immediate region to cover the whole of Asia. Central research concerns included transnational crime, illegal migration, piracy, poverty, infectious diseases, environmental security and human security.

This second phase of the Ford project on NTS developed conceptual frameworks and methodological tools for investigating how and why non-traditional security issues emerge, and how governments and non-state actors respond to these threats. In particular, it drew

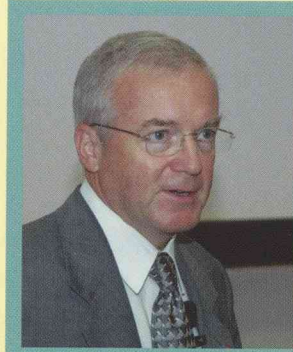
upon the concepts of securitisation and desecuritisation to offer an understanding of how NTS issues are defined and managed in Asia. IDSS has also been acting as the coordinating institute for the 11 Ford grantee institutes throughout Asia. Both the Ford grants were awarded to IDSS on the basis of competitive proposals by contenders worldwide.

The major highlights of 2005 were two workshops on the "Dynamics of Securitisation in Asia", one held in Manila from 31 March to 1 April and the other in Bangkok on 3 October. These dissemination workshops were intended to share the findings from two research workshops held earlier in September 2003 and September 2004. In addition to these dissemination workshops, a public seminar on "The Tsunami Aftermath: Challenges to Human Security" was held on 25 January 2005.

Negotiation and Conflict Management

The Asian Programme on Negotiation and Conflict Management (AP-NCM), coordinated by Mr. Keith Fitzgerald, exists to enhance peace and security by improving the capacity of governments, organisations and individuals to negotiate skilfully; to prevent and manage conflict successfully; and to deal effectively with crisis situations. It pursues this goal by developing theory, tools and capacity-building for scholars, practitioners, public officials and civil society organisations, on issues of security and public interest through teaching, training, research, simulation development, exchanges, consulting and practice.

APNCM also serves as an institutional "hub" for faculty and practitioners from a network of universities and think tanks around the ASEAN region with an interest in the fields of negotiation, mediation, conflict management, dispute resolution and crisis leadership. Programme staff conduct workshops for government bodies, the private sector as well as for students taking the Institute's Master of Science programmes.



Mr. Michael Elmquist, Chief, U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, speaking at the seminar on "The Tsunami Aftermath: Challenges to Human Security"



Mr. Keith Fitzgerald, Coordinator of APNCM, conducting a workshop on crisis management and negotiation

Contemporary Islam

The Contemporary Islam Programme, coordinated by Dr. Joseph Liow and Ms. Premarani Somasundram, seeks to examine the multifarious manifestations of Islamic identity in Southeast Asia and the wider Islamic world. Its primary objective is to obtain a more nuanced understanding of the phenomenon broadly known as Islamism or political Islam, which is neither monolithic nor unique in its efforts to infuse religious and ethical values into politics.

The programme has been successful in bringing to Singapore a broad spectrum of Islamic scholars and Muslim leaders from Indonesia, Malaysia, South Asia, Europe and the United States. These include Mr. Nasharuddin Mat Isa, until recently the Secretary-General of the Malaysian opposition Islamic party and now its Deputy President; Dr. Din Syamsuddin, Chairman of Indonesia's Muhammadiyah movement and Vice-Chairman of the Indonesian Ulama Council (MUI); and the eminent Islamic law scholar, Professor Khaled Abou el-Fadl from the University of California in Los Angeles.

A number of working papers have also been commissioned on various aspects of Islam. The programme will increasingly focus on research aimed at understanding the trajectory of Islam in Southeast Asia. Using sociological and textual perspectives, it will examine the complexity of mainstream Muslim positions on issues of state, nation, culture, religious authority, law, violence and non-Muslims.

Civil and Internal Conflict Programme

The Civil and Internal Conflict Programme, coordinated by Dr. Joseph Liow, continues to undertake and facilitate research on pressing internal conflicts in the Asian region. The Programme's focus, how-

IDSS conference on "Anatomy of Religious Conflict in South and Southeast Asia" (from left), Professor Riaz Ul Hassan; Associate Professor Kumar Ramakrishna; keynote speaker, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan (Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports); Mr. Barry Desker (Director, IDSS) and Dr. Joseph Liow



ever, goes beyond the cataloguing of conflicts to focus on questions of ideological, political, socio-cultural and economic root causes. In doing so, the programme's aim remains to provide a framework for academic and policy communities who are seeking to interpret and make sense of the empirical reports on the ongoing internal conflicts in South and Southeast Asia.

In line with its objectives, the programme embarked on several major initiatives in the past year. The year began with the initiation of a research project on the politics surrounding disaster relief in post-tsunami Aceh. Dr. Aleksius Jemadu, Head of the Department of International Relations at Parahyangan Catholic University in Bandung, Indonesia, was invited to undertake research under the programme's auspices in Aceh, and his findings will soon be published as an IDSS monograph titled *The Post-Tsunami Reconstruction of Aceh and the Implementation of the Peace Agreement*.

The programme also convened a major conference on "The Anatomy of Religious Conflict in South and Southeast Asia" in Singapore on 3–4 May 2005. The meeting brought together experts from the U.S., India, France, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia and Australia to discuss themes that underscore the apparent rise in religious and sectarian conflict in the region. The proceedings of the conference have been published as an IDSS conference report. A policy monograph and an edited volume are currently being prepared for review and possible publication in 2006.

COUNTRY STUDIES

IDSS research also includes studies of countries that could have an impact on regional security and stability through their domestic developments and foreign policies. Such work is currently being done through the China Programme, India Programme, Indonesia Programme and United States Programme.

China Programme

The main objective of the China Programme, coordinated by Dr. Nan Li, is to provide analyses of Chinese security policy and strategic behaviour that will help policy communities think about how to cope with an emerging China. Its approach is to: (a) analyse the relationship between domestic dynamics (such as institutional dynamics, decision-

making dynamics, ideational dynamics and materialist dynamics) and dynamics in Chinese security policy and strategic behaviour (such as territorial disputes, the Korean peninsula, multilateralism and arms control); (b) analyse the influence of external dynamics (such as policies and strategies of balancing, bandwagoning, hedging and engagement as pursued by other countries in their relations with China) on Chinese security policy and strategic behaviour; (c) analyse the dynamics in U.S.-China relations and their implications for Asian security; and, (d) based on the findings, offer informed opinion on policy and strategies in dealing with China.

A major outcome of the programme in 2005 was the publication of an edited volume entitled *Chinese Civil-Military Relations* (Routledge) and two IDSS working papers—one entitled “Civil-Military Relations and Reform in the Defence Industry”, authored by Arthur Ding, a Research Fellow at the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan, and the other entitled “China’s Political Commissars and Commanders: Trends and Dynamics”, written by Srikanth Kondapalli, a Research Fellow at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, India. Another major outcome of the programme was a policy paper by Dr. Nan Li entitled “The Structure and Dynamics of the Chinese Civil-Military Relations”, which is also being reviewed for publication as a journal article. A conference on “Military Transformation in China: Sources, Progress, Challenges and Prospects” is presently under consideration for 2006.

India Programme

IDSS’ India Programme, assisted by Mr. Manjeet Singh Pardesi, has been keenly following the emergence of India for over a year now. Of significance to the Institute are issues related to India’s security, its economic and strategic engagement with Southeast Asia and its evolving role in the Asian strategic environment. IDSS and the International Peace Academy, New York, jointly hosted an Authors’ Workshop entitled “Kashmir: New Voices, New Approaches” in Singapore on 7–8 January 2005. The workshop succeeded both as a substantial policy brainstorming exercise and as a step towards contributing to the literature on Jammu and Kashmir.

IDSS also hosted a number of prominent scholars and policymakers well-versed in Indian security issues. They included Ambassador



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Teresita Schaffer, Director, South Asia Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; H.E. Dr. Arun Shourie, currently a Member of the Indian Parliament who was in Singapore as a Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellow; Dr. Rahul Roy-Chaudhury, Research Fellow for South Asia, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London; Dr. Kanti Bajpai, Headmaster, Doon School; Professor Sumit Ganguly, the Rabindranath Tagore Professor of Indian Cultures and Civilisations, and Professor of Political Science at Indiana University-Bloomington; and Professor Chilamkuri Raja Mohan, one of India's top defence and security analysts, who spent the month of August 2005 at IDSS as the S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies.

In addition to talks, seminars and conferences, IDSS also published a number of commentaries and a working paper on strategic issues related to India. Looking forward, IDSS seeks to understand the factors driving India's strategic engagement with ASEAN, the prospects for security cooperation between India and ASEAN, India's naval expansion, and the geo-strategic implications of ASEAN's engagement with India.

Indonesia Programme

IDSS studies developments in Indonesia through the Indonesia Programme coordinated by Dr. Leonard Sebastian. Over the past year, research focused on national politics, political Islam as an emerging force, civil-military relations, the Singapore-Indonesia relationship, militant Islamic movements in Indonesia and local elections in the Riau archipelago and Riau province. To help stimulate greater public

Mr. Agung Laksono, Speaker of the Indonesian Parliament, speaking at an IDSS seminar



awareness on developments in Indonesia, the Institute continued to invite political leaders, leading bureaucrats and heads of socio-religious organisations to share their insights on domestic developments. This year, the Speaker of the People's Consultative Assembly, Dr. Hidayat Nur Wahid, and the Speaker of Parliament, Mr. Agung Laksono, were invited to participate in its seminar series together with the newly appointed head of the Muhammadiyah organisation, Dr. Din Syamsuddin.

Since 2001, various Indonesian leaders, including Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the President of Indonesia; Vice President Jusuf Kalla; former President Abdurrahman Wahid; former Golkar Chairman Akbar Tandjung; and Hasyim Muzadi, the Chairman of the Nahdlatul Ulama; have spoken to Singapore audiences. Other prominent Indonesians who gave public seminars organised by the Institute were Chief Justice Bagir Manan; former Commander-in-Chief of the Indonesian Armed Forces, General (Ret) Wiranto; and the current State Secretary, Dr. Yusril Ihza Mahendra. During the period in review, the Programme Coordinator, Dr. Leonard Sebastian, spent time at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University under a Fulbright-Singapore research award. Earlier in the year, Dr. Sebastian was selected as a Freeman Fellow to participate in the Southeast Asian emerging leaders' study tour of the United States organised by The Asia Foundation.

United States Programme

The United States Programme, coordinated by Dr. Evelyn Goh, presently emphasises the foreign policy and overseas strategic and military policies of the U.S., particularly the direct and indirect impacts they have on East Asia. The flagship project under the programme investigated U.S.-Southeast Asian strategic relations and the implications of China's rise. In February, the Institute organised a workshop bringing together specialists from Southeast Asian countries to discuss their perceptions and expectations of the U.S. and China in regional security. In August, the Institute jointly organised a conference with the U.S. National Bureau for Asian Research comparing Southeast



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Asian and American responses to China, which drew from the first workshop. The results of this study were disseminated in a follow-up conference in Washington, D.C., in November, which was facilitated by the U.S. State Department.

PUBLICATIONS

IDSS research activities result in a variety of publications including books, monographs, journal articles and policy papers. IDSS has three in-house publications: (a) a monograph series on projects carried out by our visiting research fellows and collaborating institutions; (b) a working paper series which allows resident and visiting scholars to seek feedback on the initial draft of their research papers; and (c) *IDSS Commentaries*, offering timely analyses of major developments in regional and international affairs intended primarily for a policy audience. Besides these publications, IDSS faculty and researchers actively publish in their own areas of interest and specialisation.

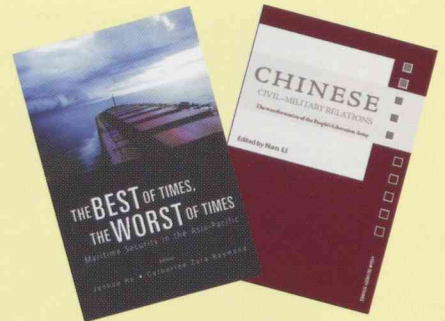
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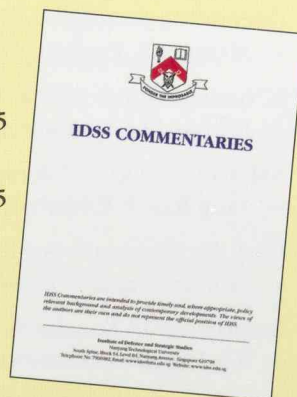
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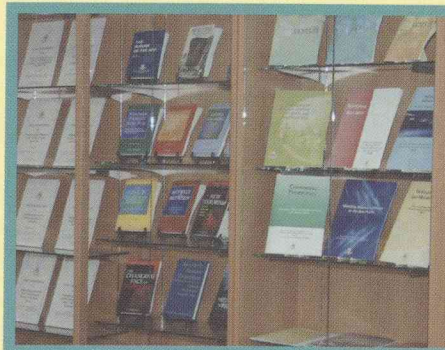
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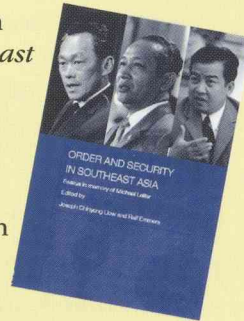
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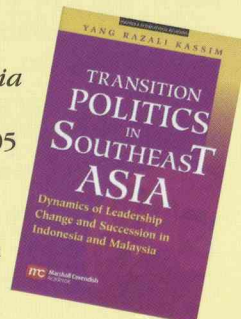
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Teaching at IDSS

MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Our flagship programmes, the Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Strategic Studies and Master of Science in International Relations, have become widely popular. In addition, the Institute's third Master of Science programme—in International Political Economy—has also been doing well, with the current intake double that of the inaugural cohort. The three programmes have a total enrolment of 92 students in the 2005/2006 Academic Year, 39 of whom are from overseas. This represents almost a 50 per cent increase on the previous year's intake. The Institute has certainly come a long way since Academic Year 1998/99 when the inaugural Master of Science in Strategic Studies programme accepted 10 students, all of whom were Singaporeans.

IDSS' Master's programmes are designed to benefit public officials working in the areas of security, defence, foreign and foreign economic relations; students of international relations, strategic studies, foreign policy and international political economy; and corporate planners and business professionals interested in the Asia-Pacific region. Each programme will also serve as a firm foundation for those who may wish to pursue a Ph.D. later.

Students enrolled in the Master's programmes benefit from world-class scholars attracted to the Institute because of its growing international reputation. Scholars of note who passed through the Institute in 2005 included the top Indian strategic analyst Chilamkuri Raja Mohan, the IDSS S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies for 2005; Bruce Hoffman, one of the world's leading terrorism scholars; Gerard Chaliand, the leading counter-insurgency theorist in the world;



Associate Professor Kumar Ramakrishna, IDSS Head of Studies (extreme left), with M.Sc. students at an end-of-trimester social gathering

and the well-known scholars of ethnic conflict Donald Horowitz and Sumit Ganguly. Moreover, Christopher Coker of the London School of Economics and Political Science, a leading War Studies scholar, returned to share his insights with the Institute's students and faculty.

M.Sc. students also benefit from value-added offerings in the M.Sc. programmes, such as workshops on developing media skills. Creative means of bringing ideas and concepts alive, such as the screening of relevant feature films and documentaries, have generated enthusiasm amongst the student body. In addition, some students visited the Internal Security Department's Heritage Centre and were briefed by its specialists on the various aspects of Singapore's historical experience with communism, communalism and terrorism. Students will soon have the opportunity to meet IDSS alumni to forge personal and even professionally useful associations. The M.Sc. committee, led by Head of Studies, Associate Professor Kumar Ramakrishna, and the newly-appointed Deputy Head of Studies, Assistant Professor Ralf Emmers, is currently undertaking a systematic review of the Institute's M.Sc. publicity efforts, with a view to attract outstanding students from home and abroad.

The External Examiner for the Master's programmes, Professor Steve Smith, Vice Chancellor of the University of Exeter, continued to advise the Head of Studies in ensuring consistency of grading standards across the three M.Sc. programmes. In addition, the Consultant to the Institute, Professor Stephen Walt, Academic Dean at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, continued to advise IDSS on the overall standard of research as well as teaching.

Master of Science (Strategic Studies) and Master of Science (International Relations) Programmes

As we enter the 21st century, the bases of international security are undergoing profound change. The end of the Cold War, the emergence of new power centres in East Asia, the outbreak of ethnic and nationalistic conflicts around the globe, the rise of religiously motivated terrorism, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction are some of the factors that have transformed the nature of conflict in the international arena. The global security architecture is in a state of flux, due to the rising power and influence of countries such as China, Germany and Japan. Security is also no longer a matter of military force alone. Economic and ecological concerns, migration,



*Dr. Tan See Seng
and his Critical
Security Studies
class*

drug trafficking and other non-military issues have become more salient in the security agenda.

The challenge of conflict management has become more daunting. The relevance and dominance of traditional approaches to security and order—such as deterrence, balance of power, collective security and collective defence—are being challenged by emerging concepts of common, comprehensive and cooperative security. Global and regional multilateral institutions are experimenting with new techniques of dealing with conflict, such as preventive diplomacy, peace-keeping, peace-building and “humanitarian intervention”, often with mixed results.

Against this backdrop, it is vital for professionals in the fields of defence and foreign relations to be familiar not only with new security concepts and strategic theories, but also to acquire the know-how and skills in strategic planning, policy analysis and design of policy. Such training is also useful for corporate planners grappling with the complexities of globalisation. It is with this in mind that the Master of Science in Strategic Studies and Master of Science in International Relations programmes were conceived. The M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) Programme aims to develop security analysts conversant with pressing strategic issues in the Asia-Pacific and beyond, and to introduce students to current thinking across the whole spectrum of strategic and security-related issues. The M.Sc. (International Relations) Programme aims to equip students with a systematic understanding of the theories purporting to explain the nature of interactions between states as well as non-state actors in an increasingly globalised international system.

The M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) and M.Sc. (International Relations) programmes have been specially crafted to cover a broad spectrum of issues, including:

- Theories of International Relations
- Traditional and non-traditional dimensions of security
- Business planning and technology management
- Area studies, specifically of the Asia-Pacific region

Students are required to offer two core courses under both the M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) and M.Sc. (International Relations) programmes. In addition, students are required to offer four other elective courses in each programme.

Master of Science (International Political Economy) Programme

International Political Economy (IPE) is a field of study that explores the issues and problems raised by the interaction of an increasingly globalised world economy on the one hand and the territorially-based international states system on the other. This particular structural feature of the world economy requires a method of analysis that explicitly integrates economics and politics as well as the international and domestic levels of analysis. Conventional fields of study, such as International Economics (especially the neoclassical paradigm) and International Relations, do not emphasise adequately these interlinkages in their methodology. Consequently, their understandings of many real-world developments that operate at the interface between politics and economics, on the one hand, and between the structures and processes that occur within the state and at the international level, on the other, remain limited.

*Visiting Senior
Fellow, Dr.
Gerard Chaliand,
teaching counter-
insurgency to his
M.Sc. class*



By emphasising theoretically rigorous, multi-disciplinary analysis that takes these inter-linkages into account, IPE offers rich understandings of contemporary developments in world economics and politics, such as the uneven impact of globalisation on states and societies, the growing resistance to global economic integration and neo-liberal economic reforms in many parts of the developed and developing world, and the ongoing contest between different actors over the norms and rules underpinning global governance.

The programme has been designed to ensure that students gain a sound grounding in the theoretical and methodological issues in International Political Economy, as well as the basics of economic analysis, with a special focus on macroeconomics; trade, finance and exchange rate economics; and key economic trends and developments in the world economy. These constitute the two core courses for the M.Sc. (IPE). Students are required to offer four other elective courses.

Structure of M.Sc. Programmes

The programmes leading to the degrees of M.Sc.(Strategic Studies), M.Sc. (International Relations) and M.Sc (International Political Economy) comprise:

- ❖ two core courses
- ❖ four electives
- ❖ the non-examinable component “Analysing International Politics: Concepts and Methods”
- ❖ a dissertation of 10,000 words

The programmes can be taken on a full-time or part-time basis over one and two years respectively. The maximum number of years allowed for completion is three years for full-time students and four years for part-time students. Programmes begin in July each year while examinations take place at the end of each trimester.

M.Sc. Coursework and Dissertation Requirements

To complete each of the Master’s programmes successfully, a candidate is required to obtain a total of 27 academic units, each course or elective being equivalent to three academic units. The dissertation is equivalent to six academic units. Candidates have to offer two core

courses, four electives and the non-examinable module on “Analysing International Politics: Concepts and Methods”. Candidates in all three M.Sc. programmes can offer up to two MBA elective courses. These MBA courses are offered by Nanyang Business School, Nanyang Technological University. For each M.Sc. programme, the possible course mix can vary to accommodate student preferences. The possible course combinations are:

- ❖ 2 core courses + 2 Tier 1 elective courses + 2 Tier 2 elective courses
- ❖ 2 core courses + 3 Tier 1 elective courses + 1 Tier 2 elective course
- ❖ 2 core courses + 4 Tier 1 elective courses + 0 Tier 2 elective course

Due to the wide range of faculty commitments in a dynamic institute like IDSS, the precise line-up of courses offered every Academic Year varies. The precise mix of Tier 1 and Tier 2 elective courses may also vary depending on faculty availability.

M.Sc. candidates are also required to complete a dissertation of 10,000 words. Dissertation topics will be selected in consultation with IDSS faculty. Writing the dissertation provides students with the opportunity to exploit the theoretical knowledge and analytical skills developed in the course of the M.Sc. programme. It would represent in a sense the “crowning achievement” of the student’s period of study in the Institute.

Visiting Senior Fellow, Dr. Gerard Chaliand, and Professor Amitav Acharya (IDSS Deputy Director and Head of Research) with some of the M.Sc. students



Master of Science (Strategic Studies)

Core Courses

- S6014 The Evolution of Strategic Thought
- S6016 The Study of War

Optional Courses, Tier 1

- S6003 Management of Defence Technology
- S6005 The Analysis of Defence/Security Policies
- S6010 Revolution in Military Affairs
- S6011 Globalisation, Security, and the State
- S6015 Government and Politics of Northeast Asia
- S6017 Selected Topics in Strategic Studies
- S6019 Terrorism, Intelligence and Homeland Security
- S6020 Chinese Security Policy
- S6021 State, Society and Politics in Malaysia
- S6022 Conflict and Violence in Southeast Asia

Optional Courses, Tier 2

- S6012 Government and Politics of Southeast Asia
- S6018 State and Politics in Modern Indonesia
- IR6001 The Study of International Relations
- IR6003 Critical Security Studies
- IR6004 International Relations of Northeast Asia
- IR6005 International Relations of South Asia
- IR6006 The Study of Institutions
- IR6007 Selected Topics in International Relations
- IR6008 U.S. Foreign Policy
- IR6009 The History and International Politics of the Cold War (1945 – 1989)
- IR6010 Human Security
- IR6011 Foreign Policy and Security Issues in Southeast Asia
- IR6012 Contemporary Maritime Security in Asia
- IP6000 Theories and Issues in International Political Economy
- IP6001 Economics for International Political Economy
- IP6002 Regional Integration in the World Economy
- IP6003 Global Public Policy
- IP6004 International Economic Law
- IP6005 Selected Topics in International Political Economy
- IP6006 The Political Economy of Development
- IP6007 Public Choice and International Public Goods
- IP6008 A Globalising China in the World Economy
- IP6009 Monitoring, Forecasting and Managing Country Risk and Economic Crisis
- IP6010 U.S. Foreign Economic Policy
- B6833 Strategy Formulation
- B6834 Strategy Implementation
- B6835 Competitive Strategy

Master of Science (International Relations)**Core Courses**

IR6001 The Study of International Relations

IR6006 The Study of Institutions

Optional Courses, Tier 1

IR6003 Critical Security Studies

IR6004 International Relations of Northeast Asia

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Enrichment Component

M.Sc. students will also have to complete the “Analysing International Politics: Concepts and Methods” component. This involves participating in a number of seminars on research methods, as well as contemporary strategic and security issues. Students will also be exposed to eminent security and international relations scholars, discuss feature films and documentaries pertaining to security studies, as well as learning conflict negotiation skills and how the media should be handled.

Certificate in Terrorism Studies (CTS)

Students taking the M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) may also opt for a specialised coursework track that would lead to the conferring of both a M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) degree from Nanyang Technological University (NTU) as well as a special Certificate in Terrorism Studies from the Institute’s renowned International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR). M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) students opting for the CTS track must take the two M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) core courses, four specially selected elective courses, and write a dissertation on a terrorism-related topic.

Tuition Fees for M.Sc. Programmes

The tuition fees inclusive of government Goods and Services Tax and applicable at the time of writing are as follows:

Tuition fee per academic year	Full-time	Part-time
Singaporean and Singapore PR students	S\$5,450	S\$2,730
Other students	S\$6,000	S\$3,000

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The Institute also runs a Ph.D. Programme. Its first Ph.D. student, Mr. Adam Dolnik, who was enrolled in 2003/2004, submitted his thesis in 2005 ahead of schedule, and is awaiting examination. In 2005, the Institute accepted two more Ph.D. candidates into this highly selective and competitive programme.

*IDSS’ first Ph.D.
student, Mr. Adam
Dolnik*



GENERAL STUDIES ELECTIVE

The Institute also conducts a General Studies elective on “The International Relations of Southeast Asia” for NTU’s undergraduates. This elective continued to attract interest in 2005.

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

In 2005, IDSS continued to support the education and training of personnel in the Defence and Home Affairs ministries. For the Ministry of Defence, IDSS faculty continued to teach geopolitics and regional security modules in courses conducted in the SAFTI Military Institute and the SAF Warrant Officers’ School. A revised curriculum for the prestigious nine-month Command and Staff Course was implemented with inputs from IDSS. For the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Institute continued to teach geopolitics and regional security in courses conducted by the Civil Defence Academy and the Police Academy. IDSS also taught a module in the inaugural National Security Course organised by the National Security Coordination Secretariat during the year.

Staff of the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) conducted basic and advanced counter-terrorism training courses for law enforcement, intelligence services and military forces in Southeast Asia and beyond. This included courses for the Australian Federal Police, New South Wales Police, New York Police Department Intelligence Division, the Fly Team of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Criminal Investigations Department of the U.S. Department of Defense, WMD Detachment of the U.S. National Guard in Hawaii, the Canadian Special Forces, and Singapore’s Ministry of Home Affairs.

Some counter-terrorism courses were conducted with ICPVTR partners. Together with the British High Commission in Singapore, the Centre conducted an advanced course for Southeast Asian law enforcement officers directly engaged in counter-terrorism operations. The course was conducted by U.K. and ICPVTR threat specialists with funds from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the U.K.

ICPVTR also designed and conducted the first counter-terrorism course at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JC-LEC), which is located within the Indonesian National Police Academy in Semarang. At the invitation of JCLEC, the Centre is currently designing the first advanced course in counter-terrorism for Indonesia’s law enforcement and intelligence services.

Networking at IDSS

IDSS has an active networking programme. In 2005, it organised or co-organised with other institutes 25 conferences and workshops, 11 colloquiums and public lectures, and 76 seminars. It also hosted more than a hundred visitors and visiting delegations.

Mr. Kwa Chong Guan, IDSS Head of External Programmes (right) with BG Wong Huat Sern at IDSS' 7th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers in August 2005



BILATERAL LINKS

IDSS has contacts and collaborations with many think tanks and research institutes in Asia, Europe and the United States. In 2005, IDSS hosted visits from the following:

China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS), Beijing

IDSS' links with CISS began in July 2001. Since then, both institutes have maintained regular bilateral visits, with the latest exchange visit by CISS held on 29 August 2005. The four-person delegation was led by Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Zhan Maohai, the Vice Chairman of CISS. Discussions were held under the theme of "East Asia Security and East Asia Cooperation".

Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy, Vietnam

An eight-person delegation from the Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy visited IDSS on 27–29 September 2005 for a discussion on "International Political Economics – Its Theoretical and Practical Meaning in the Contemporary World". This study tour followed a visit to Vietnam in July 2004 led by Mr. Barry Desker, Director, IDSS. The Vietnamese delegation was led by Associate Professor Dr. Nguyen Dinh Khang, Dean of the Faculty of Political Economics, and was briefed by faculty members of IDSS' International Political Economy Programme and NTU's School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

NETWORKING



Mr. Kwa Chong Guan (left) briefing the delegation from the Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy

German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin

IDSS hosted the inaugural bilateral conference with DGAP on 10–11 October 2005. The key issues addressed included the current strategic landscape, including transnational and domestic security challenges; the challenges and counter-measures of international terrorism; Europe's and Southeast Asia's responses to the rise of China and India; the regional presence and policies of the U.S.; and the prospects for greater ASEAN-EU relations. Ambassador Dr. P. Christian Hauswedell, Director General for Asian and Pacific Affairs, Federal Foreign Office, led the delegation from Germany. Preparations for the next IDSS-DGAP meeting are already underway, and both institutes are looking forward to collaboration on issues salient to Europe and Asia.



At the inaugural IDSS-DGAP Exchange (from left), German Ambassador Dr. P. Christian Hauswedell; Singapore 2nd Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Bilahari Kausikan; IDSS Deputy Director Amitav Acharya

MULTILATERAL LINKS

In 2005, IDSS continued to be active in the following networks of policy institutions:

The Network of East Asian Think Tanks (NEAT)

IDSS participates in NEAT through the Singapore Working Group on Energy Security Cooperation in East Asia coordinated by the East Asian Institute (EAI). Established in September 2003, NEAT aims to build up an epistemic community to serve as a Track-Two process for ASEAN+3 and East Asian cooperation. Six Working Groups were set up at the December 2004 NEAT Country Coordinators' Meeting in Kuala Lumpur: Concepts, Ideas and Empowering Guidelines for East Asia; Energy Security Cooperation in East Asia; Financial Cooperation in

East Asia; East Asian Investment Cooperation; Overall Architecture of Community Building in East Asia; and Promoting Economic Integration through Resolving New Global Imbalances. IDSS attended the third annual NEAT conference, "Towards an East Asian Community", in Tokyo on 21–23 August 2005.

ASEAN-Japan Team of Experts Workshop on Security Cooperation

IDSS, along with the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), co-organised the 3rd ASEAN-Japan Security Cooperation Workshop for Team of Experts on 7–8 October 2005. The workshop was a continuation of cooperative efforts at the expert level which commenced in 2003—the Year of Japan-ASEAN Exchange—to enhance security cooperation and partnership between Japan and the ASEAN countries. The aim of the workshop was to develop a set of policy-relevant recommendations on the following areas: international terrorism; transnational crime; environmental and natural disasters; maritime safety and security; military modernisation and weapons of mass destruction; peacemaking, peacekeeping, peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction; and institutional arrangements for Japan-ASEAN security cooperation.

Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP)

As the Secretariat for CSCAP Singapore, IDSS continues to coordinate the Council's activities for Singapore. In 2005, IDSS was involved in the following meetings:

- ❖ 1st Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Regional Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding in Bali, 12–13 February 2005
- ❖ ARF-CSCAP Maritime Security Workshop, 28 February – 1 March 2005
- ❖ 1st Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Human Trafficking in Manila, 2–3 April 2005
- ❖ 2nd Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Capacity Building for Maritime Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific in New Delhi, 6–7 April 2005
- ❖ 1st Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on International Terrorism in Bangkok, 26–27 April 2005
- ❖ 1st Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Countering the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in Singapore, 27–28 May 2005

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- ❖ 2nd Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Countering the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Asia-Pacific in Manila, 2–3 December 2005
- ❖ 23rd CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting in Kuala Lumpur, 30–31 May 2005
- ❖ 2nd Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on International Terrorism in Kuala Lumpur, 9–10 August 2005
- ❖ 2nd Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Human Trafficking in Bangkok, 29–30 August 2005
- ❖ 3rd Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Capacity Building for Maritime Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific in Singapore, 2–3 December 2005
- ❖ CSCAP General Conference in Jakarta, 6–7 December 2005



Colleagues on the CSCAP circuit – Mr. Ralph Cossa (Pacific Forum) and Mr. Kwa Chong Guan (IDSS)

OTHER NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

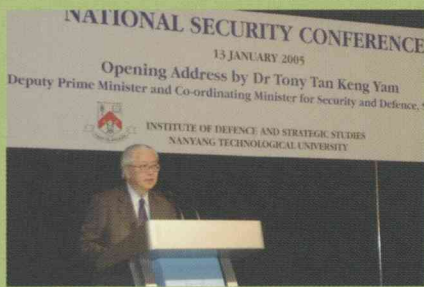
Workshop on “Kashmir: New Voices, New Approaches”, 7–8 January 2005

IDSS and the International Peace Academy, New York, jointly hosted an Authors Workshop titled “Kashmir: New Voices, New Approaches” on 7–8 January 2005 with support from the International Development Research Centre of Canada. The workshop highlighted and analysed the Kashmir conflict in its entirety. It included perspectives not only from New Delhi and Islamabad, but also from Srinagar and Muzzafarabad in the Indian- and Pakistani-administered regions of Kashmir. The primary objectives of the workshop included identifying and building the capacity of new voices in India, Pakistan and Kashmir to discuss existing proposals and generate new ideas about the long-running Kashmir conflict. The workshop also critically examined the potential role, if any, of the international community in facilitating the process of resolution.

National Security Conference, 13 January 2005

This conference focused on examining the meaning of national security in the post-9/11 era and how Singapore should organise to meet the broad spectrum of contemporary national security threats, given that

Former Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Security and Defence, Dr. Tony Tan, at IDSS' National Security Conference in January



Singapore now faces a more complex security environment, with conventional security threats being joined by new asymmetric threats emanating from international terrorism. In opening the conference, Dr. Tony Tan, then Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Security and Defence, emphasised the need for an extensive systems-based planning approach that

can provide the means to manage and contain a complex problem—that of increasing the probability of preventing strategic surprise.

Conference on “Revolution in Military Affairs: Processes, Problems and Prospects”, 22–23 February 2005

This conference, the second on the revolution in military affairs (RMA) organised by IDSS, examined three broad themes: the potential impact of the RMA on different levels of strategy; the impact of culture on military transformation; and case studies of the transformation efforts by two countries (Japan and Sweden) with different geo-strategic concerns. The conference also looked at the impact of military transformation on the strategic landscape of a region by examining Southeast Asia as a case in point. Professor Ron Matthews of Cranfield University made the point that efficient management of scarce defence resources had become a critical component of the RMA. He believed that the RMA could only be achieved through a parallel occurrence of a revolution in business affairs. This important idea was explored in greater detail in the IDSS-Cranfield conference on “Managing the Revolution in Military Affairs” held later in the year on 6–7 December.

Workshop on “Betwixt and Between: Southeast Asian Strategic Relations with the U.S. and China”, 24–25 February 2005

This workshop was part of the inaugural project of the Institute’s United States Programme. It brought together scholars from Southeast Asian countries, the U.S. and New Zealand to undertake a systematic comparison of Southeast Asian countries’ strategic approaches to the two major powers in the region, the U.S. and China. The papers presented were subsequently edited by Dr. Evelyn Goh, the programme coordinator and conference organiser, and published as an IDSS monograph.

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46th International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, United States, 1–5 March 2005

IDSS participated in the International Studies Association's 46th Annual Convention on 1–5 March 2005. The theme of the convention was "Dynamics of World Politics: Capacity, Preferences and Leadership". Participation in the ISA Convention was an opportunity for the faculty to present their research, and to interact with and learn from eminent scholars attending the prestigious annual event. The team from IDSS comprised Associate Professor Kumar Ramakrishna, and Assistant Professors Tan See Seng, Bernard Loo, Ralf Emmers and Mely Anthony. They were all involved either as chairs, paper presenters and/or discussants.

Conference on "The Maritime Balance of Power in the Asia-Pacific", 8–9 March 2005

This IDSS conference brought together experts on maritime security and defence in the Asia-Pacific to discuss emerging trends in naval forces and their implications for regional security. The conference was organised around four main topics: thematic issues and paradigms in the Asia-Pacific maritime complex; national maritime doctrines and capabilities; the maritime dimension of nuclear weapons and missile defences in the Asia-Pacific; and emergent maritime futures of the Asia-Pacific.

IDSS-Ford Foundation Dissemination Workshops on "Dynamics of Securitisation in Asia", 31 March – 1 April and 3 October 2005

Following the two research workshops held in September 2003 and September 2004, IDSS's Ford Project embarked on a couple of dissemination meetings that were intended to share the findings of the different studies on Non-traditional Security to a wider audience beyond the academic community, and to help the wider community understand how and why certain non-traditional security issues need to be securitised or desecuritised in order for various actors, both state and non-state, to respond to the challenges adequately. The first of the dissemination workshop was held on 31 March – 1 April 2005 in Manila, while the second was held on 3 October 2005 in Bangkok.

Workshop on "Bandung Revisited: A Critical Appraisal of a Conference's Legacy", 15 April 2005

This workshop was organised to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1955 Afro-Asian Conference (better known as the Bandung

*Former Indonesian
Foreign Minister,
H.E. Ali Alatas,
sharing his insights
at the workshop
on "Bandung
Revisited"*



Conference). It brought together an eminent group of diplomatic historians and international relations scholars to discuss the controversial historical legacy and meaning of Bandung, and its important ramifications for multilateralism and regionalism today. A book edited by Professor Amitav Acharya and Dr. Tan See Seng on the workshop's proceedings is currently in production. This workshop was especially timely in view of the second Bandung

Conference which took place in Indonesia a week later.

Conference on "The Anatomy of Religious Conflict in South and Southeast Asia", 3–4 May 2005

This conference examined the origins, structures and responses to religious conflict in South and Southeast Asia. More specifically, the papers presented covered a number of topics including the cognitive aspects of religious violence; the role of religion in the U.S.-led "War on Terror"; the failure of the post-9/11 U.S. counter-terrorism strategy; the role of jihad in Muslim societies; religious violence in India, Pakistan and the Philippines; the management of religious conflict by examining issues of interfaith dialogue; partisan perceptions in negotiations; improving peace processes; and the role of the state in religious conflict.

IISS Asia Security Conference: "The Shangri-La Dialogue", 3–5 June 2005

The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London, held its fourth Asia Security Conference in Singapore on 3–5 June 2005. The conference brought together 15 deputy prime ministers and defence ministers, many key legislators, top strategic thinkers and other

opinion formers to interact within a multilateral setting. IDSS, as the local partner, provided support in organising the event, including a dinner at the Istana hosted by Acting President Sim Kee Boon for conference participants.

*Defence Minister Teo
Chee Hean sharing a
light moment with U.S.
Secretary of Defense
Donald Rumsfeld at
the IISS Asia Security
Conference Dinner hosted
by Acting President Sim
Kee Boon at the Istana on
4 June 2005*



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IDSS-NUPI Maritime Security Conferences, 14–15 June and 29–30 November 2005

IDSS and the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) collaborated in a joint research project on Maritime Security in Southeast Asia. This project aimed to address maritime security in Southeast Asia, particularly along the sea lanes, littoral security and deep sea resources. The task of the project was to identify the nature of the maritime security problematique, and to critically evaluate the various responses, with the aim of improving the management of prevailing and emerging security threats. During the year, two conferences were held; the first in Oslo, Norway, on 14–15 June, and the second in Singapore on 29–30 November. The papers from both workshops will be compiled into a book in 2006.



Director Mr. Barry Desker and Mrs. Desker (fourth and fifth from right) with some of the participants at the IDSS-NUPI conference on maritime security held in Oslo in June 2005

Workshop on “Why Is There No Non-Western International Relations Theory?”, 11–12 July 2005

This IDSS workshop was partially funded by the Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA). Chaired by Professor Barry Buzan of the London School of Economics and Professor Amitav Acharya, Deputy Director of IDSS, it addressed the question of why there is so little distinctive non-Western International Relations theory, aiming to show the resources that are available to redress the imbalance. Its ultimate purpose was to stimulate non-Western voices to bring their historical, cultural and intellectual resources into the theoretical debates about international relations. The workshop covered China, India, Japan, Korea, Indonesia and Southeast Asia, amongst others.

7th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers, 4–10 August 2005

This annual event was conceived to enable senior military officers in the Asia-Pacific to interact informally on a regional scale. Aimed at fostering trust and develop-



Some of the participants having a syndicate discussion during the 7th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers

ing mutual understanding among military forces in the region, the programme—the seventh in the series—was held on 4–10 August 2005. Participants came from the ASEAN Regional Forum countries as well as from Europe and South Africa. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Teo Chee Hean, the Minister for Defence.

Conference on “Southeast Asian and American Views on a Rising China”, 22–24 August 2005

This conference, jointly organised by IDSS and the National Bureau of Asian Research, United States, was part of the second phase of a project that IDSS is carrying out in 2004–06 to investigate the implications of China’s rise for regional security policies. The preceding phase was a comparative study of Southeast Asian states’ regional security strategies vis-à-vis China and the U.S., from which an IDSS policy monograph was published in August 2005. This second phase brought together specialists from the U.S. and Southeast Asia to discuss the major challenges facing the region as a result of China’s rise. The participants addressed three themes: China’s rapid economic growth and its impact on Southeast Asia’s export-led economies and foreign direct investment flows to and within Asia; Beijing’s increasing political influence and its effect on the diplomatic landscape in Southeast Asia; and the implications of China’s military modernisation and its emergence as the major power in Asia.

Conference on “Globalisation and Economic Success: Policy Options for Africa”, 7–8 November 2005

This conference was organised and sponsored by the Brenthurst Foundation of South Africa in collaboration with IDSS, Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Egyptian Ministry of Investments, to address a number of issues: whether, and what, policies would contribute towards growth; the institutions needed and their roles; the relationship between governance and growth; and the “branding” of Africa, particularly in view of attracting foreign direct investments (FDI). Economists, policymakers and academics, from within and outside Africa, came together to discuss “best practices” from various successes in other regions.

Workshop on “Southeast Asia in the Global Economy: Avoiding the Problem of Globalisation’s ‘Missing Middle’”, 10–11 November 2005

This workshop was convened to study and analyse whether the Southeast Asian region is in danger of becoming globalisation’s “missing

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middle”, and what regional governments have been doing, and should be doing, to avoid such a fate. As Director of IDSS, Mr. Barry Desker, observed in his keynote address, while globalisation has clearly benefited many, it has also squeezed those in the middle—certain middle-income countries in the international system as well as middle-income groups within states. The workshop brought together an eclectic mix of practitioners, economists, academics and policymakers which made the discussions holistic and broad-based.

Workshop on “Political Transitions and Political Change in Southeast Asia”, 19 November 2005

In 2004, a number of general elections took place in Southeast Asia. This has led to important political transitions in these countries. Against this backdrop, a workshop on “Political Transitions and Political Change in Southeast Asia” was held on 19 November 2005. The main objective of the workshop was to

conduct a comparative analysis of the political changes in these countries. It hopes to develop a conceptual framework to study political transformations and to better understand the process of democratisation and its association with political development and regional security. The meeting was organised by IDSS in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.



Workshop on “Political Transitions and Political Change in Southeast Asia”

Conference on “Managing the Revolution in Military Affairs”, 6–7 December 2005

The RMA is an expensive revolution. As a means of making it more affordable, a parallel business revolution has emerged. This Revolution in Business Affairs (RBA) seeks to integrate the Business and Battle spaces so that “best practice” commercial techniques are employed in the defence context. The purpose of this IDSS-Cranfield University conference was to explore several of the principal RBA policy frameworks employed by the U.S. and U.K. defence establishments. The conference discussed defence technology management in a rapidly globalising environment; defence acquisition; Britain’s defence-industrial policy; and defence-related resource management policy.

IDSS Conferences and Workshops

IDSS routinely organises conferences and workshops involving the participation of eminent scholars and officials, both foreign and local, to discuss or brainstorm issues relevant to peace and security in the region. The conferences and workshops organised or co-organised with other institutes in 2005 are listed below.

1. IDSS-IPA Workshop on "Kashmir: New Voices, New Approaches", 7–8 January 2005
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10. IDSS-Tel Aviv University Conference on "The Revolution in Military Affairs", 5–6 May 2005
11. CSCAP WMD Study Group Meeting, 27–28 May 2005
12. 4th IISS Asia Security Conference: The Shangri-la Dialogue, 3–5 June 2005
13. IDSS-NUPI Conference on "Maritime Security in Southeast Asia", 14–15 June, Oslo, Norway
14. Workshop on "Why Is There No Non-Western International Relations Theory?", 11–12 July 2005
15. 7th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers, 4–10 August 2005
16. IDSS-NBR Conference on "Southeast Asian and American Views on a Rising China", 22–24 August 2005

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17. IDSS-Ford Foundation 2nd Dissemination Workshop on “Non-Traditional Security in Asia: Understanding the Dynamics of Securitisation in Asia”, Bangkok, 2–3 October 2005
18. ASEAN-Japan Security Cooperation Workshop for Team of Experts on “Security Cooperation between ASEAN and Japan”, 7–8 October 2005
19. IDSS-DGAP Bilateral Exchange, 10–11 October 2005
20. Conference on “Globalisation and Economic Success: Policy Options for Africa”, organised and sponsored by: The Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa, in collaboration with IDSS, NTU, Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Egyptian Ministry of Investments, 7–8 November 2005
21. Workshop on “Southeast Asia in the Global Economy: Avoiding the problem of Globalisation’s ‘Missing Middle’”, 10–11 November 2005
22. Workshop on “Political Transitions and Political Change in Southeast Asia” in collaboration with Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 19 November 2005
23. IDSS-NUPI Workshop on “Maritime Security”, 29–30 November 2005
24. CSCAP Maritime Study Group Meeting, 2–3 December 2005
25. IDSS-Cranfield University Conference on “The Revolution in Military Affairs”, 6–7 December 2005



IDSS' conferences and workshops bring together scholars and officials for frank exchanges

IDSS Lectures and Talks

IDSS frequently organises public lectures and colloquiums that are attended by a broad cross-section of the public including policy-makers, foreign diplomats, civil servants, journalists, businessmen and students. The lectures and colloquiums organised in 2005 are listed below under the following categories.

- ❖ Strategic Trends in the 21st Century Colloquium Series
- ❖ Distinguished Public Lecture Series
- ❖ Developments in Indonesia Public Lecture Series

STRATEGIC TRENDS IN THE 21ST CENTURY COLLOQUIUM SERIES

1. Colloquium by Dr. Bruce Hoffman, Director, RAND Washington Office, U.S.A, on "The London Blasts and Beyond: Are We Winning the Global War on Terrorism?", 15 August 2005
2. Colloquium by Professor Sumit Ganguly, Professor of Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, U.S.A, on "India as an Emerging Power", 16 August 2005
3. Colloquium by Professor Chilamkuri Raja Mohan, S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, Editor (Strategic Affairs), The Indian Express Newspapers (Mumbai) Ltd, on "The Role of Great Powers in the Current Strategic Environment", 19 August 2005
4. Colloquium by Dr. Gerard Chaliand, leading counter-insurgency expert and author of *Guerrilla Strategies: A Historical Anthology*, on "The U.S. Counter-insurgency War in Iraq: Light at the End of the Tunnel?", 9 September 2005

DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

1. Distinguished Public Lecture by Mr. Robert Joseph, Under-Secretary, Arms Control and International Security, U.S.A, on "Southeast Asia's Role in Non-Proliferation", 15 August 2005
2. Distinguished Public Lecture by His Excellency Jose Ramos Horta, Senior Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, on "East-Timor, Three Years Later...Progress in Nation Building", 4 October 2005

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Speakers at IDSS' lectures and talks include RAND Corporation's Dr. Bruce Hoffman (left) and U.S. Under-Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, Dr. Robert Joseph

DEVELOPMENTS IN INDONESIA PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

1. Seminar by Bapak HR Hidayat Nur Wahid, Speaker, People's Consultative Assembly (MPR-RI), on "IDSS Indonesia Update", 28 January 2005
2. Seminar by Bapak HR Agung Laksono, Speaker, House of People's Representative (DPR-RI), on "IDSS Indonesia Update", 23 March 2005
3. Closed-door Roundtable with Dr. Zulkieflimansyah, Vice Chairman, Partai Keadilan Sejahtera (PKS), Member of Parliament and Deputy Chairman Commission IV DPR-MPR RI, 20 July 2005
4. Seminar by Dr. Sukardi Rinakit, Executive Director, Centre of Political Studies, Soegeng Sarjadi Syndicate, Jakarta, and Dr. Nankyung Choi, Visiting Research Fellow, IDSS, on "Direct Regional Elections in Indonesia: Continuity or Change", 8 September 2005
5. Closed-door Roundtable with Professor Dr. Din Syamsuddin, Chairman Muhammadiyah and Vice-Chairman Majelis Ulama Indonesia (Indonesian Ulama Council, MUI), on "Islam in Indonesia: Current Trends and Implications", 29 September 2005

IDSS Seminars and Roundtables

Seminars and roundtables are held frequently within IDSS on a wide variety of topics related to security, geopolitics and international relations. Speakers have included academics, political leaders, analysts and diplomats. Seminars and roundtables are held in a congenial atmosphere to facilitate a free exchange of views. Listed below are the seminars and roundtables held in IDSS in 2005.

1. Seminar by Professor Richard H. Shultz, Professor of International Politics, The Fletcher School, on "U.S. Foreign Policy in the Second Bush Administration", 6 January 2005
2. Roundtable by Ambassador Teresita C. Schaffer, Director for South Asia, CSIS, U.S.A, on "Perspectives on India", 10 January 2005

*Dr. Heribert Dieter,
Senior Fellow
at the German
Institute for
International and
Security Affairs,
giving a seminar
at IDSS on Asian
regionalism*



3. Roundtable by Dr. Heribert Dieter, Senior Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, on "The Changing Nature of Regionalism in Asia", 11 January 2005

4. Seminar by Mr. John Parachini, Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation; Professor Isaac Ben-Israel, Cohen Institute for the History and Philosophy of Sciences and

Ideas, and the School of Government and Policy at Tel-Aviv University; Professor Richard Betts, Leo A. Shifin Professor of War and Peace Studies and the Director, Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University; and Dr. Anne Speckhard, Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry at George University Medical School and Professor of Psychology in Vesalius College, Free University of Brussels, on "National Security in an Age of Asymmetric Warfare", 12 January 2005

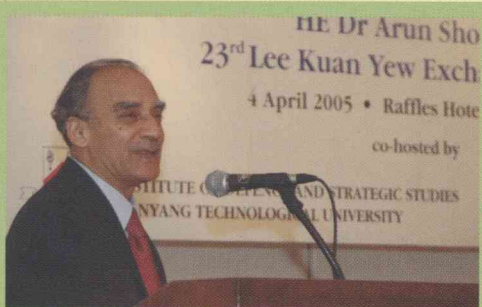
5. Seminar by Dr. John Harrison, Research Associate, Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, St. Andrews University, Scotland, on "The Changing Threat to Civil Aviation: From Politics to Warfare", 12 January 2005
6. Seminar by Dr. W. Lawrence Prabhakar, Visiting Research Fellow, IDSS, on "Maritime Order and Maritime Doctrines in the Asia-Pacific: An Analysis of the Maritime Doctrines of U.S, Japan, China and India", 19 January 2005

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7. Roundtable by Professor T.V. Paul, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, on "Globalisation and the Changing National Security State", 24 January 2005
8. Seminar by Mr. Michael Elmquist, Chief, U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Indonesia; Ambassador Kalyananda Godage, Former Sri Lankan Ambassador to the EU; Professor Amitav Acharya, Deputy Director, IDSS; Dr. Leonard Sebastian, Senior Fellow, IDSS; Dr. Bernard Loo, Assistant Professor, IDSS; and Mr. Kadir B. Mohamed, Singapore Civil Defence Force, on "The Tsunami Aftermath: Challenges to Human Security", 25 January 2005
9. Seminar by Professor Riaz Hassan, ARC Australian Professional Fellow, on "The Islamic State and Religious Institutions in Muslim Societies", 26 January 2005
10. Seminar by Dr. Antulio J. Echevarria II, Director of National Security Affairs and Director of Research, Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S Army War College, on "Assessing the Principles of Military Transformation: The Experience of Operation Iraqi Freedom", 27 January 2005
11. Seminar by Professor Riaz Hassan, ARC Australian Professional Fellow, on "Patterns of Religiosity in Muslim Countries – Some Preliminary Observations", 31 January 2005
12. Roundtable by Dr. Rizal Sukma, Director of Studies, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta, Indonesia, on "Post-Tsunami Aceh: Political Developments and Prospects for Reconstruction", 19 February 2005
13. Seminar by Dr. Paul Mitchell, Canadian Forces College, Toronto, Ontario, on "Networks in Dynamic Coalitions", 21 February 2005
14. Seminar by Brigadier Gurmeet Kanwal (Ret), Senior Fellow, ORF Institute of Security Studies, New Delhi, on "Terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir", 28 February 2005
15. Seminar by Dr. Norman Vasu, a tutor at the Department of International Politics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, on "Diasporas in Multiculturalism: Identity, Conflict and the Management of Difference", 10 March 2005
16. Roundtable by Mr. Ganesh Sovani, Advocate, Bombay High Court, on "Anti-Terror Laws: Implementations and Practice", 18 March 2005

17. Seminar by Dr. David Cook, Assistant Professor, Rice University, Texas, on "Apocalyptic and Millenarian Elements in Radical Islam", 24 March 2005
18. Seminar by Dr. Arvind Kumar, Assistant Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India, APISA-IDSS Fellow, IDSS, on "India-ASEAN Cooperation: Challenges and Prospects", 28 March 2005

H.E. Dr. Arun Shourie, member of the Indian Parliament, providing an Indian perspective on security in South and Southeast Asia



19. Lunch Talk by H.E. Dr. Arun Shourie co-hosted by IDSS and the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship, on "Indian Assessment of the Security Situation in South and Southeast Asia", 4 April 2005
20. Seminar by Mr. Ali Kazak, Head of the General Palestinian Delegation to Australia and New Zealand, and Ambassador of Palestine to Vanuatu and East Timor, on "The Palestine Question and the Minimum Requirements for a Just Peace", 5 April 2005
21. Seminar by Professor Pan Tso-Chien, School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, NTU, on "Earthquakes and Tsunamis: Implications for the Security of Singapore and the Region", 6 April 2005
22. Seminar by Dr. Pervaiz Iqbal Cheema, President, Islamabad Policy Research Institute, on "India-Pakistan Peace Process", 7 April 2005
23. Seminar by Mr. Noor Huda Ismail, Visiting Research Analyst, ICPVTR, on "Pondok Al Mukmin in Ngruki", 8 April 2005
24. Seminar by Dr. Mariam Abou Zahab, Researcher, Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Lecturer, Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP), on "Mapping Militancy in Pakistan", 29 April 2005
25. Seminar by Ms. Margaret Liang, Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for WTO / Trade Issues, Adjunct Fellow, IDSS, on "From GATT to the WTO: Has the Multilateral Trading System Changed?", 2 May 2005

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26. Seminar by Dr. Greg Barton, Visiting Research Fellow, Asia Research Institute, NUS, and Associate Professor, Deakin University, Australia, on "The Shari'ah Issue in Indonesia", 16 May 2005
27. Seminar by Y.B. Nasharudin Mat Isa, Secretary-General, Islamic Party of Malaysia (PAS), on "The Future of PAS in the Abdullah Badawi Era", 18 May 2005
28. Seminar by Mr. Jeffrey H. Norwitz, Professor at the United States Naval War College teaching National Security Decision Making, on "Detecting and Defeating Al Qaeda's General Strategy", 25 May 2005
29. Seminar by Dr. Rahul Roy-Chaudhury, Research Fellow for South Asia, Institute for Strategic Studies, London, on "The Indian Navy: Forces, Missions and Engagement in the Indo-Pacific", 26 May 2005
30. Seminar by Dr. Shiping Tang, Deputy Director, Center for Regional Security Studies and Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, on "From Mearsheimer to Jervis (and Keohane?): An Evolutionary Interpretation of History and Theories of International Politics", 9 June 2005
31. Seminar by Mr. Abdullah Abdullah, Palestinian Deputy Foreign Minister, on "Middle East Peace Process", 23 June 2005
32. Roundtable by Ms. Min Ye, Ph.D. candidate, Princeton University, on "Political Economy of China's New Regionalism", 23 June 2005
33. Seminar by Professor Duygu Bazoglu Sezer, Bilkent University, Ankara, on "The Middle East Between Oil, Conflict, Force and Reform", 24 June 2005
34. Seminar by Dr. Andras Hernadi, Director, Asia Research Centre, Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Science, on "Main Security Issues in Asia: Chances for a Mediator's Role for Europe", 13 July 2005
35. Roundtable by Dr. Kanti Bajpai, Headmaster of the Doon School, Dehra Dun, India, on "India and International Relations", 13 July 2005



Mr. Jeffrey Norwitz, Professor at the U.S. Naval War College, giving a seminar at IDSS on counter-terrorism

36. Seminar by Professor Khaled Abou El-Fadl, AG Professor, UCLA School of Law and The Omar and Azmeralda Alfi Distinguished Fellow in Islamic Law, on "Islamic State, Islamic Law, and Muslim Minorities: Myths and Realities", 13 July 2005
37. Seminar by the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, IDSS, on "The London Bombings", 14 July 2005
38. Seminar by MG (Ret) Doron Bergerbest-Eilon, Director for Protection and Security, ISA, Israel, on "Preventing Terrorism: Policy, Strategic and Operational Issues", 18 July 2005
39. Seminar by CDR (Ret) Manoj Gupta, University of New South Wales, Australia, on "The Indian Perspective of Maritime Affairs", 20 July 2005
40. Seminar by Dr. Nadirsyah Hosen, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law, TC Berine School of Law, University of Queensland, Australia, on "Constitutions in the Muslim World: Is There a Need for Reform?", 21 July 2005
41. Research Seminar by Dr. Hiro Katsumata, Research Fellow, IDSS, on "Mimetic Process of Norm Development: Which Norms does ASEAN Select?", 27 July 2005
42. Seminar by Dr. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Political Secretary to H.E. Sheikh Hasina and Organising Secretary, Bangladesh Awami League and Hon. Leader, on "Militancy in Bangladesh – The Threat and Response", 3 August 2005
43. Seminar by Professor Michael Yahuda, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, on "Sino-Japanese Relations: Embedded Rivalry and its limits", 11 August 2005
44. Seminar by Professor Sumit Ganguly, Professor of Political Science, Indiana University-Bloomington, U.S.A, on "Kashmir – An update", 15 August 2005
45. Seminar by Mr. Adam Dolnik, Chief Trainer, International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, IDSS, on "Inside the Beslan Hostage Crisis", 16 August 2005
46. Seminar by Ms. Margaret Liang, Consultant to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore and Adjunct Fellow, IDSS, and Dr. Razeen Sally, Senior Lecturer in International Political Economy, London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K, on "The Hong Kong WTO Ministerial and the Future of Trade Negotiations: Should We Be Worried?", 17 August 2005

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50. Seminar by Mr. Stephen Schwartz, Executive Director of the Center for Islamic Pluralism, Washington, D.C., on "The Failed Global Campaign of Wahhabi Terror", 5 September 2005
51. Research Seminar by Dr. Nankyung Choi, Visiting Research Fellow, IDSS, on "Direct Executive Elections and Political Dynamism in Riau: Indonesia", 8 September 2005
52. Research Seminar by Dr. Tan See Seng, Assistant Professor, IDSS, on "The 'Orientalised Orientals' of Southeast Asian IR: Hegemony, Indigeneity, Modernity", 14 September 2005
53. Research Seminar by Mr. Christopher Roberts, Visiting Research Associate, IDSS, on "Myanmar: A Clash of Contesting Moralities?", 21 September 2005
54. Panel Discussion by Dr. Soedradjad Djiwandono, Emeritus Professor, University of Indonesia, and Visiting Professor, IDSS; Dr. Deborah K. Elms, Assistant Professor, IDSS; and Dr. Natasha Hamilton-Hart, Assistant Professor, Southeast Asian Studies Programme, NUS; on "Debating 'The End of Poverty': A Critical Appraisal of Jeffrey Sachs' Ideas and Strategies for Poverty Reduction", 27 September 2005
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58. Panel Discussion by Dr. Friedrich Wu, Adjunct Associate Professor, IDSS, and Visiting Senior Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, NUS, on "Corporate China Goes Global", 6 October 2005
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67. Seminar by Professor Ron Matthews, Academic Leader of the Master of Defence Administration Programme, Department of Defence Management and Security Analysis, Cranfield University, U.K, on "Policies and Paradoxes of 21st Century Defence Management", 27 October 2005

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68. Roundtable Discussion with General (Ret) Maurice Basil, Chair, Board of Directors, Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Chair, Board of Directors, Canadian Air Transport Security Authority, on "Universalisation of the Ottawa Convention on Landmines", 8 November 2005
69. Closed-door Discussion with delegation from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on "Global Terrorist Threat in Southeast Asia", 17 November 2005
70. Seminar by Professor Mustafa Aydin, Deputy Director and Board Member, International Relations Council, Ankara; and Member of Strategic Research Center, Ankara University, on "Turkey and the Latest Developments in the Middle East", 17 November 2005
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74. Seminar by Dr. Nan Li, Senior Fellow, IDSS, on "The Role of the Chinese Military in Guaranteeing Energy Access", 8 December 2005
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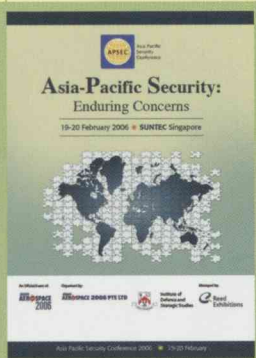


IDSS Deputy Director, Professor Amitav Acharya (second from left), leading the debate ahead of the inaugural East Asia Summit with participants from the region

Forthcoming Events

Dialogue on Southern Thailand

A public dialogue will be organised on 25 January 2006 under the auspices of the Civil and Internal Conflict Programme. The topic of the dialogue is "Crisis in Southern Thailand: Political, Religious and Security Dimensions". The panelists include Dr. Wan Kadir Che Man, head of the Patani Bersatu Movement; Dr. Chaiwat Satha-Anand from the National Reconciliation Committee of Thailand; and Mr. Don Patthan of *The Nation*, Thailand. They will discuss various dimensions of the current problems in southern Thailand, as well as the possible trajectory of the conflicts.



Third Asia-Pacific Security Conference (APSEC)

IDSS and Asian Aerospace 2006 Ptd. Ltd. will jointly organise this biennial conference on 19-20 February 2006 in conjunction with Asian Aerospace 2006. The theme for the conference will be "Asia-Pacific Security: Enduring Concerns". There will be two panels which will address the topics "U.S. Strategy in Asia" and "Transnational Terrorism". Mr. Teo Chee Hean, the Minister for Defence, will deliver the keynote address.

IDSS-Ford Foundation Third Plenary Meeting of the Ford Foundation Grantees and Book Launch

This meeting scheduled on 2-3 March 2006 will bring together all of the 11 Ford Foundation grantee institutions that work on Non-traditional Security (NTS) in Asia. As with the two earlier meetings, it will provide an opportunity for South Asian, Southeast Asian and Northeast Asian specialists on non-traditional security issues to interact and share their experiences. During the meeting, an edited book on the study of NTS in Asia will be launched. The book will present the trends in the field of NTS and the findings of the institutions that have worked collaboratively under the umbrella of the Ford Foundation Project on Non-Traditional Security in Asia.

Conference on Progressive Islam and the State in Contemporary Societies

Since the September 11 attacks, it is increasingly clear that one of the most important strategies to fight extremism is to empower the progressive elements in Muslim societies. To this end, IDSS will organise a conference on “Progressive Islam and the State in Contemporary Societies” on 7–8 March 2006. The conference will attempt to focus on the progressive dimensions of Islam in the context of the modern nation-state. What is the role of Islam for the advancement of contemporary societies? How does the concept of an Islamic state fit within the discourse on and the narrative of the modern state? What is the place of the Syariah and how should the relationship between state and civil society be constituted in order to conform to Islamic values and principles? These topics will be discussed by a number of prominent scholars of Islam, who will use their regional and country expertise to provide practical examples as illustrations. IDSS hopes that the discussion will help bridge the gulf in knowledge and perceptions between Islam and the rest of the world.

Conference on Globalisation and Defence

The effects of globalisation on national security are not well understood. What do we know about the relationship between globalisation and conflict, or globalisation and cooperation? How will globalisation affect the state's revenue collection and the way it allocates its budget to various priorities, and to defence in particular? How will the international flows of workers and humanity, as well as technology, affect the state's procurement and acquisition policies? Will the increasing economic integration of national economies into the international economy through trade, direct foreign investment by corporations and multinationals, as well as increases in short term capital flows, alter threat perceptions or will new threats arrive that will need to be addressed? To help us understand these and other issues, IDSS will organise a conference on globalisation and defence on 15–16 March 2006. The conference will be organised in four parts: the relation between economic interdependence and international conflict; globalisation's impact on threat perception and defence posture; globalisation's impact on the defence economy; and globalisation's impact on the defence industry.

IDSS Tenth Anniversary Conference

IDSS will organise a conference on “The Nature of Policy Relevant Knowledge in Asian Security Affairs” on 5–6 August 2006 to commemorate its tenth anniversary. This conference will bring together a distinguished group of current and former policymakers, scholar-practitioners and scholar-theorists to share their views on what constitutes policy relevant knowledge in Asian security matters. Participants will be asked to put on “policy hats” and to identify what they consider to be policy relevant knowledge in a domain of their choice (in Asian security affairs). For the purposes of the conference, “Asian security affairs” would be construed broadly to include traditional issues such as states’ responses to power shifts in Asia; nuclear proliferation; terrorism; the revolution in military affairs; and non-traditional issues such as the security implications of globalisation and policy dilemmas raised by the spread of infectious diseases.

Eighth Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers

The next Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers will be held on 6–12 August 2006. This will be the eighth programme in the annual series which is generously supported by the Singapore Totalisator Board.

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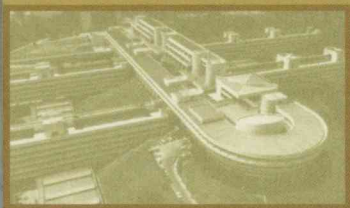
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