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On 1 January 2007, the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) was upgraded to become the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University.

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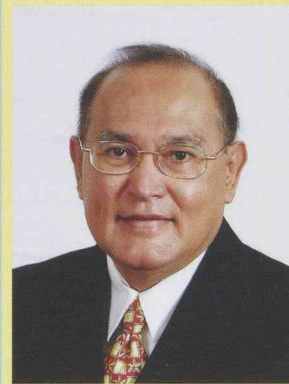
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Message from the Dean

1 January 2008 marked the first year of existence for the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, which was established as an autonomous graduate school in Nanyang Technological University. RSIS aims to be the leading professional graduate school of international affairs in Asia. The School has acquired a reputation of being a focal point in Asia for teaching and research in strategic studies, security studies, international relations and international political economy, and as one of the key nodes in the global network of think tanks and research institutions working in these areas. This accomplishment was possible only because of the excellent work done by its predecessor, the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS). Today, IDSS exists as a core unit within RSIS, alongside other components like the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, the Centre of Excellence for National Security and the Consortium on Non-traditional Security Studies in Asia.

As we strive to become a leading professional graduate school of international affairs, we will learn from the best practices of similar schools elsewhere. We will continue to recruit faculty and research scholars of the highest calibre from around the world. More than half of our faculty and research staff hail from overseas, bringing with them a range of educational, training and policy experience that enriches and deepens our research in a way that has few parallels elsewhere. This is reinforced by our practice of inviting visiting professors who are leading scholars in their fields to teach courses in our Master's programmes and to spend their sabbatical leave at RSIS. The expanding RSIS student cohort comprises more international students than local students, bringing buzz to the learning environment and adding anew to the meaning of globalization. One interesting facet is the increasing number of students from North America, Europe and Africa in addition to the strong representation from the Asian region. The socialization, bonding and networking experienced by the students – many of whom are mid-career professionals in defence, foreign affairs and trade ministries – and the alumni links they form help to foster improved communications on a regional and global basis.



*Ambassador
Barry Desker,
Dean, RSIS*

The coming Academic Year 2008/2009 will see the introduction of an M.Sc. programme in Asian Studies. Strategically located as we are, students opting for this programme will have the unique advantage of being able to learn as participant-scholars during an era of momentous changes in Asia. In the new Academic Year, RSIS will also be partnering with the Nanyang Business School to mount a new two-year MBA (International Studies) Programme. This programme will provide students with a solid base in business and international affairs that will help them handle the challenges of operating in an increasingly globalized economy. These new programmes add to the existing M.Sc. programmes in Strategic Studies, International Relations and International Political Economy. This year, RSIS will continue to work towards providing our M.Sc. students with a wider choice. In the pipeline are plans to introduce a new M.Sc. programme in Defence and Homeland Security Management in Academic Year 2010/2011.

Our existing Master's programmes also include seminars on the history and practice of diplomacy, international negotiations processes, intelligence and national security as well as practical skills courses such as the management of crises, the handling of media interviews and the writing of policy papers. We have also put more resources into International Economics, International History, International Law and Diplomacy so as to provide greater depth to our studies on International Affairs. We are increasingly an interdisciplinary institution with staff possessing backgrounds in political science, economics, history and law as well as staff with scientific and technological backgrounds and an interest in security issues.

We have introduced a new Science, Technology and Security Programme to research security issues such as energy issues, nuclear proliferation and pandemics. The programme aims to provide an integrated solution that transcends the sciences, the humanities and the social sciences arena. It will serve as a platform for interdisciplinary knowledge sharing among the various schools and research centres in NTU. The intention is to upgrade this programme to a centre when funding becomes available.

In 2007, the School also started a new South Asia Programme, which is an extension of the India Programme initiated in 2004 to research the rise of India and the potential impact this may have on the region. The

South Asia Programme will examine the military, security and geopolitical factors that are shaping South Asia's new profile in Asia and the world.

The centres and research programmes in RSIS continue to make impressive progress in spite of lean staffing levels. As reflected within the pages of this Review, the high volume of research being done is evident in the 30 conferences and workshops our staff have organized or co-organized with other institutions during the year, and by the number of works published by the School and by each staff member individually.

It is not possible to explain all that has been accomplished within this brief message but the achievements of the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme should suffice as an illustration. The research output of this programme is comparable to that of more established centres elsewhere. Its credibility is illustrated by the many grants it has received from foundations such as the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany. The programme has further built on these successes by winning two research projects from the ASEAN Secretariat through competitive tenders: one on the East Asia Summit and regional cooperation, and the other on the ASEAN Regional Forum and preventive diplomacy. It is ready to be upgraded to a centre when funding becomes available.

RSIS also took the initiative to organize the first meeting of ASEAN think tanks and institutions involved in defence and security issues in August 2007. At the meeting, the participants agreed that RSIS should form the secretariat for this grouping, which will support the ASEAN defence Track One process.

In the year ahead, RSIS will also explore the feasibility of having student exchange programmes with other professional graduate schools of international affairs. The availability of such exchange programmes will help to attract better students to the School.

2007 was a promising start for RSIS in its new incarnation. As we continue to develop and to grow in the years ahead, we will continue to be inspired by the achievements of our predecessor, IDSS. The fine tradition of scholarship established by it will be maintained.

A Brief History of RSIS

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

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

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

Guests attending the ceremony at NTU's Nanyang Auditorium on 8 January 2007 to mark the establishment of RSIS on 1 January 2007



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 Ambassador 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 RSIS in a concurrent capacity as Senior Research Advisor.

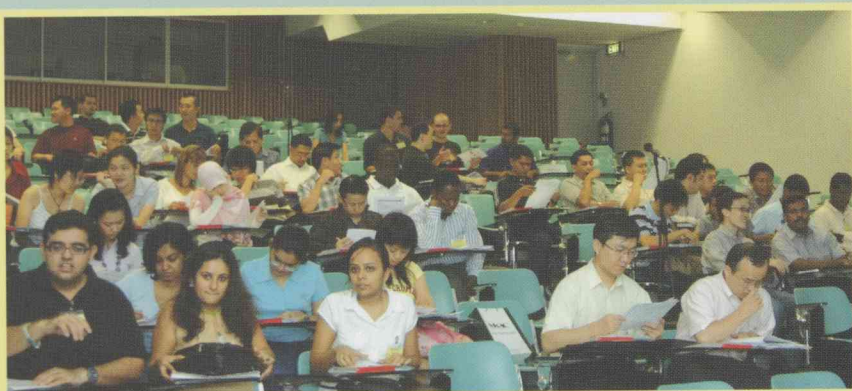
RSIS runs several lecture and conference series started by IDSS. It also continues to be active in organizing conferences and workshops on regional security, including the annual Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO), the annual Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), the annual Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security and the biennial Asia-Pacific Security Conference, which it organizes jointly with the Singapore aerospace event.

RSIS has also taken over from IDSS its role as the Secretariat for the Singapore National Committee of the Council for Security Co-operation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP). In this capacity, RSIS has contributed to the ASEAN Regional Forum's security agenda through its participation in, or convening of, workshops on behalf of CSCAP.

In the area of teaching, the School'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 RSIS staff as well as international and local specialists in the fields of strategic studies, terrorism studies, international relations, political economy, foreign policy analysis, defence technology and business management. To widen the choice for students, two new Master's programmes will be introduced in 2008: the M.Sc. programme in Asian Studies and the MBA in International Studies, which RSIS will run jointly with the University's Nanyang Business School.

In the area of teaching, the School has benefited from IDSS's earlier association with King's College, London, in particular from the assistance of Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, its Professor of War Studies. Professor

Students at RSIS come from many countries around the world.



Freedman was IDSS's Consultant and External Examiner until June 2003. He provided sterling service to the Institute and its Master's programmes. Appointed to take Professor Freedman's place were Professor Stephen Walt and Professor Steve Smith, who currently serve RSIS as Consultant and External Examiner, respectively. Professor Stephen Walt is the Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, while Professor Steve Smith is Vice Chancellor of the University of Exeter.

The School's graduate programmes have been able to draw students from many countries around the world. Thus far, students have come from 39 foreign countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Britain, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Maldives, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, the Netherlands, Germany, Ghana, Egypt, France, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Timor Leste, 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 student enrolment in 2007/2008 is 151. RSIS's role in teaching was enhanced when IDSS took in its first doctoral student in 2003/2004. The doctoral programme, which started in 2003, graduated its first Ph.D. candidate in 2006. It presently has eight students.

RSIS is also contracted to teach geopolitics and regional security in various officer courses at SAFTI Military Institute. It also teaches the

subject in various courses at the Defence and Home Affairs ministries. The School's International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), which was inaugurated on 20 February 2004, has also conducted courses on terrorism for officers of these ministries.

Faculty and research staff of RSIS are also actively involved in research on issues related to security and stability in the Asia Pacific and their implications for Singapore. Besides IDSS and ICPVTR, the School's research structure includes the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) and the Consortium on Non-traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia), all of which host one or more programmes. CENS was inaugurated on 29 March 2006 while NTS-Asia was launched on 8 January 2007. Also established in 2007 is the new Science, Technology and Security Programme.

The research agenda of the School includes terrorism, maritime security, homeland security, non-traditional security, contemporary Islam, civil and internal conflicts, multilateralism and regionalism, international political economy, and, more recently, energy security. Research findings are shared with others, including those involved in security, diplomacy and business, by way of articles in refereed journals and the School's monograph series, working papers, policy papers, commentaries and other publications. RSIS emphasizes analyses accessible to the policy and business communities, in addition to publications for an academic audience.

The School has a growing number of sponsors. Those that have contributed grants to support the activities of the School and its predecessor, or to their respective Endowment Funds, include the following:

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- ❖ Singapore Labour Foundation
- ❖ National Trades Union Congress (NTUC)
- ❖ Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- ❖ Ford Foundation
- ❖ Brenthurst Foundation
- ❖ Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

RSIS hosts many local and foreign scholars under its Visiting Research Fellow Programme. The presence of such scholars enriches the intellectual

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milieu of the School, and provides many opportunities through informal seminars for the faculty and research staff to acquire additional perspectives and insights.

RSIS is a non-profit organization. Besides the sponsors listed above, other major sources of funds include the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Security Coordination Secretariat, which utilize RSIS's teaching and consultancy services; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which supports CSCAP and other Track Two activities; and the School's teaching programmes, including executive education programmes. Earnings from the IDSS Endowment Fund are used to support the activities of the Institute's programmes.

A campaign to raise \$40 million (including dollar-for-dollar matching grants from the Government) for the RSIS Endowment Fund has been going on since the inauguration of RSIS. Led by Mr. S. Chandra Das, Chairman of NUR Investment and Trading Pte Ltd and Singapore's non-resident Ambassador to Turkey, the Fund Raising Campaign Committee has raised a total of \$34.6 million by December 2007. Income from this endowment will be used to engage world-class faculty and research staff and award scholarships to talented students. This will provide students with a wider choice of courses, higher levels of excellence in teaching and increased research support.

Of the amount raised so far, \$3 million were donated by Ngee Ann Kongsi, the Teochew philanthropic group that has a long history of promoting education in Singapore, with Nanyang Technological University among the many beneficiaries. Its donation enabled RSIS to establish the

Mr. S R Nathan (right), President of Singapore and Patron of the RSIS Endowment Fund, with Mr. Teo Chiang Long, President of Ngee Ann Kongsi, at the launch of the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations



Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations, an endowed Chair that was launched on 27 November 2007. Income from the endowment will be used to engage renowned scholars in international relations to teach and to research at the School. RSIS plans to establish another professorship—the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) Professorship in International Economic Relations—with the \$2.5 million raised by the NTUC.

RSIS employs more than 100 personnel today and has, beginning with its predecessor, IDSS, achieved a track record out of proportion to its youth and size. It has come a long way in establishing itself as a centre for teaching and research, and as one of the key nodes in the global network of think tanks.



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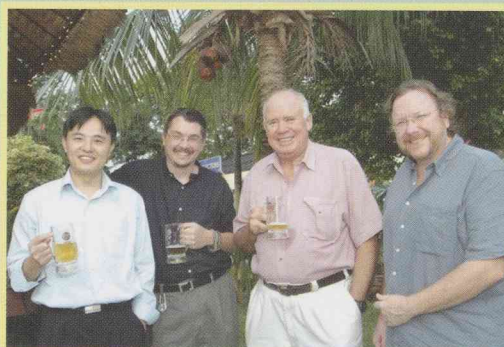
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RSIS Staff and
family members
at the annual Staff
Dinner held at
Grand Copthorne
Waterfront Hotel on
22 March 2007

Endowed Professorships at RSIS

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

- ❖ S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies; and
- ❖ Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations.

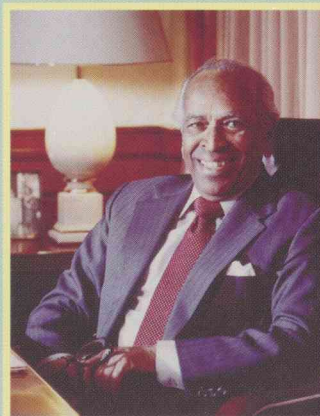
S. RAJARATNAM PROFESSORSHIP IN STRATEGIC STUDIES

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

Mr. Rajaratnam, born in 1915, was elected Member of Parliament for Kampung Glam in 1959 and continued to represent the constituency until his retirement in 1988. He became the Minister for Culture in 1959, 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. He passed away in 2006.

The S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies is made possible by a \$2.6 million fund (excluding a matching grant from the Singapore Government) raised by the Fund Raising Committee chaired by Mr. S. Chandra Das, Member of Parliament for Cheng San Group Representative Constituency from 1980 to 1996.

The S. Rajaratnam Chair in Strategic Studies at RSIS will be held in perpetuity. Income generated from the invested endowment funds is used to invite internationally



Mr. S. Rajaratnam

renowned scholars to teach and to research at the School. The S. Rajaratnam Professorship thus enables RSIS to increase its international linkages as well as benefit from the knowledge, experience and wisdom of eminent scholars appointed to the Chair.

The scholar appointed to the prestigious S. Rajaratnam Chair in the period reviewed was Professor Richard K. Betts, Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, from 1 to 22 August 2007.

The following scholars have held this Chair previously:

- ❖ 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
- ❖ Professor 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
- ❖ Professor C. Raja Mohan, Professor of South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in August 2005
- ❖ Professor Rosemary Foot, Professor of International Relations and the John Swire Senior Research Fellow at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, from 2 August to 15 November 2006.



*Professor Richard
Betts, S. Rajaratnam
Professor in Strategic
Studies in 2007*

NGEE ANN KONGSI PROFESSORSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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



President S R Nathan (fourth from left) receiving the \$3 million donation from Ngee Ann Kongsi

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

In addition to these professorships, RSIS plans to establish the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) Professorship in International Economic Relations. This professorship is named after the NTUC, which raised a total of \$2.5 million from the Singapore Labour Foundation, the National Trades Union Congress, Grocery Logistics of Singapore Pte Ltd, NTUC Income Insurance Cooperative Ltd, NTUC Club and NTUC Healthcare Cooperative Ltd. The donations and the matching grants from the Government will provide an income that will enable RSIS to invite renowned scholars in international economic relations to teach and to research at the School.

Visiting Scholars

Visiting scholars play an important role in the School's research agenda. Besides scholars appointed to the S. Rajaratnam Chair in Strategic Studies, RSIS also has a Visiting Programme to enable local and overseas scholars to do research at the School for periods varying from one month to a year. Visiting scholars contribute to the intellectual life in RSIS by providing faculty and research staff with additional perspectives and insights through informal exchanges at in-house seminars.

The following visiting scholars spent time at RSIS in 2007:

Dr. Sam Bateman, B.Ec. (Queensland), Grad. Dip. Acntg. (Canberra), M.Ec. (Papua New Guinea), Ph.D. (UNSW)

Visiting Senior Fellow and Adviser to the Maritime Security Programme
1 September 2006 – 31 August 2008



Associate Professor
Robert Beckman

Associate Professor Robert Beckman
Associate Professor and Vice Dean (Academic Affairs), Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

1 June 2006 – 31 May 2007

Professor Richard K. Betts

Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University
1–22 August 2007

Ms. Cathrine Bjune

Director, Norwegian School of Management (BI)
1 March – 1 May 2007

Dr. Gerard Chaliand

Former Director of the European Center for the Study of Conflicts (Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique), Paris
27 August – 28 September 2007

Dr. Chulacheeb Chinwanno

Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University, Thailand
4 July 2007 – 19 September 2007

Ambassador Henry Crumpton

Distinguished Fellow, East West Institute
4–12 August 2007

Dr. Arthur Ding Shuhfan
Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan
 1 August 2007 – 31 March 2008

Professor Bruce Hoffman
*Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
 Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.*
 30 July – 18 August 2007

Ms. Diane Russel Ong Junio
Philippines National Police
 15 March – 15 July 2007

Mr. Don Pathan
The Nation, Thailand
 1 December 2007 – 29 February 2008

Dr. Lawrence Prabhakar
Department of Political Science, Madras Christian College (University of Madras)
 5 March – 3 June 2007

Col. Qi Da-Peng
Research Fellow, Institute of Strategic Studies, National Defense University, The People's Liberation Army, China
 5 February – 1 May 2007

Dr. Antonio Rappa
Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
 12 November 2007 – 1 March 2008

Professor John Ravenhill, B.Sc. (Hull), M.A. (Dalhousie), A.M. (Indiana), Ph.D. (UC, Berkeley)
Visiting Professor and Adviser to the International Political Economy Programme
 4 August 2006 – 3 August 2008

Mr. Richard Smith
Former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Australia
 6 August 2007 – 7 December 2007



Mr. Richard Smith

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Professor Leo Suryadinata
Director, Chinese Heritage Centre
5 March – 2 June 2007

Ms. Netina Tan Chiew Pheng
Doctoral Student, University of British Columbia
16 January – 7 March 2007



Professor Geoffrey Till

Professor Geoffrey Till
*Dean of Academic Studies, Joint Services
Command
and Staff College, War Studies Group, King's
College, London*
8 January – 1 April 2008

Mr. Thomas Timlen
*Former Head of Department, Security and International Affairs,
The Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO)*
10 October 2007 – 9 January 2008

Dr. Alexander Lam Vuying
*Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard
University*
12 March – 11 June 2007

Research at RSIS

RSIS faculty and researchers conduct both academic and policy-oriented research on international and security issues that affect Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific regions, in the context of major developments and shifts in the international system. Research is organized under four broad categories:

- Asia-Pacific Security
- Conflict and Non-Traditional Security
- International Political Economy
- 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	International Political Economy	Country and Area Studies
Multilateral Security	Political Violence and Terrorism	Finance	China
Revolution in Military Affairs	Homeland Security	Trade	Indonesia
Maritime Security	Non-Traditional Security	Economic Development	United States
	Negotiations		South Asia
	Contemporary Islam		
	Civil and Internal Conflicts		
	Science, Technology and Security		

ASIA-PACIFIC SECURITY

Multilateralism and Regionalism

In the brief span of six years, academic and policy-relevant scholarship produced by RSIS on multilateralism and regionalism in the Asia Pacific has achieved international renown. Funded by international foundations

such as the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation of Germany, the research output of the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme is comparable to that of more established centres elsewhere.

In 2007, the research output of the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme, which is coordinated by Dr. Tan See Seng, included the following:

- One edited book on Asia-Pacific security cooperation
- One single-authored book on regional Track 2 diplomacy
- One monograph on ASEAN regionalism and regional security
- One roundtable report on Asian security
- One study group report on Asian regional institutions
- Multiple journal articles, book chapters, working papers, op-ed pieces and commentaries

Programme staff and associates also presented papers at various academic as well as policy-related conferences, workshops and roundtables both within and beyond Singapore. In 2007, the programme was awarded, through competitive tender, two major research projects by the ASEAN Secretariat: one on the East Asia Summit and regional cooperation, and the other on the ASEAN Regional Forum and preventive diplomacy.

There was considerable networking activity, including the organization of conferences, symposia, a study group workshop in support of the Sentosa Roundtable and numerous briefings and discussions with visiting delegations and project teams. Among these, two conferences are particularly noteworthy: a meeting commemorating ASEAN's fortieth anniversary and a meeting inaugurating the establishment of a new Track



Participants of the first meeting of the Track 2 Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Think Tanks held on 23–24 August 2007

2 network of defence and security institutions aimed at supporting the annual ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting. The programme also hosted visiting researchers and doctoral candidates working on Asian multilateralism and regionalism from around the world.

RSIS is seeking funding that will enable this programme to be upgraded to a Centre for Diplomacy and International Affairs. This project—which began in 2007 in the form of a modest Seminar Series on Diplomacy involving senior or retired diplomats—is premised on the fact that skilled diplomacy is indispensable to bringing people together in the maintenance of a stable and peaceful world order. The proposed centre will include a Regionalism Programme and a Multilateralism Programme that will do research as well as conduct workshops for mid-career officers from countries in Asia. It will also conduct a year-long Fellows Programme for diplomats and other officials from countries in Asia. RSIS's Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme aspires to become a leading research hub for multilateralism and regionalism studies in the Asia-Pacific region. The anticipated evolution to a centre in the near future is an important step in that direction.

Revolution in Military Affairs

The Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA) Programme was established in 2003. Coordinated by Dr. Bernard Loo, the RMA Programme aims to develop an indigenous scholarly and policy-relevant expertise on the subject of RMA theory and the related area of military transformation. The programme thus seeks to adapt the existing body of RMA literature towards the geopolitical conditions unique to Singapore and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF). In so doing, the programme aims to be relevant to the future development of the SAF.

The programme continues to work closely with the SAF's Future Systems Directorate in identifying areas of research. These areas of research fall into four broad categories:

- ❖ Transformation and strategy
- ❖ Transformation and operational doctrines
- ❖ Impediments to transformation
- ❖ Country approaches to transformation

Over time, the programme has expanded its research focus to include

Professor Ron Matthews, Deputy Director of IDSS-RSIS, speaking at the conference on "Over the Horizon Proliferation Threats" held on 12–14 September 2007



matters pertaining to counter-insurgency, post-conflict operations, defence industrialization and defence economics.

The programme has published one Adelphi Paper—*Network Centric Warfare: Coalition Operations in the Age of US Military Primacy*, Adelphi Paper 385 (London: IISS, 2006). It also had articles accepted by internationally refereed journals such as *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, *The Korean Jour-*

nal of Defense Analysis and the *Stockholm Journal of East Asia Studies*. In addition, members of the programme have had chapters accepted in a number of edited volumes. The programme has also contributed actively to the *RSIS Commentaries* series. In addition, it is publishing with Routledge selected papers from two conferences organized in 2005 and 2006. In the pipeline are two book-length studies and an edited volume arising out of a conference organized in 2007.

In the area of networking, the programme has participated in a number of international conferences and fora—the Soumenlinna Seminar (National Defence University, Finland) and the Western Economic Association's International Annual Conference. Programme members also had meetings with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the Swedish Defence Research Agency, the Centre for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, the East-West Center and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies' Pacific Forum. Two conferences were also organized in 2007—one in conjunction with the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Contemporary Conflicts on nuclear proliferation in Asia, and a conference on the state of the art in defence industries in the Asia Pacific. Finally, the programme has secured in-principle agreement with several leading specialists on the RMA and on military affairs to be visiting scholars at RSIS in 2008.

Maritime Security

LTC Joshua Ho coordinates the Maritime Security Programme at IDSS-RSIS. Research in maritime security started in 2004, following concerns over the security of ports and sea lanes. Due to this concern, the programme has maintained a research focus on piracy, armed robbery, maritime terrorism and the security of sea lanes.



Paper presenters
at the South China
Sea Conference
(from left): Dr. Mark
Valencia, Dr. Robert
Beckman and Dr.
Sam Bateman

In terms of research output, programme staff have had articles accepted by major refereed journals such as *Security Challenges*, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, *The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis*, *Maritime Affairs* and *Maritime Studies*. A number of articles are also currently under review by other refereed journals. In addition, members of the programme have had chapters accepted in seven edited volumes and are also in the process of editing two edited volumes. The programme has also contributed actively to the *RSIS Commentaries* series.

A conference on “South China Sea: Towards a Cooperative Management Regime” was also organized in May. The conference examined the current situation in the South China Sea and looked at how a cooperative regime could be developed to manage safety, security and even environmental issues. An edited volume based on the conference’s proceedings is due to be published soon.

The programme has also been active in the area of networking. It organized or participated in four major events. In March, the programme organized, in concert with the Maritime Institute of Malaysia and the Centre for Southeast Asia Studies, Jakarta, a symposium on “Enhancement of Safety of Navigation and the Environmental Protection of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore”, that was held in Kuala Lumpur. The project was funded by the Nippon Foundation. The Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia delivered the opening remarks for the conference, which was followed by a workshop in Singapore on a similar theme that was held in June.

In April, members of the programme were involved in the Southeast Asia Cooperation Against Terrorism (SEACAT) Senior Leadership Semi-

nar organized by the COMLOGWESTPAC in Singapore as well as in the MILOPS seminar organized by the U.S. Pacific Command. In October, the programme co-organized the inaugural RSIS-National Maritime Foundation Conference, which was held in New Delhi. The conference examined security issues in the Indian Ocean region.

The programme is planning to organize a joint conference with the Centre for Ocean Law and Policy, University of Virginia, on the Law of the Sea in 2008. To be titled "Freedom of the Seas, Passage Rights and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention", it will be held in January. The programme is also planning a joint conference with the National Maritime Foundation. This will be a follow-up conference to the one organized in October this year. It is expected that the conference will be an annual event alternating in venue between India and Singapore. Following the positive response to our participation this year, the programme is expected again to participate in the SEACAT Senior Leadership Seminar in 2008. Besides this, the programme will also be undertaking a project on Law and Order at Sea in Southeast Asia.

CONFLICT AND NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY

Political Violence and Terrorism

In 2007, the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) at RSIS grew to become one of the largest counter-terrorism research, education and training centres in the world. A testament to the international standing of the ICPVTR is the large number of briefings—more than 60 for the year in review—that its staff gave to visitors. With 31 staff from nine countries, it has truly become an international centre. Almost half its staff are Muslims and, for the first time since the inception of the centre, foreigners outnumber Singaporeans, making up 58% of total staff strength.

Apart from its primary focus on terrorism and extremism in the South-east Asian region, the centre continued to build its Middle East desk (which was started in 2006) and commenced special focus on Pakistan in 2007 by recruiting three native Pakistanis to carry out in-depth research and to monitor security developments in the militant-infested border areas between Afghanistan and Pakistan and the rest of Pakistan.

In 2007, ICPVTR spent much time focusing its research on counter-ing radical Islamist ideology. Singapore's de-radicalization programme attracted much global interest. Dr. Rohan Gunaratna, the Head of the Centre, and Mr. Mohamed bin Ali, an Associate Research Fellow at ICPVTR, shared their knowledge and literature on counter-ideology with numerous countries, including Iraq, which has started a de-radicalization programme partly based on knowledge gained from these ICPVTR experts. While Mr. Muhammad Haniff published a book in 2006 to counter Bali bomber Imam Samudra's justification for the bombing, ICPVTR's Counter-Ideology desk members produced an easy-to-read Q&A booklet on *Jihad* in 2007 for mass circulation, not only to the Muslim community but also to the rest of the population. The booklet was very well received and was even promoted by DPM Wong Kan Seng at a grassroots function.

ICPVTR launched its new Counter Terrorism Leadership Programme (CTLP) in August 2007. During the past several years, ICPVTR has been offering a unique attachment programme that allows counter-terrorism officials to work with and receive training from ICPVTR while they contribute their professional experience and domain knowledge to our staff. This programme has attracted international attention and significant praise. Its participants are drawn from the counter-terrorism services of government ministries and agencies. During their three-month attachments, the participants in the programme are required to attend all classes offered during a given trimester on the Counter-Terrorism certificate track in addition to any agreed upon assignments while attached to ICPVTR. In the August to October trimester the CTLP had two participants from the Maldives Police, one from the Hong Kong Police, and two from the Ministry of Home Affairs.

In March 2007, ICPVTR conducted a special course for three visiting Afghans from the Centre for Conflict and Peace Studies (CAPS) in Kabul. They were taught how to write terrorist profiles, attack profiles and other related matters. This was followed in September 2007 by a Counter-Terrorism Finance Training Programme organized for senior officials in the Philippines. The 2½-day programme at the National Defense College of the Philippines was a big success.

The ICPVTR and the National Library Board of Singapore (NLB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2007. Under the MoU, the NLB will preserve critical documents recovered by ICPVTR from the field. The centre also received a request from Chinese agencies and insti-

tutions to share their knowledge of potential threats to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. At their invitation, an ICPVTR staff member visited China in late September 2007. ICPVTR was also invited to brief U.S. Pacific Commander Admiral Keating, the highest-ranking U.S. military leader in the Asia-Pacific, and his commanders on the strategic threat of terrorism.

In the area of research, ICPVTR analysts have produced numerous *RSIS commentaries*, one of which was recently cited in the Philippine Senate. Its weekly report series has generated significant interest, with a recent report on Sri Lanka being quoted in a leading Indian newspaper.

The centre plans to produce a series of terrorism-related documentary films. Additionally, it will work with the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information in NTU on a research project involving its Informatics Security project. By early 2008, ICPVTR plans to recruit one to two staff from Bangladesh to start in-depth research on Islamist extremism and militancy in Bangladesh. It will also be launching a new monthly summary report of the trends in terrorism as well as a new publication called *Counter-Terrorism Trends and Analysis* (CTTA). This monthly publication will provide its threat specialists with greater opportunity to offer focused insight and discussion on critical issues in terrorism.

Homeland Security

The Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) at RSIS was established in March 2006. It has the following objectives:

- ❖ To build up intellectual capital in support of national security management objectives
- ❖ To augment and provide new perspectives to national security policy-making and planning processes
- ❖ To plug into the international network of think tanks, universities and relevant government agencies to promote strategic partnerships for knowledge generation and intellectual exchange
- ❖ To help promote greater public national security awareness

Headed by Dr. Kumar Ramakrishna, CENS covers three areas of research, namely, Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning; Social Resilience; and Homeland Defence. CENS has grown from four staff members to include a total of nine researchers and professors today.

In the past year, CENS has been preparing policy-oriented analytical

commentaries, along with op-ed pieces published in leading local newspapers—such as *The Straits Times*, *Today* and *Berita Harian*—and foreign newspapers. CENS also participated in other media events including Channel News Asia's Insight programme and radio interviews. In addition, *CENS Outlook*, a short analysis of emerging security threats, vulnerabilities and trends, is published once a week while CENS staff members have also published books, including *Social Resilience in Singapore: Reflections from the London Bombings* and academic book chapters.

In order to tap into global best practices in national security management, CENS has continuously sought to foster networking opportunities, both with local and international security agencies as well as foreign think tanks. For example, in May 2007, CENS collaborated with the Royal United Services Institute of London on a day-long workshop on Social Resilience. CENS has also fulfilled its public outreach function in several ways. CENS staff members participated in local and international media interviews, lectured to diverse local and foreign audiences on national security issues and moderated public seminars on relevant topics such as religious extremism.

Working with other members of RSIS, CENS staff also taught modules for the Civil Defence Academy and the Home Team Academy's Senior Commanders' Course. A two-day-long course was also conducted for Thailand's Foreign Ministry on issues pertaining to national security. Besides such external teaching, Dr. Kumar Ramakrishna and Dr. Norman Vasu also teach Master's courses related to national security in the M.Sc. Programmes at RSIS.



Deputy Prime Minister Professor S. Jayakumar (fourth from left) at the first Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers held in January 2007. Professor Jayakumar gave the opening address

In 2007, CENS organized a number of highly focused workshops and seminars on its different areas of research. In addition, CENS also organized four major international conferences: (i) the Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) in January; (ii) a conference on Land Transport Security in February; (iii) the International Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning (IRAHS) Symposium in March; and (iv) a conference on Pandemics Surveillance in September of 2007. The proceedings for all four conferences have been published as conference reports. In 2008, besides its teaching and publishing responsibilities, CENS plans to host key events such as the Networked Government & Homeland Security Workshop, the Social Resilience Workshop, the IRAHS Symposium and APPSNO.

Non-Traditional Security

2007 marks yet another eventful year for the Non-Traditional Security Programme in RSIS. The Inaugural Meeting of the Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia) held on 8–9 January 2007 was a milestone in the progress of NTS studies. The meeting not only launched the consortium but also brought together its 14 regional network members to discuss current NTS challenges facing the region and possible policy responses to address these problems. The agenda of the Inaugural Meeting also included discussions on the future activities of the consortium. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, former Thai Foreign Minister and Member of the International Commission on Human Security, was the keynote speaker.

Participants of the Inaugural Meeting of NTS-Asia held on 8–9 January 2007



On 5–9 March 2007, three dissemination meetings were held in the United States—in New York, Washington and San Francisco. These seminars were aimed at building regional capacity and expertise in NTS by bringing together scholars, analysts and the policy community, thereby further mainstreaming NTS issues in the wider community.

The NTS-Asia Research Fellowship Programme commenced in July 2007. Three research grants, each of three months, were given to outstanding active researchers who had the choice of doing their research at any of the 14 NTS-Asia member institutes. This pioneering batch of research fellows comprised Dr. Rizal Sukma (Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Indonesia), Mr. Mohd Jalal Sikder (Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit, Bangladesh) and Ms. Wang Jiangli (Zhejiang University, China). The three research fellows are expected to produce a publishable research paper or monograph for NTS-Asia at the end of their fellowship.

An NTS-Asia sub-regional workshop jointly organized by RSIS and CSIS was held in Banda Aceh on 2–4 September. Entitled “Humanitarian Emergencies and Human Security: Lessons from Aceh”, the workshop brought together a diverse array of participants, many of whom were involved in relief operations in Aceh following the 2004 Asian tsunami. Drawing on their various experiences, the workshop reflected the significance of cooperation among both state and non-state actors in addressing non-traditional security crises. RSIS participants also had the chance to visit various areas affected by the tsunami and several landmarks of Aceh’s rich history and culture.

Another sub-regional workshop on migration is scheduled to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in mid 2008. This will be organized by Bangladesh’s Refugee and Migratory Research Unit, a member of the NTS-Asia consortium.

An NTS training course was organized for Indonesian police doctors, lecturers and NGO leaders on 22–24 August, with the support of the Ford Foundation in Jakarta. As an important agency in the country’s security sector, the course was aimed at sensitizing the Indonesian police to the security implications of a wide range of NTS challenges—many of which are pertinent to Indonesia. The participants included 12 members from the Police Academy in Jakarta and five Indonesian NGO representatives.

On 11–12 October, RSIS’s NTS programme organized an international conference on “Climate Change and Security” in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy in Singapore. The conference had various panels

that covered different themes of climate change—issues and challenges, energy security, the politics of climate change among major powers, and the way forward in the post-2012 Kyoto Protocol period. The opinions and recommendations expressed were compiled for policy inputs in the UNFCCC meeting in Bali in early December 2007.

The year concluded with the holding of NTS-Asia's First Annual Convention in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 5–6 November. Organized by the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), the convention brought together members of NTS-Asia as well as other NTS scholars associated with the National Defense University (NDU) in Washington, and members of the diplomatic corps and NGO community. Opening remarks were delivered by Professor Syed Rifaat Hussain, Executive Director of RCSS, Dr. Meiwita Budhiharsana, Country Representative for the Ford Foundation in Indonesia, and Associate Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony, Secretary-General of NTS-Asia. Dr. Rama Mani, Executive Director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, delivered the keynote address with a focus on emerging challenges to human security.

Moving forward from the discussion at NTS-Asia's First Annual Convention, a number of significant projects and activities are set to be implemented in the coming year. These include plans for the expansion of the network membership, the launch of research clusters, as well as plans to develop an NTS curriculum.

Negotiations Programme

The Asian Programme for Negotiation and Conflict Management (AP-NCM) was revamped in 2007. The objective is to expand this programme into a Centre for Negotiations when funding becomes available. While the APNCM focused on the conduct of negotiations workshops, the Centre for Negotiations will initially carry out research, training and teaching in international trade negotiations. Its objective is to train trade policy specialists for Singapore and other countries in Asia to deal with the complexities of day-to-day policymaking and policy implementation on trade issues. This will enhance capacity building for regional decision-makers. Our emphasis will be on practical issues that policymakers confront in the various trade regimes rather than on abstract theory. With adequate funding, the centre will move on to support research and training initiatives in conflict negotiations and diplomatic negotiations.

Contemporary Islam Programme

The Contemporary Islam Programme (CIP) is coordinated by Dr. Joseph Liow, who is concurrently Head of Research of IDSS-RSIS and Coordinator of the Institute's Civil and Internal Conflict Programme.

In 2007, the programme started on a project examining trans-national Islamist civil society networks across South and Southeast Asia. The project team includes Joseph Liow (overall supervisor), Farish Noor (University of Berlin), Greg Fealy (ANU), Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid (USM) and Mohamed Nawab (RSIS). The project entails in-depth research into a number of trans-national Islamic organizations, namely, Hizbut Tahrir (Indonesia), Jemaat Tabligh (Southeast Asia and South Asia), PAS (Malaysia), Tarbiyyah (Indonesia) and PKS (Indonesia), as well as a number of other civil society groups in Malaysia and Indonesia. The project is envisaged to run for two years, with the deliverables taking the form of reports as well as an edited volume.

In early 2008, the project will embark on a study of Islamic education institutions across Southeast Asia, focusing on Indonesia, Malaysia and southern Thailand. This project will be supervised by Dr. Liow and will involve both in-house researchers, including Dr. Leonard Sebastian and Dr. Luthfi Assaukanie from the Indonesia Programme, as well as local field researchers.

Aside from these projects, programme staff have been pursuing their own research. Dr. Karim Douglas Crow is completing a book manuscript on humanism in Islamic thought for Brill, while Dr. Liow has recently completed two book manuscripts, one on Muslim politics in Malaysia and the other on Islamic education in southern Thailand. Both manuscripts are currently under review at several university presses.

Besides these, during the year in review, five reports were published (including three *RSIS Working Papers*), which were some of the research outputs from a major, multi-country research project concluded in 2006. This was the project on "Muslim Identities and Societies in Southeast Asia: Attitudes, Perceptions and Socio-political Structures", which covered Indonesia (Sumatra, Java and Sulawesi), Malaysia, Thailand and the Philippines.

Civil and Internal Conflict Programme

The Civil and Internal Conflicts Programme (CICP) is coordinated by Dr. Joseph Liow, who is concurrently Head of Research of IDSS-RSIS and Coordinator of the Institute's Contemporary Islam Programme.

In 2007, Dr. Liow was invited to be a guest editor for a Special Issue of *Asian Security*. This issue of the journal was titled "Internal Conflicts in Southeast Asia: The Nature, Legitimacy, and (Changing) Role of the State". Further to that, the programme intends to publish a major monograph exploring the conflict in southern Thailand from the perspective of the militants. This monograph will be co-authored by Dr. Joseph Liow and Mr. Don Pathan (of *The Nation*, Thailand), and will be based on extensive interviews conducted by both authors with militants from insurgency groups operating in southern Thailand, as well as with various people associated with the violence. The monograph is scheduled for publication in August 2008. Dr. Terence Lee, a faculty associate of the CICP, is also preparing a manuscript on civil-military relations for publication under the rubric of the programme.

Aside from publications, the programme also co-organized a workshop with the Henri Dunant Centre (HDC) of Switzerland on the prospects of dialogue with trans-national militants in Southeast Asia. This workshop, held on 10–11 December, brought together conflict negotiators and mediators as well as senior government officials from the region to share their experiences and to discuss the possibilities and problems with dialogue and negotiation processes in internal conflicts. RSIS is presently in advanced discussions with HDC to establish a Conflict Mediation Centre in Singapore. This centre, to be managed jointly by RSIS and HDC, will provide

facilities for the training of conflict negotiators.

In 2007, Dr. Liow was also invited to speak on various occasions on the conflict in southern Thailand in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and Thailand. He was also invited to be an external consultant for a major

A session of the RSIS-HDC workshop on "The Role of Dialogue in Engaging Militant Groups" held on 10–11 December 2007



Thai counter-insurgency workshop and course in November. This was the first course of its kind held in Thailand against the current backdrop of violence and Dr. Liow is one of only two foreign specialists invited by the Thai security agencies to speak at the course.

Science, Technology and Security Programme

The Science, Technology and Security Programme (STSP) at RSIS is a multi-disciplinary programme that addresses the broad security issues of the region through the conduct of both qualitative and quantitative analyses. It aims to drive policy formulation of a security nature by drawing upon the work of the engineering and science disciplines.

The STSP leverages on the strengths of the engineering schools in Nanyang Technological University to conduct inter-disciplinary research that cuts across the broad spectrum of security issues. The programme will be able to do this without having to re-invent available technological capabilities. Its work straddles a wide range of programmes within RSIS and supports their respective research activities by adding a quantitative dimension.

The STSP's current research activities revolve around the various aspects of energy security. One of its projects includes a joint study with the University's School of Civil and Environmental Engineering to analyse the feasibility of civilian nuclear operations within the ASEAN region. In addressing the security implications of natural hazards, it is also working with expert engineers to characterize the geological formations of the neighbouring region to achieve a more accurate prediction of the risks and impact of natural disasters.



Dr. Alvin Chew, Coordinator of RSIS's Science, Technology and Security Programme, with Dr. Peter Burns (centre) and Mr. Richard Leaver (right) at the RSIS-ISDP Conference on Asia's energy security held on 7–8 September 2007

In the area of teaching, members of the programme contribute by teaching elective courses in the School's Master's programmes. Their contribution widens the scope of the curriculum in the field of international studies. The STSP hopes to collaborate with existing Master's programmes on protective technology currently residing in the engineering schools to provide a well-rounded curriculum that blends the hard sciences with the policy dimension.

In the year under review, the STSP also co-organized an international conference on Asia's energy security with the Swedish think tank, the Institute of Security and Development Policy (ISDP). Its focus on the Asian energy climate was again demonstrated through the high-profile, inaugural Middle East and Asia Energy Summit jointly organized with the Gulf Research Centre and International Business Communications (IBC). The programme also attracted prominent energy experts to give topical seminars at RSIS on topics such as the European Union's common energy policies. It also provided assistance to the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific's study group on Energy Security.

The STSP is dedicated to forging strategic partnerships with like-minded institutions in the United States and Europe (such as CISAC of Stanford University) that have a strong scientific and engineering establishment there. Such linkages will help guide the programme in research methodology to deal with emerging security issues.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

The research programme for the School's International Political Economy (IPE) programme, coordinated by Dr. Deborah Elms, fits within three broad programme areas: trade negotiations, financial integration and economic development. Staff members have been working on an integrated research agenda, collaborative teaching and increased international networking.

Important research projects for 2007 include the conclusion of a book manuscript on different forms of market capitalization in OECD economies and China, and a manuscript completed on negotiations in market access trade disputes. Articles based on both are currently under review at a variety of academic journals.

Dr. Richard Carney and Professor Soedradjad Djiwandono held an

international conference in Singapore in June that examined the Asian financial crisis ten years after the event. The conference brought together former central bankers and academics to consider possible lessons for Asia. An edited book drawn from the conference will be published in 2008.



Ms. Lim Hwee Hua (left) gave the opening remarks at the conference on the Asian Financial Crisis held on 25–26 June 2007

IPE staff members participated in multiple conferences, including the Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics and the Singapore Economic Review conference, and at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, the Academy of Management and the British International Studies Association.

The final leg of a three-part series on “Globalization and Economic Success: Policy Options for Africa” was held in October 2007 in South Africa. The conference was co-hosted by RSIS with the Brenthurst Foundation of South Africa, the Conrad Adenauer Foundation of Germany and Egypt’s Information and Decision Support Centre.

Topics in the IPE seminar series included China’s management of risk, the perils of regional or bilateral trade agreements, and an assessment of the World Trade Organization’s Doha development round’s failure.

COUNTRY AND AREA STUDIES

RSIS’s 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, the Indonesia, the South Asia and the United States Programmes.

China Programme

The China Programme, coordinated by Senior Fellow Dr. Shiping Tang, is broadly interested in all aspects of China’s strategic thinking and behav-

our. Its staff provide a distinctive regional voice on the issue of the role of China as a rising power.

In 2007, the programme largely completed its flagship project of 2006, which studied the dynamic interaction between China and other regional states through an empirical approach by looking at specific cases of crises and turning points in the interactive process between China and other regional states. The conference-based edited volume will be submitted to an international publisher soon while some of the chapters are being considered for a special issue in *Asian Survey*. The programme also completed a major part of its second major project, a conference on China's soft power held on 18–19 October 2007. Again, a conference volume will be published.

In addition to these main projects, the China Programme hosted a visit by Professor David Shambaugh, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs and Director of the China Policy Program at George Washington University. Professor Shambaugh gave an informal talk to members of the Pyramid Club, delivered a distinguished public lecture titled "The Bush Administration's Asia Policy: A Preliminary Report Card", gave an RSIS seminar on "China's Communist Party: Atrophy and Adaptation" and met with senior Government officials. The China Programme also hosted Ambassador Raymond Burghardt, the former U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam and now Director of the East-West Seminar Series at the East-West Center and Chairman of the American Institute of Taiwan. Ambassador Burghardt gave the inside story on the U.S.-Vietnamese relationship.

In 2007, the China Programme hosted its first two visiting fellows. Colonel Qi Dapeng, Senior Fellow of the Institute of Strategic Stud-

ies, National Defense University, PLA, visited from 1 February to 30 April 2007. His paper on the "Role of the PLA in China's Regional Strategy", presented at the RSIS conference on "Living with China", was published as an *RSIS Working Paper* and will later be published as a chapter in the conference book. Dr. Chulacheeb Chinwano, Professor of Political

Professor Chih-yu Shih (left) speaking at the conference on "Living with China" held on 8–9 March 2007. Also in the picture is Dr. Li Mingjiang of the School's China Programme



Science at Thammasat University, was a visiting fellow from May to August 2007. Dr. Chinwano wrote a paper on the evolution of the Thai-China strategic relationship, which will be published as an *RSIS Working Paper*.

Other major publications by programme staff include Shiping Tang's *Defensive Realism: A Systematic Statement* (under review by the *Cornell Studies in Security Affairs*, a prestigious book series edited by Robert Art, Robert Jervis and Stephen Walt); "Correspondence: Uncertainty and Reassurance in International Politics", *International Security* Vol. 32 No. 1 (Summer 2007); "From Offensive to Defensive Realism: An Evolutionary Interpretation of China's Security Strategy", in Robert Ross and Zhu Feng (Eds.), *IR Theory and the Rise of China* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, forthcoming); Li Mingjiang's "China's Charm Offensive in Asia: Economics, Politics, and Interactions", *RSIS Working Paper* No. 134; "China's South China Sea Dilemma: Balancing Sovereignty, Development, and Security", in Sam Bateman and Ralf Emmers (Eds.), *The Strategic Significance of the South China Sea* (forthcoming); and Shiping Tang, Mingjiang Li and Amitav Acharya (Eds.), *Living with China: Dynamic Relations between Regional States and China* (forthcoming).

Indonesia Programme

During the year in review, the Indonesia Programme, coordinated by Associate Professor Leonard Sebastian, accomplished research on civil-military relations, defence and security, political Islam, Islamic militancy, terrorism, internal conflict, foreign policy and international relations, the economy, problems of underdevelopment, and local politics and decentralization in the Riau region. Notable publications arising from some of the research include a monograph by Dr. Yuddy Chrisnandi on the Indonesian military entitled *Civil-Military Relations in Post Suharto Indonesia* and a policy brief by Dr. Sebastian entitled *Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and His Generals*.

Ongoing research includes two book-length studies on Islam in Indonesia, scholarly articles on local politics and democratization, and regular monitoring of political, economic, security and society-related developments in the Riau Archipelago and Riau Province. The latter entailed the publication of the *Riau Bulletin*, a fortnightly newsletter by Dr. Nankyung

Ambassador Barry
Desker, Dean RSIS,
with Mr. Ismeth
Abdullah, Governor
of Riau Archipelago,
Indonesia, at the
Riau Roundtable on
27 June 2007



Choi aimed at providing timely information to Singaporean investors in Riau. It also entailed the organization of a continuing series of Riau Roundtables and Riau Focused Discussions involving leading policymakers from the archipelago to discuss the implementation of the

Riau Special Economic Zone. These and related seminars have resulted in an edited volume and several papers on Riau.

A book manuscript on *Islamic Political Thought in Indonesia* by Dr. Luthfi Assyaukanie is currently under review at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Dr. Assyaukanie also received the Chancellor's Award at the University of Melbourne for one of the best dissertations submitted in 2006.

Dr. Sebastian was also invited by the Research Unit on International Security and Cooperation at Madrid's Complutense University to be the guest editor for its journal's special edition on Indonesia, entitled *Studying Defence Reform and Counter-Terrorism Strategy in Indonesia: Indonesian Perspectives* (October 2007). He is also currently working on two book-length studies: one entitled "Understanding the Context of Muslim Militancy in Indonesia" and the other focusing on the emergence of Partai Keadilan Sejahtera and its implications for Indonesia.

The Indonesia Programme, through Professor Abdul Munir Mulkhan, Dr. Bahtiar Effendy and Dr. Luthfi Assyaukanie, will be developing closer ties with UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, UIN Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta, and Paramadina University, Jakarta, which will help to facilitate the proposed research project on "Religion and Violence in Indonesia: Intolerant Doctrines in *Pesantren* Texts".

The Programme also hosted a number of talks and seminars by eminent Indonesians such as Dr. Mari Pangestu (Minister of Trade), Mr. Taufik Kiemas (Chairman, Central Advisory Board of PDI-P) and Dr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto (Head, BRRI). Mr. Irwandi Yusuf, the Governor of Aceh, is expected to provide an update on conditions in the province in Janu-

ary 2008. Other Indonesian leaders likely to speak at RSIS in 2008 are Dr. Boediono (Coordinating Minister for the Economy), Sri Mulyani Indrawati (Minister of Finance) and Sutiyoso (former Governor of Jakarta), among others.

Two workshops are planned for 2008: the second in the Riau Roundtable series and another that will commemorate ten years of *reformasi*.

South Asia Programme

Recognizing the growing importance of the Indian subcontinent in Asian and global affairs, RSIS initiated a new programme on South Asia in 2007. Incorporating the earlier initiative on a rising India, the South Asia Programme is now coordinated by Professor C. Raja Mohan. With Associate Professor Rajesh Basrur, the programme now has a nucleus of expertise that has begun to contribute to the teaching and research activities of RSIS.

In 2007, the programme actively contributed to the international debate on the implications of the historic India-U.S. civil nuclear initiative. Professor Mohan has begun work on a revised edition of his book on the subject. Dr. Basrur has completed his book on nuclear weapons and conflict in South Asia. Both have published or submitted a number of research articles on the evolution of India's nuclear policy in its multifarious dimensions.

While continuing to work on issues relating to nuclear weapons and non-proliferation in South Asia, the programme has also begun to generate work on relatively under-researched security dimensions of the subcontinent. Dr. Basrur published a co-edited volume on human security in South Asia. Professor Mohan had a research paper under review on the new area of India's potential contribution to Asian regional security order. He has published a research paper on the impact of domestic politics on India's foreign and security policies. This will form the foundation of a larger project he has initiated on the examination of the grand strategy of a rising India. The programme is also studying some of the new approaches India has adopted in resolving its territorial disputes with Pakistan and China, as well as its more forthcoming attitude towards South Asian regionalism. Research work has also been initiated on the regional intersection of the ambitions of Asia's two rising powers, China and India.

United States Programme

The United States Programme focuses on the foreign, military and broad security policies of the United States. How policymakers in the United States respond to strategic developments within the region will have a significant impact on the Asia-Pacific's security architecture. Many of the other research projects undertaken at RSIS are also underpinned by considerations for contemporary U.S. security strategy and policies. American policies consequently demand close scrutiny.

In 2007, research was undertaken on: (i) the United States and the regional security architecture; (ii) the revisionist tendencies of the United States as a hegemonic power and the implications on international security; and (iii) the international history of U.S. involvement in Asia. A paper, entitled "U.S. Primacy, the New Eurasian Strategic Landscape, and the Emerging Asian Order", by Visiting Research Fellow Dr. Alexander Lam Vuying was submitted as an *RSIS Working Paper*. The programme's research has also been accepted for publication as an article in the journal *Diplomatic History* and as a chapter in an edited volume. Another article is also currently under review by a refereed journal.

In October 2007, the programme collaborated with the Stanley Foundation to organize a conference on "Changing Security Cooperation and Competition: New Power Dynamics in Southeast Asia" in Singapore. RSIS has likewise hosted a number of distinguished scholars and practitioners at lectures and seminars on subjects related to the United States and U.S. security policy. They include MG Robert Lee, Adjutant General, State of Hawaii, Advisor on Homeland Security to the Governor of Hawaii, USA; Professor David Shambaugh, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University; Henry A. Crumpton, Am-

bassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism at the Department of State, U.S.A.; and Professor Richard K. Betts, S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies and Arnold Saltzman Professor of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University.

The programme's upcoming research projects include a study on the Christian Right and its impact, if

Mr. Bilahari Kausikan, Second Permanent Secretary of MFA, gave the Dinner Talk at the RSIS-Stanley Foundation conference held on 18-20 October 2007



any, on social movements in the region. Also coming under scrutiny are the nature of U.S. force redeployments in the Asia-Pacific region and the impact of the military posture on the Asian regional order. Finally, there are plans to convene a conference to discuss the priorities and security policies of the new administration following the 2008 presidential elections.

PUBLICATIONS

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

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

Teaching at RSIS

MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Our flagship programmes, the Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Strategic Studies, International Relations and International Political Economy, have become widely popular. The three programmes have a total enrolment of 151 students in the 2007/2008 Academic Year, 86 of whom are from overseas. This represents a 13% increase on the previous year's intake. The School 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.

By concentrating on a professional education, the RSIS Master's programmes are designed to benefit: (i) public officials working in the areas of security, defence, economic relations and foreign-policy making; (ii) students of international relations, strategic studies, foreign policy and international political economy; and (iii) corporate planners and business professionals interested in the Asia-Pacific region. Each programme also serves as a firm foundation for those who may wish to pursue doctoral studies later.

Students enrolled in the Master's programmes benefit from world-class scholars attracted to the School because of its growing international reputation. For example, our S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies in 2007 was Professor Richard K. Betts, the Director of the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University. Other scholars of note who visited the School in 2007 included the following:

- ❖ Professor Christopher Coker, Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science
- ❖ Professor Geoffrey Till, Professor of Maritime Studies at the U.K. Joint Services Command and Staff College
- ❖ Professor David Shambaugh, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs
- ❖ Professor Harry Harding, University Professor of International Affairs at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, and presently a member of the School's Board of Governors.



*Professor David
Shambaugh*



Associate Research Fellow Jane Chan (left) with students at the annual RSIS "Mixer" for alumni, students and staff held at Mel's Place Bar and Bistro on 1 June 2007

Master's students also benefit from value-added offerings in the M.Sc. programmes, such as workshops on developing media skills, negotiation and conflict management, and management of defence technology. Creative means of bringing ideas and concepts alive, such as the screening of relevant feature films and documentaries, have generated enthusiasm among the student body. Students have an opportunity to meet the School's alumni at our annual "Mixer" in June and annual Alumni Dinner in August to forge personal and professionally useful associations.

The External Examiner for the Master's programmes, Professor Steve Smith, Vice Chancellor of the University of Exeter, continued to advise the Head of Graduate Studies in ensuring consistency of grading standards across the M.Sc. programmes. In addition, the Consultant to the School, Professor Stephen Walt, continued to advise RSIS on the overall standard of research as well as teaching. Professor Walt is the Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Affairs at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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

The bases of international security are undergoing profound changes. 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, Japan and India. Security is also no longer a matter of military force alone. Economic and ecological concerns, migration, 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 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 not only conversant with new security concepts and strategic theories but also to acquire the know-how and skills in strategic planning, design and policy analysis. Such training is also useful for corporate planners grappling with the complexities of globalization.

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 globalized international system.

Edhie Yudhoyono, younger son of the Indonesian President, at the Convocation Ceremony in July 2007. Also in the picture is his brother Agus, who graduated from RSIS the previous year



Content

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

- ❖ 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 take two core courses under both the M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) and M.Sc. (International Relations) Programmes. In addition, M.Sc. students completing a dissertation take five additional elective courses; students in the non-dissertation stream take seven additional electives.

Master of Science (International Political Economy) Programme

International Political Economy (IPE) sits at the intersection of politics and markets. Many political scientists have studied political decisions divorced from the economic context. Similarly, economists have often studied the mechanisms of the market as though the economy works without manipulation from political actors. The truth is that these two areas cannot be regarded separately. Government actors frequently intervene in markets by setting wages, prices, tax levels and so forth. Investors sometimes flee states, markets or currencies that are following objectively sound macroeconomic policies while pursuing inefficient projects elsewhere in the world.

We study the interaction between the production, distribution and use of wealth with politically organized rules and institutions in the global environment. For example, we study how trade patterns or capital flows both affect individual state government actions and how state government actions can alter trade and capital patterns. We study these interactions at two levels: theoretical and practical. The theoretical level helps us structure our understanding of real-world cases. IPE offers rich understandings of contemporary developments in world economics and politics, such as the uneven impact of globalization on states and societies, the embrace and resistance to greater economic integration in the developed and developing world, and the ongoing contest between different actors over the norms and rules underpinning global governance.

Content

The M.Sc. (International Political Economy) Programme is 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. Students are required to take two core courses. In addition, M.Sc. students completing a dissertation take five additional elective courses; students in the non-dissertation stream take seven additional electives. Students without a background in economics usually take Economics for IPE (Course IP6001).



M.Sc. Class of 2007/2008 (Strategic Studies)



M.Sc. Class of 2007/2008 (International Relations)



*M.Sc. Class of 2007/2008
(International Political Economy)*

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

Master of Science (Asian Studies) Programme

Asia is one of the most dynamic regions in the world today. It is home to many thriving economies. Politically, many Asian states are experiencing profound historical transitions. There are also many potential flashpoints in this region, including the Korean peninsula, the Taiwan issue, the South China Sea, regional arms races, resource scarcity and environmental degradation, and the rising influence of Islamic fundamentalism. At the core of regional and global concern is the rise of China to become an economic and military powerhouse, which has been arousing keen interest among observers and policymakers across Asia, Europe and the United States. To a lesser extent, the rise of India and a more assertive Japan are also attracting a lot of attention throughout the world. Many Southeast Asian countries are now moving in new directions politically and economically. ASEAN, as a collective, plays a crucial role in shaping relationships among major powers and in cultivating East Asian regionalism.

The M.Sc. (Asian Studies) Programme, which will be introduced in Academic Year 2008/2009, is designed in response to these new developments and challenges. We strive to help candidates who are interested in Asian political economy and security issues develop an in-depth understanding of these dynamic changes by adopting approaches pioneered in the disciplines of history, comparative politics, international relations and economics in our research and training. The programme also aims to facilitate students to obtain the relevant analytical tools and historical perspectives to be attuned to new trends emerging on the Asian horizon and to quickly appreciate and understand the dynamics and trajectory of contemporary developments in Asia. The cutting-edge knowledge and skills offered in this programme are expected to benefit students in their professional careers in the private sector or in public office.

Unlike programmes in Asian studies in the West, students reading this programme at RSIS spend their time living as participant-scholars in one of the most cosmopolitan and strategically located cities in Asia. Students are immediately connected and attuned to the latest developments in the region and have ample opportunities to meet foreign policymakers and prominent Asian specialists from think tanks, non-profit organizations and universities throughout the world. Students also have the opportunity

to further hone their linguistic skills in Singapore, which is home to various communities that converse in many Asian languages.

Master of Business Administration (International Studies) Programme

The MBA (International Studies) Programme allows students to obtain the best education available in international studies at RSIS as well as obtain an MBA degree from the Nanyang Business School (NBS). NBS offers one of the top business degrees in Asia and is internationally ranked as well.

This exciting new programme—also to be introduced in Academic Year 2008/2009—allows students to gain a solid base of knowledge in international affairs combined with a rigorous education in business. Students will become better equipped to handle the challenges of operating in an increasingly globalized economy. Our programme provides specialized knowledge of international affairs—acquired through graduate level courses in the social sciences—that will enhance student capacity to manage in international settings. This interdisciplinary degree will allow students to gain the necessary knowledge and understandings in an integrated and efficient manner. The programme offers students a multinational learning environment located in the heart of Asia.



RSIS M.Sc. students at the "End-of-Trimester" gathering on 14 November 2007. In the left photograph, Ms. Sandy Leong (right) of the Graduate Programmes Office is seen chatting with Mr. Amuzu Francis Heartman of Ghana and Ms. Gao Rong of China.

STRUCTURE OF M.SC. PROGRAMMES

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

- ❖ two core courses;
- ❖ five electives courses; and
- ❖ a dissertation of 10,000 words.

OR

- ❖ two core courses; and
- ❖ seven elective courses.

The programme leading to the degree of MBA (International Studies) comprises:

- ❖ nine core courses offered by NBS;
- ❖ seven courses offered by RSIS, including Introduction to International Political Economy and Introduction to International Relations; and
- ❖ an individual dissertation (for RSIS) or an overseas Business Study Mission group report (for NBS) or the completion of two additional courses in either RSIS or NBS (one of which must be non-examinable).

Certificate in Terrorism Studies (CTS)

M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) students may also opt for a specialized coursework track that leads to the conferring of both an M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) degree from Nanyang Technological University as well as a special Certificate in Terrorism Studies from the School's International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR). M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) students opting for the CTS track must take two M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) core courses. In addition, students completing a dissertation on a terrorism-related topic will take five specially selected elective courses or seven elective courses for students in the non-dissertation stream.

Master of Science (Strategic Studies)

Core Courses

- S6014 The Evolution of Strategic Thought
(Foundation)
S6007 Professional Skills Enrichment

Primary Field

- S6003 Management of Defence Technology
S6010 The Revolution in Military Affairs – State
Power and the Future of Force
S6011 Globalization, Security and the State
S6016 The Study of War
S6017 Selected Topics in Strategic Studies
– Nuclear Politics in Asia
S6019 Terrorism, Intelligence and Homeland
Security
S6020 Chinese Security and Foreign Policy
S6022 The Military, State and Society in
Southeast Asia
S6023 Indian Ocean Security
S6024 Problems in Combating Insurgency and
Terrorism
S6025 India's Foreign and Security Policy
S6026 National Security Intelligence

Electives

- AS6000 The International History of Asia
AS6002 Language Study
AS6003 Directed Reading
AS6004 Political Change and Political
Development in East Asia
AS6007 Government and Politics of Southeast Asia
AS6008 Contemporary Maritime Security in Asia
AS6009 China and Ethnic Chinese in Southeast Asia
AS6010 State and Politics in Modern Indonesia
AS6011 State, Society and Politics in Malaysia
AS6013 State, Society and Politics in China
AS6015 Non-Traditional Security Issues in Asia
AS6016 Selected Topics in Asian Studies
AS6017 Power and Politics in East Asia
B6833 Strategy Formulation (MBA course)

- B6834 Strategy Implementation (MBA course)
B6835 Competitive Strategy (MBA course)
CC6001 The Making of Modern China – Historical
and Social Perspectives (MACC course)
CC6002 China's Economy in Transformation
(MACC course)
CC6105 The Dynamics of Investment in Greater
China (MACC course)
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S6026 National Security Intelligence

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- IP6000 Theories and Issues in International Political Economy (IPE) (Foundation)
S6007 Professional Skills Enrichment

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- IP6001 Economics for IPE
IP6004 An Introduction to International Law
IP6005 Selected Topics in International Economy – The Political Economy of Globalization
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Master of Business Administration (International Studies)

Core Courses (offered by NBS)

- B6005 Financial Management
- B6007 Marketing Management
- B6011 Financial Accounting
- B6013 Economic Analysis
- B6014 Technology and e-Business
- B6015 Corporate and Business Strategy
- B6016 Managing Business Operations
- B6017 Accounting for Decision Making and Control
- B6018 Leadership and Organizational Behaviour

Core Courses (offered by RSIS)

- IR6001 The Study of International Relations
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TUITION FEES FOR M.SC. PROGRAMMES

Fees

Every year, fees are reviewed and subject to revision. As and when fees are revised, the new fees will apply to all existing and new students. The University Council reserves the right to alter fees at any time without notice.

M.Sc. in Strategic Studies, International Relations, International Political Economy and Asian Studies Programmes

The tuition fees for the four M.Sc. programmes are heavily subsidized by the Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE). The tuition fees are exclusive of Government Goods and Services Tax.

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

MBA in International Studies Programme

The tuition fees for the MBA (International Studies) are not subsidized.

Tuition fee per academic year	Full-time	Part-time
Singaporeans, Singapore PR students and foreign students	S\$28,000	S\$32,000

The enrolment fee for the MBA (International Studies) is S\$1,000 for both full-time and part-time students. It is non-refundable and payable upon acceptance of offer of admission.

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

The School also runs a highly selective and competitive Ph.D. programme. It presently has eight Ph.D. candidates.

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

As in previous years, RSIS continued to provide support for the education and training needs of the Defence and Home Affairs Ministries. For the Ministry of Defence, RSIS faculty taught geopolitics and military history in their various milestone courses, including the 38th Command and Staff Course and the Fourth to Seventh Tri-Service Warfighter Courses. These courses at the SAFTI Military Institute are intended to broaden the knowledge and strategic outlook of military officers.

For the Ministry of Home Affairs, RSIS taught the regional security module in the Home Team Academy's Command and Staff Course. Officers who successfully completed the written examination at the end of the course were awarded the RSIS Certificate in Regional Security. At the Civil Defence Academy, our faculty also taught lessons on geopolitics and regional security for both the Fifth Unit Commander's Course and the eighth run of their top-level Senior Staff Course. This year, RSIS also taught key strategic and foreign-policy lessons at milestone programmes conducted by the Institute of Policy Development. Held at the Civil Service College, these programmes were targeted at public-sector officers ranging from entrant to director level.

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) launched its new Counter Terrorism Leadership Programme (CTLP) and graduated its first five participants. During the past several years, ICPVTR has offered a unique attachment programme that has allowed counter-terrorism officials to work with and receive training from ICPVTR while they contribute their professional experience and knowledge to our staff. This programme has attracted international attention and significant praise. The Counter-Terrorism Leadership Program draws participants from the counter-terrorism services of government ministry and agencies. During their three-month attachment, the participants of the programme are required to audit all courses being offered during a given trimester on the Counter-Terrorism Certificate Track (CTS) in addition to any agreed-upon assignments while attached to ICPVTR. During the August to October trimester the CTLP had two participants from the Maldives Police, one from the Hong Kong Police and two from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). We look forward to welcoming additional participants from MHA and the Beijing Police in the very near future. The centre has also conducted counter-ideological training for the New Zealand Prison Service.

Networking at RSIS

RSIS has an active networking programme. In 2007, it organized or co-organized with other organizations 30 conferences and workshops, 15 lectures and talks and 80 seminars. Details of these activities are found in Annex C, Annex D and Annex E, respectively. Besides these networking activities, the School also hosted more than a hundred visitors and visiting delegations. Also appended as Annex F are details of events forthcoming in 2008.

MULTILATERAL LINKS

Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP)

RSIS continues to serve as Secretariat for CSCAP-Singapore. In 2007, the School supported CSCAP-Singapore in the following meetings.

First CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Energy Security, 23–24 April 2007

Co-chaired by CSCAP-Singapore and CSCAP-India, the first meeting of the Energy Security Study Group gathered about 30 participants and observers from 13 of the member committees. Goals of the study group included gaining a better understanding of the link between energy and security, as well as identifying possible efforts for regional cooperation on the issue. The meeting assessed how energy security was defined within the region and the various policies individual member states had adopted.



Mr. Yang Yi of the China Institute of International Studies speaking at the first CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Energy Security

Second CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Energy Security, 14–15 September 2007, Goa

The second meeting of the study group convened in India. Papers were submitted from India, Singapore, China, Japan, South Korea and Australia. The meeting focused on the themes of energy security, stability and sustainability, with panels discussing regional cooperation, market integration, alternative energy, as well as climate change and environmen-

tal issues. Policy proposals as well as a possible book on the proceedings were suggested to be completed. The third meeting of the Study Group was proposed to be held in the spring of 2008 in China.

CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Security in the Malacca and Singapore Straits, 8–9 September 2007, Jakarta

Co-chaired with CSCAP-India and CSCAP-Malaysia, 30 participants from 12 CSCAP member countries were present at this meeting. The aims of the meeting included addressing concerns of both the littoral states and stakeholders, and identifying common security interests and areas of further cooperation. Topics covered included the history of maritime Southeast Asia, maritime terrorism, trafficking, illegal fishing, pollution, piracy, private security companies (PSC) and information collection and exchange. It was proposed that a memorandum of recommendations be formulated in the future.

CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Preventive Diplomacy, 29–30 October 2007, Brunei

Co-chaired by CSCAP-Singapore and U.S.-CSCAP, this meeting took place immediately before the ASEAN Regional Forum Intersessional Support Group meeting on Confidence-Building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy on 1–2 November 2007. The progress regarding future preventive diplomacy options was reviewed.

Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia)

RSIS serves as Secretariat of this network with funding support from the Ford Foundation.

Inaugural Meeting of NTS-Asia, 8–9 January 2007

The meeting marked the beginning of NTS-Asia, bringing together the 14 member institutes and think tanks across Asia. Presentations were heard from all members regarding current NTS challenges facing the region and proposed policy responses. Discussions were also held on how to advance the consortium's activities. Possible events suggested included conventions, workshops, curriculum development and the research fellowship programme.



Participants of the NTS Course organized by NTS-Asia on 22–24 August 2007

Non-Traditional Security Course for Indonesian Police Doctors, Lecturers and NGO Leaders, 22–24 August 2007

Organized by NTS-Asia and RSIS, the NTS course was funded by the Ford Foundation, Indonesia. Topics covered included trans-national crime, communal violence and insurgency, piracy/maritime security, climate change and environmental security, food security, poverty and human security, and gender and security. A visit to the Ministry of Health was also included in the programme, as were several small-group discussions and presentations.

NTS-Asia Sub-Regional Workshop, 2–4 September 2007, Banda Aceh

Entitled “Humanitarian Emergencies and Human Security: Lessons from Aceh”, this workshop was jointly organized by RSIS and CSIS. It brought together a diverse array of participants, including members of the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and OXFAM; various civil society organizations; and academics as well as members of the Indonesian government and military. The workshop reflected on the significance of cooperation among both state and non-state actors in addressing non-traditional security crises. Issues relating to gender, children, multilateralism and prospects for the future were also raised in the workshop. RSIS participants also had the chance to visit various areas affected by the 2004 Asian tsunami and several landmarks of Aceh’s rich history and culture.

NTS-Asia's First Annual Convention, 5–6 November 2007, Colombo

Organized by Sri Lanka's Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, the convention brought together members of NTS-Asia as well as members of the Near East South Asia Network, the National Defence University in Washington's working group on non-traditional security, ambassadors from the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation and European Union envoys, and members of the NGO community and Sri Lankan intelligentsia. Dr. Rama Mani, Executive Director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, delivered the keynote address with a focus on emerging challenges to human security.

OTHER MULTILATERAL LINKS***First Meeting of the Track 2 Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Think Tanks, 23–24 August 2007***

RSIS took the initiative to start this Track 2 network, aiming to examine the feasibility of bringing defence-oriented policy institutions together to form a Track 2 network to support the emerging Track 1 Defence Officials and Ministers meetings and promote defence and security cooperation in the region. The first meeting was held in August and brought together nine institutions from across ASEAN.

Sixth IISS Asia Security Conference: The Shangri-la Dialogue, 1–3 June 2007

The International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, held its sixth Asia Security Conference in Singapore this past June. Considered to be an integral part of Asian defence diplomacy, the conference brought

President S R Nathan arriving for the IISS Asia Security Conference Dinner which he hosted on 2 June 2007



together deputy prime ministers, defence ministers and senior officials from 25 countries. RSIS continued to provide assistance in organizing the conference, including a dinner at the Istana hosted by Mr. S R Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore.

9th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers 2007, 5–12 August 2007

This annual event was conceived to enable senior military officers in the Asia-Pacific to interact informally on a regional scale, thereby fostering trust and building a network of defence thinkers. Lectures and informal discussions were supplemented by recreational activities aimed at fostering networking. Participants came from the ASEAN Regional Forum countries as well as Europe. The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Teo Chee Hean, the Minister for Defence.



Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence, at the 9th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers held on 5–12 August 2007. Minister Teo gave the Opening Remarks.

The Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT)

RSIS continued to support this network through the Singapore Working Group coordinated by the East Asian Institute (EAI). Established in September 2003, NEAT aims to build up an epistemic community to serve as a Track 2 mechanism for ASEAN+3 and East Asian Cooperation. RSIS attended NEAT's Fifth Annual Conference and the Seventh Country Coordinators' Meeting of NEAT, held on 20–22 August 2007 in Singapore. RSIS also attended the NEAT Working Group on Energy Security held on 27 April 2007 in Singapore.

BILATERAL LINKS

Visits to Chinese Institutes

A delegation from RSIS visited the China Institute for International Strategic Studies in Beijing and the Shanghai Institute of International Affairs in Shanghai in May. A broad range of topics were discussed. They include South

China Sea and Malacca Straits security, the shifting geopolitics of India, Japan and the United States, and Chinese plans for a blue-water navy.

RSIS-DGAP Conference, 1–2 October 2007, Berlin

A joint conference was held between the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) and RSIS on 1–2 October 2007 in Berlin, Germany. Discussions between the two institutions began with an overview of the new directions in ASEAN and EU policies, highlighting the shared goal of regional economic integration. Climate change and energy security were, however, the main topics of discussion over the course of the conference. Regional cooperation on the issues was agreed to be important. Suggestions for future discussion topics between DGAP and RSIS included the following: Myanmar, energy security, maritime security and weapons of mass destruction.

HOMELAND SECURITY

First Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), 14–19 January 2007

Jointly organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) and the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS), the inaugural meeting of APPSNO brought together national security officers from throughout Asia and beyond. Sessions included: “The Challenge of Homeland Security in the 21st Century”, “The Singapore Model of National Security”, “Developing a Whole-of-Government Approach to Homeland Security” and “From SARS to Bioterrorism to Pandemics – New Tools and Old Medicine to Protect the Public”. Panel discussions were held on: “Trends in Trans-national Terrorism”, “Horizon Scanning – Its Promise and Applications” and “Communications and National Resilience in Crises”.

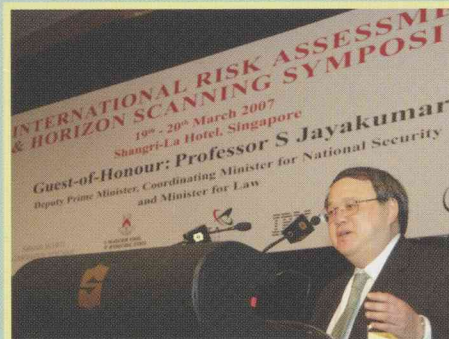
Workshop on “Land Transport Security”, 5 February 2007

This workshop was organized by CENS and RSIS with the Homeland Security Engineering Centre (HSEC) and the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA), in conjunction with the Public Transport Security Committee. The workshop strove to facilitate an appreciation and understanding of different stakeholders’ perspectives on land transport

security, to encourage and debate risk-based approaches to the issue and to raise the technological knowledge base of the land transport security community.

Symposium on "International Risk Assessment Horizon Scanning" (IRAHS), 19–20 March 2007

Organized by CENS, NSCS and DSTA, with support from IBM, Hewlett-Packard and Intel, the symposium unveiled the RAHS technology system and brought together international leaders to discuss RAHS concepts, methodologies and technologies. A state-of-the-art technology exhibition was also held, profiling the latest developments in RAHS technology and featuring a total of 12 exhibitors.



Mr. Peter Ho, Head of the Civil Service and Permanent Secretary for National Security and Intelligence Coordination, thanking participants of the IRAHS Symposium held on 19–20 March 2007

Workshop on "Pandemics Surveillance", 24 September 2007

This one-day workshop organized by CENS comprised six talks organized into two sessions: the first on "Designing an Effective Surveillance System", while the other addressed "Operational Approaches to Pandemics Surveillance". A roundtable discussion was also held.

Strategic Foresight Workshop, 6–7 December 2007

This CENS workshop sought to find the best approach to incorporate the field of "Strategic Foresight" into mainstream academia and the postgraduate education system.

MARITIME SECURITY

Symposium on the "Enhancement of Safety of Navigation and the Environmental Protection of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore", 13–14 March 2007, Kuala Lumpur

This conference was hosted by the Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) and sponsored by the Nippon Foundation and Sasakawa Foundation. The

event was organized by think tanks from the littoral states (RSIS, MIMA and Indonesia's Center for Southeast Asian Studies). It sought to examine and evaluate various proposals for cooperative, cost-sharing arrangements for safety of navigation in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. Session 1 of the symposium provided a cost-benefit analysis of such arrangements while Session 2 focused on the present role of the various users of the straits in relation to UNCLOS. Sessions 3 and 4 gave international shipping organizations and other non-government stakeholders the chance to share their opinions. A consensus document was formulated at the conclusion of the conference.

Maritime Policy Forum on "Maritime Safety, Security And Environmental Protection", 10 May 2007

The forum was organized by RSIS for policy institutions in Singapore. Four papers were presented with discussions held in-between. Dr. Emrys Chew reported on the March Symposium on the "Enhancement of Safety of Navigation and the Environmental Protection of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore" held in Kuala Lumpur, with Dr. Sam Bateman giving a report on the Australian perspective of the Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) Regime. Dr. Robert Beckman presented two papers, one on "PSSAs and Passage through Straits and Archipelagos" and the other on the "2005 SUA Protocol and Maritime Terrorism".

Conference on "The South China Sea: The Long Road Towards a Cooperative Management Regime", 16-17 May 2007

The conference was organized to assess the progress that has been achieved in the cooperative management of the South China Sea and to promote further functional cooperation on the issue, particularly as non-traditional challenges have begun to emerge. Sessions reviewed the history of the South China Sea dispute and the geopolitics of the sea, with assessments of the various legal and political efforts undertaken to achieve peace and cooperation. These included the South China Sea workshops, the DOC, fisheries management, joint oil and gas development, and efforts to combat environmental degradation.

Workshop on the "Enhancement of Safety of Navigation and the Environmental Protection of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore", 11–12 June 2007

RSIS convened a workshop on the Malacca-Singapore Straits in furtherance of the Symposium on the Enhancement of Safety of Navigation and the Environmental Protection of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore held in Kuala Lumpur on 13–14 March 2007. Present at the workshop were representatives of the Maritime Institute of Malaysia, the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the Nippon Foundation and RSIS. Discussions centred on the proposed voluntary fund for the enhancement of navigational safety and environmental protection in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. A 21-point statement on the proposed fund was drafted for submission to Track 1.

Conference on "Regional Security and the Role of Maritime Forces in the Indian Ocean Region," 11–12 October 2007, New Delhi

The RSIS delegation to this RSIS-National Maritime Foundation Inaugural Joint Conference was led by Ambassador See Chak Mun. RSIS delegates presented papers on the historical and contemporary geo-strategic significance of the Indian Ocean (Professor C. Raja Mohan and Dr. Emrys Chew) as well as the impact of UNCLOS (Dr. Sam Bateman). Apart from participation by think tanks, also in attendance were representatives from Indian policymaking circles (government ministries and the diplomatic corps) and maritime practitioners (retired admirals, serving naval officers and members of the Indian coast guard). There was lively discussion and debate that will be reflected in an edited volume of conference papers and proceedings, which is forthcoming. Perhaps the next joint conference, to be hosted by RSIS in Singapore next year, could act as a bridge to the perspectives and perceptions of delegates from China concerning maritime security issues in both the Indian Ocean and South China Sea.

VISITORS TO RSIS IN 2007



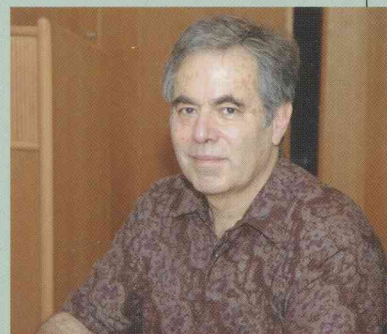
Delegation from Institute of Defence International Relations, Vietnam, 23 January



General Neang Phat, Secretary of State for National Defence, Cambodia, 3 May



Delegation from USAF Air War College, 14 March



Professor Peter Gourevitch, Professor of Political Science, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California, San Diego, 21 June



Delegation from Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Australian Defence College, 15 June



Commodore A.B. Donaldson,
Commander, Canadian Pacific Fleet,
13 February



Mr John McKinnon, Secretary
of Defence, New Zealand, 4
May



The Honourable Carl Bildt (right), Minister for Foreign
Affairs, Sweden, 23 November



Delegation from Institute of Military Strategy, Vietnam, 28
June



Professor Harry Harding (centre), University
Professor of International Affairs, Sigur Center for
Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs
at George Washington University and Member of
RSIS Board of Governors, 16–22 October

ENERGY SECURITY

Conference on "Spotlight on Asia's Energy and Security Challenges – A Multilateral Response", 7–8 September 2007

This conference, organized jointly by RSIS and the Institute for Security and Development Policy, convened 23 international participants to discuss energy security in Asia. Session 1 provided a security overview of Asia's energy profile while Session 2 addressed Asia's growing energy demands. Session 3 focused on the nuclear option and environmental concerns. On the final day, external perspectives on the issue were heard, with the conference concluding by focusing on regional cooperation and likely future trends.

Conference on "Climate Change and Security", 11–12 October 2007

Jointly organized by RSIS and the Swiss Embassy in Singapore, this conference brought together distinguished speakers from Asia and Europe to address the important and timely issue of climate change. Sessions included discussions on the issues and challenges of climate change and security, the politics of climate change and energy security. A roundtable was also held on how to advance the Kyoto Agenda.

Energy Conference, 28–29 November 2007

Co-funded by Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Trade and Industry, the conference was jointly organized by RSIS, the Gulf Research Center and International Business Communications (IBC). Energy and oil ministers, top industry players as well as analysts assembled to discuss the security of oil between the Middle East and Asia.

Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong (centre) gave the keynote address at the energy conference held on 29–30 November 2007. With SM Goh are Saudi Minister for Petroleum, Ali Al Naimi (left), and UAE Minister for Energy and President of the OPEC Conference, Mr. Mohamed bin Dhaen Al Hamli.



REGIONAL SECURITY

Conference on "Living with China: Dynamic Interactions between Regional States and China", 8–9 March 2007

The conference convened over a dozen scholars in the region to discuss the issue of a rising China. As previous debate on the matter has largely been Western-centric and theory-driven, the conference attempted to fill an academic gap by assessing the positions of China's regional neighbours. Panels were mainly organized according to country, with discussions addressing states' China policies, China's reaction to such policies and the implications for the region and other powers.

Workshop on "Success Factors in Contemporary UN Peacekeeping Operations", 17 – 18 April 2007

Sponsored by the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, this doctrine-writing seminar was hosted by RSIS and the Department of Defence of Australia. Its main purpose was to provide inputs into the development of the "Success Factors in Peacekeeping Operations" chapters of the UN Peacekeeping Capstone Doctrine. Experts from troop and police contributing countries, regional organizations and UN-system practitioners were brought together to share their lessons on successful peacekeeping operations.

Conference on "The Asian Financial Crisis 10 Years Later: What have We Learned?", 25–26 June 2007

The conference was organized by RSIS to assess what the region has learned from the Asian Financial Crisis ten years after the event. Specific issues addressed included the following: developments in the countries mainly affected by the 1997 crisis; lessons learned and corrective measures taken by the countries; lessons learned by regional and international actors; how domestic, regional and international politics have affected the outcomes; and the identification of potential future problems and levels of preparedness.

Riau Roundtable 2007 on "Opportunities and Challenges in the Riau Archipelago and Riau Province", 27 June 2007

Organized by RSIS, the conference brought together policymakers and stakeholders in Riau to discuss the challenges facing the Riau Archipelago

and Riau Province. The conference aimed to provide a forum for understanding the economy, politics and society of the two provinces and to assess the process of preparing plans for the development of special economic zones (SEZs) in Batam, Bintan and Karimun. The roundtable additionally offered an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas on cooperation between Indonesia and Singapore.

40th Anniversary of ASEAN Conference, 31 July – 1 August 2007

Hosted by RSIS and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), the conference brought together scholars, legislators and civil society representatives from Europe, North America, Oceania, Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia. The conference focused on the challenges currently facing ASEAN and explored how Southeast Asian political actors have responded to such challenges in terms of institutionalization. Areas covered included: politics and security; economics; and societal and non-traditional security. Importantly, the conference sought to identify future tasks and policy implications. A monograph of the conference's proceedings has been published.

Workshop on "Assessing the Shifting Security Agenda in the Asia-Pacific: A Meeting of Experts", 17 October 2007

Organized by RSIS and funded by the MacArthur Foundation, this planning meeting convened a group of security experts to discuss what gaps exist in the current regional security literature and accordingly identify a research agenda. The programme covered three sessions: "The Changing Power Structure in the Asia-Pacific"; "Regionalism and Multilateralism"; and "The New Security Agenda".

*A session of
the MacArthur
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workshop held on 17
October 2007*



Conference on "The Rise of China and Its Soft Power", 18–19 October 2007

Recognizing that much academic work has focused on China's hard power (i.e. its economic and military might), this conference was organized by RSIS in order to gain a systematic and empirical understanding of China's growing soft power. Fourteen panels were held over two days to discuss China's practice of soft power and its influence on various regions.

Conference on "Changing Security Cooperation and Competition: New Power Dynamics in Southeast Asia", 18–20 October 2007

This meeting organized by RSIS and the Stanley Foundation convened over 35 academics and experts from around the world to address changing security dynamics in the region. Power competition, terrorism, traditional and non-traditional security as well as the changing regional security architecture were discussed.

Meeting on "Dialogue in Trans-national Conflicts", 10–11 December 2007

This RSIS-Henri Dunant Centre joint workshop on "Dialogue in Trans-national Conflicts" brought together policymakers and practitioners who have been involved in internal conflict dialogue and negotiation processes in Southeast Asia to discuss the possibilities and constraints of dialogue with extremists, separatists and militants. The purpose of this meeting was to identify trends in internal conflicts from the perspective of conflict negotiators and mediators, key underlying issues that often hamper dialogue processes, and possible ways of surmounting them.



A session of the RSIS-Stanley Foundation Conference held on 18–20 October 2007

Trilateral Commission Regional Meeting, 16–17 December 2007

The meeting brought together 53 participants from across the Asia-Pacific. Sessions included the following: the Role of ASEAN in Global Governance, the Evolution of ASEAN as Regional Architecture, the Challenge of Environmental Security for Asia and the Asian Financial Crisis and its Global Impact.

MILITARY AFFAIRS***Conference on “Over The Horizon Proliferation Threats”, 12–13 September 2007***

Organized by RSIS in collaboration with the Center for Contemporary Conflict, Naval Postgraduate School, the conference addressed proliferation threats around the globe. In total, 16 papers were presented and discussed over seven sessions. An author’s meeting was held on the final day.

Conference on “The State-of-the-Art in the Global Defence Industry: Implications for Revolution in Military Affairs”, 1–2 November 2007

The two-day conference organized by RSIS assessed the state of the defence industries in the United States, Europe, India, China, Southeast Asia and Asia. Three sessions were held, with seven papers presented.

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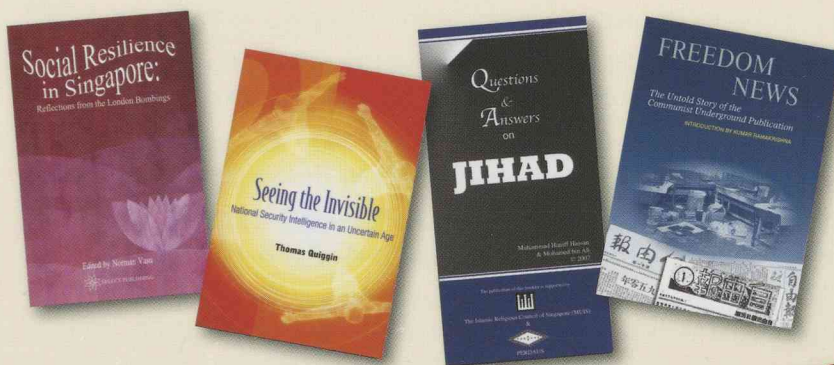
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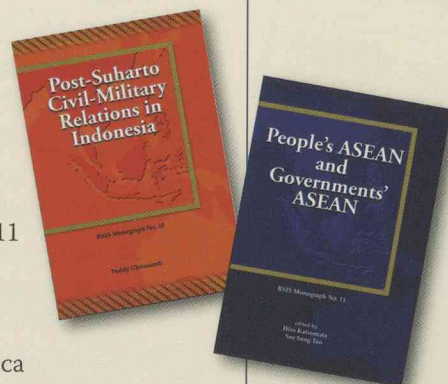
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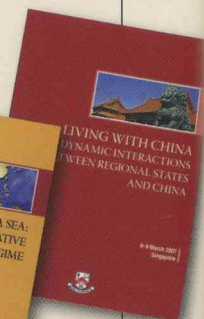
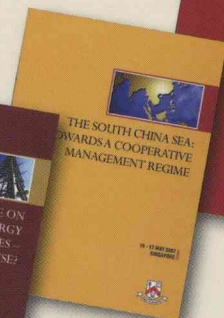
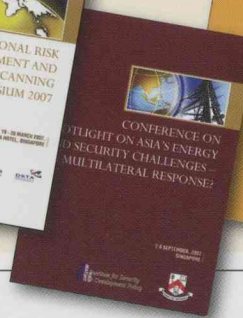
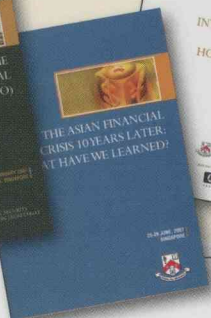
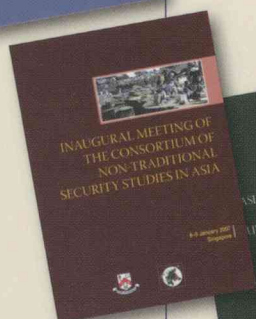
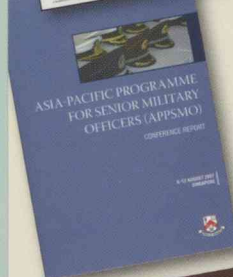
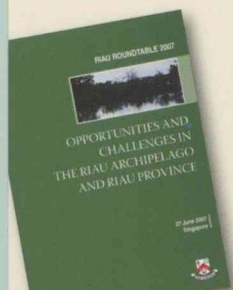
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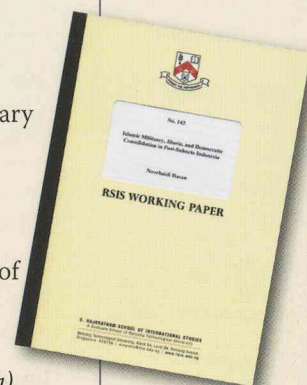
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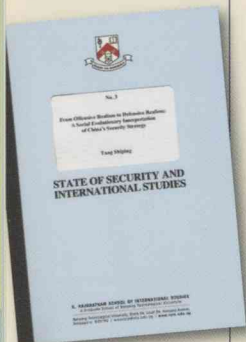
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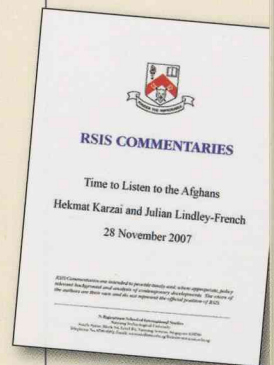
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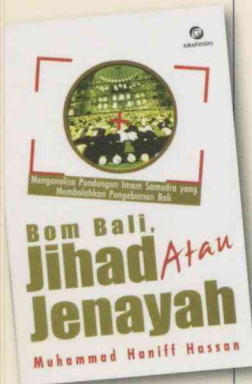
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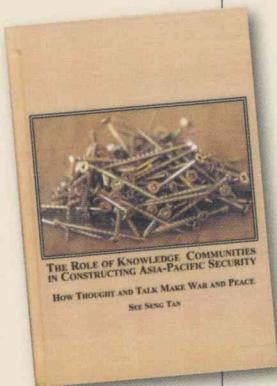
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RSIS routinely organizes conferences and workshops involving the participation of eminent scholars and officials, both foreign and local, to discuss or brainstorm issues relevant to peace and security in the region. The conferences and workshops organized or co-organized with other institutes in 2007 are listed below.

1. Inaugural Meeting of the Consortium on Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia, 8–9 January 2007
2. First Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APP-SNO), 14–19 January 2007
3. CENS and Homeland Security Engineering Centre, DSTA, Workshop on “Land Transport Security in Singapore: Current Realities, Future Possibilities”, 5 February 2007

Participants of the CENS-DSTA Workshop on “Land Transport Security in Singapore” held on 5 February 2007



4. Conference on “Living with China: Dynamic Interactions Between Regional States and China”, 8–9 March 2007
5. CENS Symposium on “International Risk Assessment Horizon Scanning (IRAHS)”, 19–20 March 2007
6. UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations Workshop on “Success Factors in Contemporary UN Peacekeeping Operations”, 17–18 April 2007
7. CSCAP Study Group Meeting on “Energy Security”, 23–24 April 2007
8. Dialogue co-hosted by Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) on “Regional Perceptions of Asian Powers for Global Change”, 26–27 April 2007
9. Workshop on “ASEAN, Securitization and Trans-national Challenges in Southeast Asia”, 30 April 2007
10. Maritime Policy Forum, on “Maritime Safety, Security and Environmental Protection”, 10 May 2007
11. Maritime Security Conference on “The South China Sea: The Long Road Towards a Cooperative Management Regime”, 16–17 May 2007
12. Sixth IISS Asia Security Conference: The Shangri-La Dialogue, 1–3 June 2007

13. Workshop on "The Enhancement of Safety of Navigation and the Environmental Protection of the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, 11–12 June 2007

14. Conference on "The Asian Financial Crisis 10 Years Later: What Have We Learned?", 25–26 June 2007



Professor Ian Townsend-Gault speaking at the South China Sea Conference held on 16–17 May 2007

15. Riau Roundtable 2007 on "Opportunities and Challenges in the Riau Archipelago and Riau Province", 27 June 2007
16. The 40th Anniversary of ASEAN Conference on "Ideas and Institutions: Building an ASEAN Community", 31 July – 1 August 2007
17. Ninth Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers, 5–12 August 2007
18. First Meeting of the Track 2 Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Think Tanks, 23–24 August 2007
19. RSIS-ISDP conference on "Spotlight on Asia's Energy and Security Challenges: A Multilateral Response?", 7–8 September 2007
20. Joint RSIS-Center for Contemporary Conflict (Naval Postgraduate School) Conference on "Over The Horizon Proliferation Threats", 12–14 September 2007
21. CENS Workshop on "Pandemics Surveillance", 24 September 2007
22. Conference in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy in Singapore, on "Climate Change and Security", 11–12 October 2007
23. Workshop on "Assessing the Shifting Security Agenda in the Asia-Pacific: A Meeting of Experts", funded by The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 17 October 2007
24. Conference on "The Rise of China and Its Soft Power", 18–19 October 2007
25. Conference on "Changing Security Cooperation and Competition: New Power Dynamics in Southeast Asia", sponsored by the Stanley Foundation, 18–20 October 2007
26. Conference on "The State of the Art in the Global Defence Industry: Implications for Revolution in Military Affairs", 1–2 November 2007
27. Conference organized with the Gulf Research Center and International Business Communications (IBC) on "Dialogue for Investment and Security of Supply for a Sustainable Energy Future", 28–29 November 2007
28. CENS Workshop on "Future Studies: An Emergent Academic Discipline", 10 December 2007
29. RSIS-Henri Dunant Centre Workshop on "The Role of Dialogue in Engaging Militant Groups", 10–11 December 2007
30. Trilateral Commission Regional Meeting, 16–17 December 2007

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- ❖ 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

Professor Steve Smith, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Exeter



1. Professor Steve Smith, Vice-Chancellor, University of Exeter, United Kingdom, on "Diversity and Disciplinarity in International Relations Theory", 11 January 2007
2. Professor Robert H. "Robin" Dorff, Professor of National Security Affairs, Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College, on "Addressing the 'Good Governance Deficit': The Strategic Imperative of the 21st Century", 13 August 2007
3. Professor Bruce Hoffman, Professor of Security Studies Program, Edmund A Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, on "Terrorism, Radicalization and Subversion: Al Qaeda's Resurgence", 17 August 2007
4. Professor Richard K. Betts, Director of Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University and S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, on "Coming Choices in U.S. Defense Policy", 20 August 2007
5. Professor Edward A. Kolodziej, Director, Center for Global Studies and Emeritus Research Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois, United States, on "From Superpower to Besieged Global Power: Restoring Global Order after the Failure of the Bush Doctrine", 25 September 2007
6. Mr. Richard C. Smith, Distinguished Fellow, RSIS, and former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Australia, on "Australia's Response to the Rise of China", 28 September 2007

Distinguished Public Lecture Series

1. His Highness Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence Force, Kingdom of Bahrain, on "Current Developments in the Middle East", 26 March 2007



*His Highness
Shaikh Salman
bin Hamad
Al-Khalifa,
Crown Prince
of Bahrain*



*His Excellency
Pranab
Mukherjee,
Minister for
External Affairs,
India*

2. Professor David Shambaugh, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, on "The Bush Administration's Asia Policy: A Preliminary Report Card", 30 May 2007
3. His Excellency Pranab Mukherjee, Minister for External Affairs, India, on "India's Foreign Policy Priorities", 20 June 2007 (jointly organised with the Institute of South Asian Studies)
4. His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al-Faisal, on "Evolution of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia", 29 October 2007 (jointly organised with the Singapore International Foundation)
5. Mr. Richard C. Smith, Distinguished Fellow, RSIS, and former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Australia, on "Australia and Asia: Managing Change, Managing Risk", 26 November 2007



*HRH Prince
Turki Al-Faisal,
Chairman of The
King Faisal Center
for Research and
Islamic Studies,
Saudi Arabia*

Developments in Indonesia Public Lecture Series

1. Seminar by Dr. Irman G. Lanti, Programme Manager, Civic Education and Electoral Support, Governance Unit, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Indonesia, on "Acheh: Post-Election Analysis", 1 March 2007
2. His Excellency Dr. Mari Pangestu, Minister of Trade, Indonesia, on "Establishing SEZ in the Riau Islands", 22 June 2007 (jointly organised with IE Singapore and Network Indonesia as Strategic Partner)
3. His Excellency Mr. Ismeth Abdullah, Governor of the Riau Archipelago, on "Opportunities and Challenges in the Riau Archipelago and Riau Province", 27 June 2007
4. Bapak Taufik Kiemas, Chairman of the Central Advisory Board, Partai Demokrasi Indonesia-Perjuangan (PDI-P), on "Current Political Developments in Indonesia", 11 September 2007.

RSIS Seminars and Roundtables

Seminars and roundtables are held frequently within RSIS on a wide variety of topics related to security, defence 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 RSIS in 2007.



Professor
Christopher Coker
of London School
of Economics and
Political Science

1. Professor T. V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, McGill University, on "The Tradition of Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons", 10 January 2007
2. Dr. Marcia K. Hermansen, Islamic World Studies Program, Loyola University Chicago, on "The Shaping of American Muslim Identity", 17 January 2007
3. Dr. Terence Lee, Postdoctoral Fellow, Olin Institute, Harvard University, United States (now Assistant Professor in RSIS), on "The Armed Forces and Authoritarian Regime Maintenance: Why Militaries Disobey Orders to Suppress Popular Protests", 10 January 2007
4. Professor Christopher Coker, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, on "The Etiquettes of Atrocity", 22 January 2007
5. Dr. Norrin Ripsman, Associate Professor, Concordia University, Montreal, on "Top-Down Peacemaking: Why Regional Stability Begins with States Rather than Peoples?", 23 January 2007
6. Professor Christopher Coker, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science, on "Geopolitics and Africa in the 21st Century", 23 January 2007
7. Professor Geoffrey Till, Professor of Maritime Studies, Joint Services Command and Staff College, U.K., on "The Future of Sea Power", 30 January 2007
8. Mr. Michael Richardson, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of South East Asian Studies, on "Maritime-Related Terrorism: Al Qaeda, Hezbollah – What Next From the International Jihadist Network?", 12 February 2007
9. Mr. Bilahari Kausikan, Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, on "Constructing East Asia", 15 February 2007
10. Mr. Haroon Siddiqui, Editorial Page Editor Emeritus, *The Toronto Star*, Canada, on "Different and Equal: Multiculturalism Seen Through a Canadian Lens", 5 March 2007
11. Dr. Norman Vasu, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Social Resilience Programme, RSIS, on "Rethinking Singaporean Multi-Culturalism: Conceptual and Practical Issues Surrounding Singapore's Management of its Multi-racial Composition", 5 March 2007
12. His Excellency Engineer Adel Bin Mohammad Fakeih, Mayor of Jeddah, Municipality of Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on "Success Drivers", 14 March 2007
13. Mr. Dan Vittorio Segre, President of the Institute for Mediterranean Studies, University of Lugano, Switzerland, on "From Colony to State: A Personal View of 60 Years of Israeli Sovereignty", 16 March 2007

14. Ambassador Joergen Oerstrom Moeller, Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, on "Power Play in the EU: Focus on the Negotiations of the Treaty of European Union (the Maastricht Treaty) 1989 to 1991", 16 March 2007
15. Professor Ron Matthews, Academic Leader of the Master of Defence Administration Programme, Department of Defence Management and Security Analysis, Cranfield University, U.K. (now Deputy Director, RSIS) on "The Management of Defence Technology", 19 and 20 March 2007
16. Professor Ron Matthews, Academic Leader of the Master of Defence Administration Programme, Department of Defence Management and Security Analysis, Cranfield University, U.K. (now Deputy Director, RSIS) on "The Changing Defence-Industrial Landscape: From Confrontations to Cooperation", 22 March 2007
17. Mr. Jean Francois Clair, Former Deputy Director *de la Surveillance du Territoire* (French Intelligence Service), on "Role of Intelligence in Preventing Terrorist Attacks", 26 March 2007
18. Professor Richard Ned Lebow, James O. Freedman Presidential Professor of Government, Dartmouth College, on "The Politics of Memory: Europe and Asia", 26 March 2007
19. Professor Richard Ned Lebow, James O. Freedman Presidential Professor of Government, Dartmouth College, on "Counterfactuals, Contingency and Causation", 27 March 2007
20. Dr. Greg Mills, Director, Brenthurst Foundation, on "Counter-Insurgency Lessons from the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan", 28 March 2007
21. Mr. Zaid Hamzah, Consultant, Microsoft Legal and Corporate Affairs Department, Asia-Pacific Region, on "The Crescent and the Code: Strategic Technology Thinking in Malaysia and Islam Hadhari as the 'Reorientation' of the Islamic Worldview", 30 March 2007
22. Dr. Ebubekir Ceylan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Fatih University, Istanbul, "The Role of Islam in Ottoman/Turkish Society", 2 April 2007
23. His Excellency Rodolfo Severino, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, on "ASEAN: The Record of Its Past, the Challenges in Its Future", 13 April 2007
24. Dr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Director, The Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Executing Agency for Aceh and Nias, on "Rehabilitation and Reconstruction in Aceh-Nias: Progress, Challenges and Lessons Learned", 17 April 2007
25. His Excellency Daniel Woker, Ambassador, Embassy of Switzerland, on "'The Ambassador is dead. Long Live the Ambassador': The Change Nature of an Ancient Craft", 18 April 2007
26. Dr. Yuddy Chrisnandi, Member of Parliament, DPR-RI (2004-2009), on "Post Suharto Reform Agenda and the Future of the TNI", 25 April 2007



Dr. Greg Mills,
Director of
Brenthurst
Foundation



Dr. Yuddy Chrisnandi,
Member of
Parliament, DPR-RI

27. Seminar organised jointly by RSIS's Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme and the ESRC (UK) New Security Challenges Programme, on "ASEAN, Securitization, and Transnational Challenges", 30 April 2007
28. Dr. Masako Ikegami, Professor and Director, Center for Pacific Asia Studies (CPAS), Stockholm University, on "Risk of the Cross-Strait Conflict and the EU's Role for Conflict Prevention", 4 May 2007
29. Dr. Alexander Lam Vuing, Visiting Research Fellow, RSIS, on "The Repositioning of U.S. Foreign Policy and Its Implications for Asia", 21 May 2007
30. MG Robert Lee, Adjutant General, State of Hawaii, Advisor on Homeland Security to the Governor of Hawaii, United States, on "Mobilisation of American Soldiers for Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan", 28 May 2007
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32. Dr. Paul T. Mitchell, Associate Professor, RSIS, on "Wikis in the Classroom: Digital Tools for Improving Seminars", 5 June 2007
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37. Dr. Sonia Ben Ouagrham, Senior Project Manager, Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Washington, D.C. Office, on "WMD-related Trafficking in the Former Soviet Union, Organized Crime and Terrorism: An Unrealized Nexus?", 14 June 2007
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56. Mr. Kwa Chong Guan, Head of External Programmes, RSIS, on "Defence Policy Making", 10 September 2007
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Ibrahim, former
Deputy Prime
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58. Dr. Gerard Chaliand, insurgency and counterinsurgency warfare specialist, on "Can Western Armies of Today Win Irregular Warfare?: Iraq and Afghanistan", 14 September 2007
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60. Mr. Richard Smith, Distinguished Fellow, RSIS, and former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Australia, on "Australia's Foreign and Defence Policy Making", 19 September 2007
61. Mr. Michael Moodie, private consultant on international security affairs specializing in issues at the intersection of security, science and technology, especially biological and chemical weapons, on "Disease Surveillance and National Security: Reconciling Tensions, Promoting Synergies", 25 September 2007
62. Dr. David R. Franz, D.V.M. VP and Chief Biological Scientist, Midwest Research Institute; Director, National Agricultural Biosecurity Center, Kansas State University; Deputy Director, Center for Emergency Care and Preparedness, University of Alabama at Birmingham; on "Species-Neutral Disease Surveillance and Other Opportunities in International Biosecurity", 25 September 2007
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67. Panel Discussion by Professor C. Raja Mohan, RSIS Professor, Mr. Richard Smith, RSIS Distinguished Fellow, Former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Australia, Dr. Hiro Katsumata, RSIS Research Fellow and Dr. Tang Shiping, RSIS Senior Fellow, on "U.S.-Japan-Australia-India Quadrangle Security Partnership", 5 October 2007

68. Mr. Richard Smith, Distinguished Fellow, RSIS, and former Secretary to the Department of Defence, Australia, on "Australia's Relations with East Asia: Challenges and Prospects", 8 October 2007

69. Mr. Martin Andrew, Ph.D. Candidate, Bond University, on "China's Arms Sales and Their Effect on Regional Security", 9 October 2007
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71. Mr. Yongwook Ryu, RSIS Visiting Research Associate, Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Government, Harvard Department, on "The Yasukuni Controversy: How Japan's Political Elite Sees It", 23 October 2007
72. Dr. Gary Klein, Chief Scientist of Klein Associates, on "Naturalistic Decision-Making and Implications for National Security Policymaking", 24 October 2007
73. Dr. Frank Umbach, Head of the "Security Policies in Asia-Pacific" Programme, Co-Chair CSCAP-Europe, on "EU Common Energy Policies", 6 November 2007
74. Panel discussion by Prof Kishore Mahbubani, Dean of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and former Permanent Secretary, MFA, Singapore; Ambassador Rodolfo Severino, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and former ASEAN Secretary General; Ambassador Joergen Oerstrom Moeller, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, and former Danish Ambassador to Singapore; and Mr. Richard Smith, Distinguished Fellow, RSIS, and former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Australia; on "Diplomacy: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", 12 November 2007
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Forthcoming Events

Networked Government for Homeland Security Workshop, 7 January 2008

Increasingly, dealing with both homeland security and crisis events necessitates a "whole-of-government" or networked response. Targeted at practitioners involved in the operational aspects of security, this workshop, scheduled to be held on 7 January 2008, will take a practical approach to examining: (i) concepts, methods and case studies for managing within and between networks in order to improve everyday homeland security; (ii) the uses of networks in crisis response and management; and (iii) the implications of adversaries utilizing both networked organizations and technology. This workshop is a closed-door event.

Conference on Freedom of Seas, Passage Rights and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, 9–10 January 2008

The objectives of this conference, scheduled on 9–10 January 2008, will be to critically examine challenges that have been made to the passage regimes and freedoms of the seas set out in UNCLOS. The major challenges to the exercise of freedoms in the EEZ in this region by various countries have been noted by scholars in a Nippon Foundation-funded study on the EEZ. The major goal will be to demonstrate that most of the challenges are not permissible under UNCLOS, and to convince participants that the balances struck in UNCLOS on passage regimes and on freedoms of the seas in the EEZ are as fair and relevant today as they were when they were negotiated in the 1970s. A secondary objective, among others, will be to convince key persons from the region on the history and rationale for the relevant UNCLOS provisions.

Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security, 17–18 January 2008

The second Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security will be held on 17–18 January 2008. It will bring together analysts and practitioners from Asia and beyond to ponder the challenges and prospects for regional community building in Asia. Since the end of the Cold War, various pundits have heralded the coming of regional communities such as a Pacific Community or an East Asian Community. Proponents of the community idea highlight Asia's growing economic prosperity and trade links, the proliferation therein of regional institutions (the ARF, APEC, ASEAN+3 and the East Asia Summit) and an emerging sense of regional identity and shared norms among Asian countries as plausible drivers of regional cooperation and regional community building. Roundtable 2008 will consider the role and relevance of regional institutions to security community formation in Asia. Building on Roundtable 2006, which assessed economic prosperity and interdependence as a possible driver of security community, the upcoming roundtable will examine salient issues such as: (i) the relevance of the ARF, APEC, ASEAN+3 and the EAS to regional community building in Asia; (ii) the relevance of non-governmental and civil society actors to community building; (iii) relations among emerging and established powers in Asia (e.g. China, Japan, India, the United States) and their influence on regional institutions and community building; (iv) prospects for a new security architecture in Northeast Asia; and (v) the building of the ASEAN Community in Southeast Asia.

Operational Risk Assessment Workshop, 11–15 February 2008

The objective of this workshop is to enhance local security agencies' expertise on operational risk assessment. The workshop will demonstrate how the art and science of robust threat, vulnerability and consequence assessments integrate to form a comprehensive operational risk assessment framework. Targeted at Singapore's security practitioners, it will focus on the principles and applications of operational risk assessment and operational red teaming in a range of scenarios. The interactive five-day workshop, scheduled on 11–15 February 2008, will be conducted through lectures and hands-on sessions.

Fourth Asia-Pacific Security Conference, 18 February 2008

RSIS and the Republic of Singapore Air Force will jointly organize the Global Airpower Conference under the Asia-Pacific Security Conference (APSEC) series. This event will be held on 18 February 2007 in conjunction with Singapore Airshow 2008. The main participants of the conference will be chiefs of air forces from around the world and chiefs of military aviation industries. The theme of the conference is "Pushing Frontiers and Shaping Paradigms". Mr. Teo Chee Hean, the Minister for Defence, will deliver the keynote address.

(Un)Problematic Multiculturalism and Social Resilience Workshop, 21 February 2008

In recent times, fears of social fragmentation along ethno-religious lines have pressured governments to devise strategies to ensure their nations' ability to weather attacks on their social fabric. Often implied in such deliberations is the assumption that culturally diverse societies are less cohesive than those deemed relatively homogenous. Yet despite the current onslaught of ethno-religious upheavals spilling over to developed cosmopolitan societies, the dissolution of multicultural nations today remains the exception rather than the rule. What then are societies shoring up resilience against? What is being protected? How can we tell if we are successful? The workshop will be held on 21 February 2008 and its aim is to critically assess the impact of ethnic and religious diversity and homogeneity on the social cohesion of nations in the Asia Pacific, with a focus on developing indicators for monitoring trends. Case studies include Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand and Japan.

The Second Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers, 13–19 April 2008

With the aim of promoting a networked governmental response to national security issues, the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) and the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) will jointly organize the Second Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers that will be taking place on 13–19 April 2008. This programme will provide participants from the Asia Pacific and beyond with an opportunity to network and discuss national security issues. International experts will be invited to address topics such as the challenges of homeland security in the twenty-first century, trends in

trans-national terrorism, pandemics, national resilience in crises and developing a comprehensive approach to national security. The programme aims to be an important tool for promoting the analytical frameworks, mindsets and skills needed for effective national security management.

Tenth Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers, 3–10 August 2008

This annual event was conceived to enable senior military officers from the Asia Pacific to interact informally and build relationships. Aimed at fostering trust and developing mutual understanding among military forces in the region, the programme—the tenth in the series in 2008—will be held on 3–10 August 2008. It will bring to Singapore an impressive group of senior military officers from the ASEAN Regional Forum countries as well as some from Europe and Africa to participate in an extensive series of academic seminars and group discussions, and to visit places of security interest. The programme offers the opportunity for senior military officers to build up an epistemic community that will endure beyond the military officers' stay in Singapore.

International Risk and Horizon Scanning Symposium, 12–14 October 2008

The current international threat environment is marked by complexity and uncertainty. As part of the response, the Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning (RAHS) process in Singapore is developing a networked and coordinated response to asymmetric threats such as trans-national terrorism and organized crime, pandemics and natural catastrophes. The RAHS process offers the best way to overcome the two major intelligence obstacles to effective policy advice to senior leaders: stove piping and mindsets. The Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) will host a two-day symposium designed to introduce and explain the key concepts, methods and technologies that drive the RAHS process. The symposium is scheduled for 12–14 October 2008.

Seventh Bi-annual Symposium of the Council for Asian Terrorism Research (CATR), November 2008

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) in RSIS will host the Seventh Bi-annual Symposium of the Council for Asian Terrorism Research (CATR) in November 2008. CATR was inaugurated in November 2005 and the aims of the series include bringing together the expertise of its members in understanding the causes, goals and patterns of the operation of terrorism and violent political and religious extremism in South and Southeast Asia. It also aims to promote comparative analyses that draw on the experience and expertise of its member nations to understand terrorism in a broader, regional context. It also hopes to produce a unique regional understanding of the subject of terrorism that can support and promote regional responses to the problem. Representatives of the various centres and programmes dedicated to the study of terrorism and counter-terrorism in the region will come together during this symposium. Previous CATR symposia were hosted in the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India.

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