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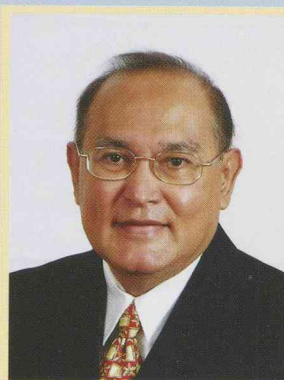
Message from the Dean

The year 2008 was another one of growth for RSIS. Two new centres were established. The Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies was launched on 6 May, followed by the launch of the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations on 16 October. The Centre for NTS Studies was the positive outcome of the School's success in Non-Traditional Security (NTS) research and its role as the Secretariat of the Consortium of NTS Studies in Asia. The TFCTN grew out of the School's Asian Programme for Negotiations and Conflict Management.

The establishment of these centres, with funding support from the Ford Foundation and the Temasek Foundation respectively, testifies to the faith that our stakeholders have in our ability to meet their objectives. Indeed, in his keynote address at the launch of the Centre for NTS Studies, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, the ASEAN Secretary General, complimented RSIS for having "inspired a network of similar centres within the Asia-Pacific region".

RSIS has become internationally renowned as a leading professional school of international affairs in Asia and a major security-focused think tank because of the commitment and scholarship of staff in the School's centres and programmes. RSIS has become, in the words of Dr. William Tow, a Visiting Professor from the Australian National University who was with RSIS for three and a half months in 2008, a "switched on" institution with great people working very hard to build what will be one of the most impressive research and postgraduate operations on this side of the Pacific—and beyond. It also explains why, of the 148 M.Sc. students enrolled in Academic Year 2008/2009, 90 come from overseas.

RSIS's accomplishments in multilateral security should also be mentioned here. Its Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme successfully tendered with partner institutions for two projects awarded by the ASEAN Secretariat in 2007. The project reports issued in 2008 demonstrated the programme's capacity for policy-relevant research besides academic research. In fact, the report on preventive diplomacy, which it completed with the Pacific Forum, received a mention in the Chairman's Statement of the 15th ASEAN Regional Forum on 24 July. The statement expressed



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Barry Desker,
Dean, RSIS*

the appreciation of the foreign ministers who attended the meeting and their instructions to their respective senior officials to study the report's recommendations.

In teaching, RSIS introduced the M.Sc. Programme in Asian Studies in Academic Year 2008/2009, adding to the existing programmes in Strategic Studies, International Relations and International Political Economy. Besides offering our students a wider range of courses to choose from, the new programme is timely for those who are interested in learning about the momentous transformations taking place in Asia, especially in China and India. For these students, there is no better place to pursue their studies than RSIS. As one participant at RSIS's Ninth Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers has put it, "Singapore is the balcony of Asia, allowing for an international perspective on security."

RSIS, together with the prestigious Nanyang Business School, has also established a joint Nanyang MBA (International Studies) Programme. This new programme will enable students to acquire a solid base of knowledge in international affairs and a rigorous education in business. It will provide training in business fundamentals, accounting and finance, coupled with an understanding of political risks, economic risks as well as regional issues. Students will also be taught to handle the challenges of operating in an increasingly globalized economy. This exciting programme will be offered from Academic Year 2009/2010 onwards.

In line with our aim to be a key node in the global network of security think tanks and institutes, we have collaborated with many institutions in joint projects, conferences and visits. Indeed, for some of our associates, RSIS has become a partner of choice. Our collaborations during the year included the following:

- ❖ A visit on 5–6 March by a delegation from the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), which led to a joint study in August and an agreement to collaborate further in research on military transformations and in science, technology and security
- ❖ A visit on 21–23 April by a delegation from the Indonesian Armed Forces / Department of Defence, whose objective was to tap RSIS's expertise in the establishment of the proposed Indonesian Defence University.
- ❖ A visit on 7 May by a Thai delegation led by General Kamon Saenissara, Commanding General of the National Defence Studies Institute, whose objective was to tap RSIS's expertise in the establishment of a

Strategic Studies Centre (SSC) by the Royal Thai Armed Forces.

- ❖ A visit on 13–16 July by a delegation of ministers and policymakers from eight African countries, whose objective was to learn from key Singapore officials—through visits and meetings facilitated by RSIS—how Singapore has transformed itself from Third World to First World, and especially the social and economic policies accounting for the transformation. The visit was such a success that the leaders of the delegation—the Brenthurst Foundation and Business Leadership South Africa—are planning with RSIS to organize another visit by South African policymakers in February 2009.
- ❖ A collaborative venture between RSIS and the Politics and International Studies Department of the University of Warwick to establish a joint postgraduate double degree programme in 2010
- ❖ An invitation by the Center for Strategic Studies of the Swiss Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich) to partner them in teaching a component of its Master of Advanced Study Programme in Security Policy and Crisis Management; its other partners in this programme being King's College and the Brookings Institution

To assist the Dean in managing the increasingly heavy research, teaching and networking agenda, Associate Professor Joseph Chinyong Liow was appointed as RSIS's Associate Dean on 1 July 2008. At the same time, the administrative set-up was reorganized and strengthened with additional appointments and the establishment of a dedicated conference unit to organize the School's many events. With these changes, RSIS is poised to take on greater challenges in the years ahead.

We now begin the new year fully aware of the grim economic outlook confronting us. The global economic slowdown that started towards the end of 2008 will impact adversely on our budgets for the next three to four years. It will also create challenges for think tanks like RSIS, given that security issues such as climate change, environmental degradation and pandemics will give way to more fundamental bread-and-butter issues. These are challenges that we will need to overcome.

I look forward to higher levels of accomplishments in the years ahead.

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 the core component, focusing on security research. Its 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 to 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 who retired recently as the Chairman of the Public Service Commission. Dr. Chew will step down from the Board on 31 December 2008, after having served as the Chairman of the Board since the establishment of IDSS in 1996. Mr. Eddie Teo, Chairman of the Public Service Commission, will take over from Dr. Chew as Chairman of the Board on 1 January 2009.

The Founding Director of IDSS is Mr. S R Nathan, who was then concurrently Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and formerly Singapore's Ambassador to the United States. Mr. Nathan raised

the Institute with start-up funds contributed by the government and the Singapore Totalisator Board. He relinquished his post on 17 August 1999 when he became President of the Republic of Singapore and was succeeded by his deputy, Professor Khong Yuen Foong.

Another leadership change took

Mr. Eddie Teo, Chairman of the Public Service Commission, who will take over as Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors on 1 January 2009



place on 1 October 2000, when Professor Khong returned to teach at Oxford University. He was succeeded by Ambassador Barry Desker, who was Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Trade Development Board and, before that, Singapore's Ambassador to Indonesia. Professor Khong remains affiliated to RSIS as Senior Research Advisor and Professor of International Relations. He continues to teach two M.Sc. courses each year.

RSIS runs several lecture and conference series started by IDSS. It 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 jointly organizes with the Singapore Airshow.

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 four Master of Science programmes—in Strategic Studies, International Relations, International Political Economy and Asian Studies—were inaugurated in 1998, 2002, 2004 and 2008, respectively, to cater to the development of defence and security professionals, civil servants and others with an interest in these



Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence, giving the opening address at the 4th Asia-Pacific Security Conference held on 18 February 2008

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, law and business management. To widen the choice for students, a new Master's programme will be introduced in 2009: the Nanyang MBA (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, the assistance of Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman, its Professor of War Studies. Professor Freedman was IDSS's Consultant and External Examiner until June 2003, during which 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 drawn students from many countries around the world. To date, students have come from 43 foreign countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, the Maldives, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, the Netherlands, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Timor Leste, the United Kingdom, 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 the 2008/2009 Academic Year is 148. 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 nine students.

RSIS faculty members teach geopolitics and regional security in various officer courses at SAFTI Military Institute, the Home Team Academy, the Civil Defence Academy and the Civil Service College. RSIS is presently involved in the SAFTI-NTU Continuing Education Project, which seeks to create transferable credits for NTU-taught components at SAFTI's

Singapore Command and Staff College. This project will come on stream in 2009. RSIS'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 Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (Centre for NTS Studies), both of which host one or more programmes. CENS was inaugurated on 29 March 2006 while the Centre for NTS Studies was launched on 6 May 2008. RSIS's structure also includes the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN), which was launched on 16 October 2008. TFCTN's main focus is on capacity-building programmes in global and regional trade negotiations for mid-career officials from the Asian region.

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 energy security. Research findings are shared with 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.



Mr. S R Nathan (left), President of Singapore and patron of the RSIS Endowment Fund, speaking with Dr. Lee Seng Tee (centre), a major donor, and Dr. Su Guaning, President of NTU, at the launch of the fund on 31 March 2008

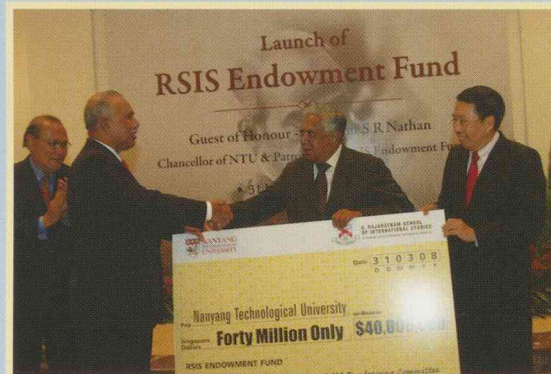
The School has a growing number of sponsors. Those that have contributed grants to support the activities of the School and its predecessor, or to their respective endowment funds, include the following:

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- ❖ MacArthur Foundation

RSIS hosts many local and foreign scholars under its Visiting Research Fellows Programme. The presence of such scholars enriches the intellectual 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 II activities, as well as the School's teaching programmes, including executive education programmes. Earnings from the IDSS Endowment Fund are used to support the Institute's programmes.

When RSIS was inaugurated on 1 January 2007, a campaign to raise \$40 million (including dollar-for-dollar matching grants from the government) for the RSIS Endowment Fund was started. Led by Mr. S. Chandra Das, Chairman of NUR Investment and Trading Pte Ltd and Singapore's non-resident ambassador to Turkey, the Fund Raising Campaign Committee achieved the target, and the RSIS Endowment Fund was launched on 31 March 2008. Income from this endowment will be used to engage world-class faculty and research staff and award scholarships to talented



President S R Nathan (centre) receiving the \$40 million raised by Mr. S. Chandra Das (left) and his fundraising committee

students. This will provide students with a wider choice of courses, higher levels of excellence in teaching and increased research support.

The RSIS Endowment Fund includes provisions for two professorships that were established from donations by the Ngee Ann Kongsi and the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC), together with government matching grants. These were the NTUC Professorship in International Economic Relations and the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations.

RSIS employs more than 130 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.



RSIS exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs.

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RSIS is guided by a Board of Governors appointed by the Nanyang Technological University Board of Trustees. The Board comprises members representing the University and organizations and international bodies concerned with defence, strategic studies, diplomacy and international affairs.

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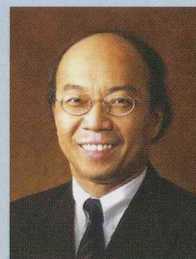


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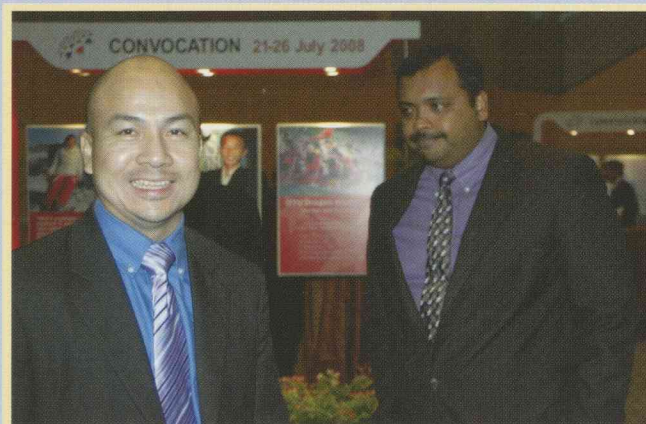
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Senior RSIS staff at
the annual staff
retreat



Endowed Professorships at RSIS

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

- ❖ S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies
- ❖ National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) Professorship in International Economic Relations
- ❖ Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations

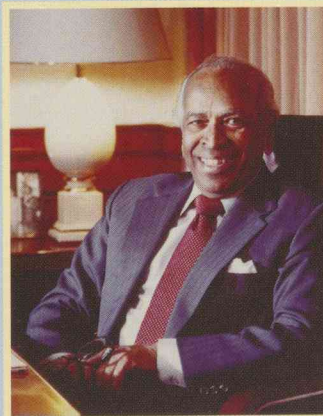
S. RAJARATNAM PROFESSORSHIP IN STRATEGIC STUDIES

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.



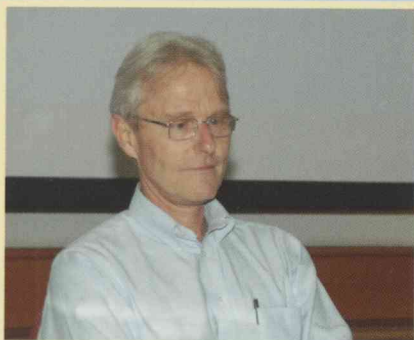
Mr. S. Rajaratnam

Income generated from the invested endowment funds is used to invite internationally 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 Neil MacFarlane, Lester B. Pearson Professor of International Relations and Head of Department, Department of Politics and International Relations, and Fellow, St. Anne's College, University of Oxford, from 27 July to 16 August 2008.

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 Neil
MacFarlane,
S. Rajaratnam
Professor of Strategic
Studies in 2008*

- ❖ 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 K. Betts, Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, from 1 to 22 August 2007

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



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

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

The first scholar to hold this prestigious chair will be Professor Vinod K. Aggarwal, the Director of the Berkeley APEC Study Center at the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Aggarwal will be at RSIS for the month of March 2009. A scholar to lead RSIS's International Political Economy Programme will be appointed when there is sufficient income from the endowment.

NGEE ANN KONGSI PROFESSORSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



The Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations

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

Ngee Ann Kongsi has a long history of promoting education in Singapore and Nanyang Technological University has benefited from its many generous donations. The University's association with Ngee Ann Kongsi began in the 1990s when the *kongsi* donated \$1 million to the Chinese Heritage Centre located in the University. In 2005, Ngee Ann Kongsi also donated \$1.5 million to set up the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in Traditional Chinese Medicine to help 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.

The first scholar to hold this prestigious chair was Professor Zhang Yunling, Professor of International Economics and Director of the Division of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. He was at RSIS from 26 October to 7 November 2008.

Dean Barry Desker
with Professor
Zhang Yunling, RSIS's
inaugural Ngee Ann
Kongsi Professor
of International
Relations



Visiting Scholars

Visiting scholars play an important role in the School's research agenda. Besides scholars appointed to the School's endowed professorships, RSIS also has a Visiting Programme to enable local and overseas scholars to do research 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 2008:

Dr. Sam Bateman

Professorial Research Fellow, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong
Visiting Senior Fellow and Adviser to the Maritime Security Programme
 24 March – 7 June 2008

Dr. Gerard Chaliand

Former Director of the European Center for the Study of Conflicts (Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique), Paris
Visiting Professor
 12 September – 11 October 2008

Dr. Arthur Ding Shuhfan

Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan
Visiting Senior Fellow
 1 August 2007 – 31 March 2008

Mr. Long Sarou

Project Manager, The Association of Buddhists for the Environment
Visiting Research Fellow in the Centre for NTS Studies – International Development Research Centre Cambodian Fellowship Scheme
 21 July – 21 December 2008

Mr. Neth Naro

Research Assistant, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace
Visiting Research Fellow in the Centre for NTS Studies – International Development Research Centre Cambodian Fellowship Scheme
 21 July – 21 December 2008



Dr. Arthur Ding Shuhfan

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*Dean of Academic Studies, Joint Services Command and Staff College, War
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Visiting Senior Fellow
8 January – 1 April 2008

Dr. Mark Woodward
*Fulbright Scholar and Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies,
Arizona State University*
Visiting Professor
10 March – 7 June 2008

Dr. Gu Xiaosong
Professor and Vice-President, Guangxi Academy of Social Sciences, China
Visiting Senior Fellow
17 March – 16 June 2008

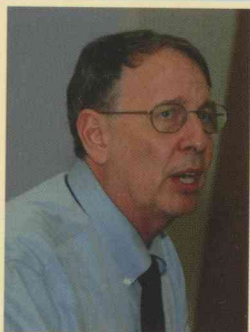
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Vietnamese Academy of Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam
Visiting Fellow in the China Programme
3 June – 31 August 2008

Dr. William Terry Tow
*Professor, Department of International Relations,
Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies,
Australian National University*
Visiting Professor
16 July – 1 November 2008

Dr. Ali Soufan
Chairman, The Soufan Group
Visiting Senior Fellow
28 July – 22 August 2008

Dr. Kim Young Ho
Associate Professor, Korea National Defense University
Visiting Research Fellow
28 July 2008 – 31 July 2009

Dr. Wendy L. Schultz
Director, Infinite Futures
Visiting Senior Fellow
12 August – 26 October 2008



Dr. William Terry Tow



Dr. Kim Young Ho

Ms. Avery Dorothy Howard Poole
Doctoral Student, University of British Columbia
Visiting Research Associate in the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme
20 August – 3 December 2008

Dr. Ahmad Fauzi bin Abdul Hamid
Senior Lecturer in Politics, School of Distance Education, Universiti Sains Malaysia
Visiting Fellow in the Contemporary Islam Programme
4 September 2008 – 31 January 2009

Dr. William Clark Thomas
Fulbright Scholar and Military Officer, United States Air Force
Visiting Senior Fellow
10 November 2008 – 27 February 2009



Dr. William Clark Thomas

Dr. Paleri Prabhakaran
Visiting Senior Fellow in the Maritime Security Programme
31 December 2008 – 1 April 2009

Mr. Jason Berning
Master's student, Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, Malaysia
Visiting Research Associate in the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme
19 May – 15 August 2008

Professor Neil MacFarlane
Lester B. Pearson Professor of International Relations, University of Oxford
S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies
27 July – 16 August 2008

Professor Zhang Yunling
Professor of International Economics and Director of the Division of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations
26 October – 7 November 2008

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
Military Transformations	Homeland Security	Trade	Indonesia
Maritime Security	Non-Traditional Security	Economic Development	South Asia
	Negotiations		United States
	Contemporary Islam		
	Civil and Internal Conflicts		
	Science, Technology and Security		

ASIA-PACIFIC SECURITY

Multilateralism and Regionalism

The Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, is coordinated by Associate Professor Tan See Seng. Its academic and policy-relevant research 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 (and, in due course, prospective funding from the MacArthur Foundation), the research output of the programme is comparable to that of more established centres elsewhere.

In 2008, the research output of the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme included an edited book on the 1955 Asian-African Conference and its legacy for international order, a monograph on East Asian regionalism and regional institutions, a roundtable report on Asian security, a policy study on best practices and lessons learnt in preventive diplomacy (produced for the ASEAN Secretariat), a policy study on the East Asia Summit and the new architecture of East Asian cooperation (also produced for the ASEAN Secretariat), as well as numerous journal articles, book chapters, working papers, op-ed pieces and commentaries. The two policy studies conducted for the ASEAN Secretariat, both stemming from projects won on a competitive basis, demonstrate the programme's robust facility for policy-relevant research as well as academic research. In fact, the study on preventive diplomacy received a special mention in the chairman's statement of the 15th ASEAN Regional Forum in July 2008.

There were considerable networking activities, including the organization of a conference, a study group workshop, various symposia, as



Dr. Tan See Seng addressing participants during the welcome dinner of the 2nd Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security held on 17–18 January 2008

well as numerous briefings and discussions with visiting delegations and project teams. Programme staff and associates also presented papers at various academic as well as policy-related conferences, workshops and roundtables both within and beyond Singapore. Among these, the annual Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security is noteworthy. The programme also hosted visiting researchers and doctoral candidates working on Asian multilateralism and regionalism from around the world.

The Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme aspires to become a leading research hub for academic and policy research in multilateralism and regionalism in the Asia-Pacific region.

Military Transformations

The Military Transformations Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, is coordinated by Dr. Bernard Loo. Until recently, the programme was known as Revolution in Military Affairs. It accomplished a substantial number of written deliverables in 2008, including the following:

- ❖ Seven article-length individual research projects in 2008, of which three were RSIS Working Paper projects by Dr. Arthur Ding, a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at RSIS from August 2007 to March 2008
- ❖ Two projects that are forthcoming in the *Journal of Strategic Studies*
- ❖ A chapter in an edited volume to be published by Ralph Rotte and Christoph Schwarz
- ❖ Two book-length projects, one comprising speeches from the Global Air Power Conference 2008, which was organized under the rubric of RSIS's Asia-Pacific Security Conference Series in conjunction with the Singapore Airshow, and the other to be published by Routledge soon
- ❖ A project based on an RSIS conference on "The State of the Art in the Global Defence Industry: Implications for Revolution in Military Affairs", held on 1–2 November 2007, which is forthcoming in the journal *Security Challenges* in 2009, with Mr. Richard Bitzinger, a Senior Fellow in the programme, as guest editor

In 2008, Mr. Richard Bitzinger also began working to upgrade the RSIS Monograph series. The key audience for this monograph series will be major RSIS stakeholders, and policymakers, scholars and

academicians from around the world. The monograph series will focus on issues pertaining to International Politics and Security (including military studies and maritime security), Conflict and Stability (including political violence and terrorism, and homeland security), Non-Traditional Security, International Economics and Political Economy, Country and Area Studies (particularly touching on the Asia-Pacific region), Contemporary Islam, and Regionalism and Multilateralism.



Dr. Bernard Loo speaking at the conference on the People's Liberation Army held on 13–14 November 2008

In the realm of networking, Mr. Richard Bitzinger travelled to Honolulu, Hawaii, in June 2008 to participate in the Western Economic Association's annual conference, where he delivered a paper entitled "The US Defence Industry in the Post-Transformational Era", and also met with officials from the US Pacific Command. The following month, Mr. Bitzinger travelled to Sydney, Australia, where he delivered a paper on "Military Modernization in the Asia-Pacific: Driving a New Arms Race?" at the Second Australasian Conference on the Economics and Politics of War and Peace. Programme Coordinator, Dr. Bernard Loo, also presented a paper at the First China-ASEAN Dialogue for Senior Defence Scholars, held in March in Beijing. In addition, Dr. Loo also spoke at the Annual Baltic Conference on Defence in Tartu, Estonia, in September 2008. The programme also collaborated with the School's China Programme in organizing a conference on "The People's Liberation Army in the New Century" on 13–14 November 2008.

Military Transformation staff continue to be heavily committed to teaching Military Studies. In 2008, they jointly taught a course in the M.Sc. in Strategic Studies Programme with Dr. Paul Mitchell, an adjunct Senior Fellow from the Canadian Forces College. In addition to graduate teaching, the programme remains primarily responsible for RSIS teaching at the Singapore Command and Staff College and at the SAF Advanced Schools in the SAFTI Military Institute. Dr. Bernard Loo also leads RSIS's involvement in the SAFTI-NTU Continuing Education Project, which seeks to create transferable credits for NTU-taught components at the

Singapore Command and Staff College. This Continuing Education Project will be implemented in 2009. As part of the project, Dr. Loo accompanied a joint SAFTI-NTU team on a visit to Sweden, Israel and the U.K. to study respective national models of post-graduate military education.

In conjunction with the Continuing Education Project, Dr. Loo is also leading the School's involvement in the Undergraduate Professional Military Education Programme that was first mooted by the Chief of Defence Force of the SAF. Finally, also related to the Continuing Education Project, the Military Transformations Programme is working with other centres within RSIS as well as partners from NTU's Nanyang Business School and the College of Engineering to help SAFTI create a research centre within the university that will engage in multi-disciplinary research to fulfil and support the SAF's 3G transformational agenda.

Maritime Security

LTC Joshua Ho coordinates the Maritime Security Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, 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.

In terms of research output, programme staff have completed book chapters in five edited volumes, including *Globalization and Defence*

Participants at the 32nd Oceans Conference held on 9–10 January 2008



in the Asia-Pacific, Lloyd's MIU Handbook of Maritime Security, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute Special Report, The Security of Sea Lanes of Communication in the Indian Ocean Region and Asian Energy Security: The Maritime Dimension. The programme also finished two edited volumes based on conferences conducted in previous years. The edited volumes are Globalization and Defence in the Asia-Pacific: Arms Across Asia and Security and International Politics in the South China Sea: Towards a Cooperative Management Regime. Programme staff also had articles accepted by journals such as Asian Affairs, Marine Policy, Nautilus and Ocean Development and International Law. They also contributed actively to the RSIS Commentaries series besides producing quarterly reviews of maritime security in Southeast Asia.

The programme organized the 32nd Oceans Conference on the theme "Freedom of the Seas, Passage Rights and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention" on 9–10 January 2008, with Professor S. Jayakumar, Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, gracing the occasion as the keynote speaker. The conference was organized jointly with the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law. It examined the various passage rights that have been guaranteed under UNCLOS and some of the challenges posed to the regimes. A report on the proceedings of the conference was published in May 2008. The programme also organized a closed-door workshop on the issue of Pedra Branca on 17 June 2008, with participants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Attorney General's Chambers and the Maritime and Port Authority. In addition, the programme organized a joint conference with the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, on 18–19 November 2008 entitled "Between Rising Naval Powers: Implications for Southeast Asia of the Rise of Chinese and Indian Naval Power". The conference is a follow-up to the inaugural conference held in October 2007 in New Delhi and will be an annual bilateral event, with the venue alternating between Singapore and India.

The programme has been active in the area of networking in the first half of 2008 with participation in major conferences and seminars in the region and beyond. These include conferences and seminars organized by the Combined Joint Operations from the Sea Centre of Excellence, NATO, the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific, the National Maritime Foundation (New Delhi), the Naval Postgraduate School

(U.S.), the Ocean Policy Institutions Network in East Asia (OPINEA), the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, the Stimson Centre (Washington, D.C.), the University of Malaya, the U.S. Naval War College, and briefings to the Brunei Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence, and the Singapore Armed Forces Command and Staff College. In addition, the programme conducted briefings on the issue of maritime security to visitors, including the E.U. Experts Group, the Australian Command and Staff College, the U.K. Royal College of Defence Studies, and a seminar for Swedish Defence Attachés in the Asia-Pacific. On 7 May 2008, members of the programme were involved in the Southeast Asia Cooperation Against Terrorism (SEACAT) Senior Leadership Seminar organized by the U.S. COMLOGWESTPAC in Singapore.

For 2009, the programme will be planning a joint conference with the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, scheduled for the second half of 2009, to be held in New Delhi. Following the positive response to its participation over the last two years, the programme is expected to participate again in the SEACAT Senior Leadership Seminar, organized by the U.S. COMLOGWESTPAC in Singapore, in 2009. The programme will also complete a policy paper on "Good Order at Sea" in March 2009 and is expected to co-organize a conference on piracy with the ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre in May 2009 that has been planned to coincide with Singapore Maritime Week.

*Mr. S R Nathan,
President of
Singapore, with
participants of
the "fireside" chat
organized by ICPVTR
on 7 April 2008*



CONFLICT AND NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY

Political Violence and Terrorism

Now in its fourth year, the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), headed by Professor Rohan Gunaratna, has grown to become one of the largest counter-terrorism research, education and training centres in the world. Its high international standing is evidenced by the fact that more than 70 briefings were given to visitors from other governments, the private sector and academia. Visitors included Carl Bildt, Foreign Minister of Sweden, Admiral Timothy J. Keating, Commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, and Paul O'Sullivan, Director-General of the Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation. The ICPVTR has 37 staff from nine countries and is truly an international centre.

The centre launched its Global Pathfinder II Database in November 2008. Built in-house by ICPVTR in collaboration with the University's School of Computer Engineering, this signature database is designed to be a counter-terrorism data warehouse with rich functional interfaces that allow the user to navigate through the system with ease. This database has become an invaluable tool for frontline agencies involved in reducing the threat of terrorism and extremism.

During the year under review, the ICPVTR has continued with its capacity-building projects in Singapore and the region. It conducted a Counter-Terrorism Analysts Training Course for participants from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Netherlands and the New York Police Department on 14–18 January. It hosted its annual ICPVTR Conference on 21–25 January, where research findings were shared with the counter-terrorism community and security industry in Singapore.

Overseas, it helped to launch the Philippines Institute for Political Violence and Terrorism Research in Manila on 6 March, and the Bangladesh Centre for Terrorism Research in Dhaka on 9 March. The director-designate of the latter is presently being trained by ICPVTR. The centre also continued to assist the Centre for Conflict and Peace Studies (CAPS) at Kabul, where its director, Hekmat Karzai, had been trained by the centre. An ICPVTR delegation that visited CAPS on 16–22 March received thanks from the Afghan President, Hamid Karzai, for the assistance rendered. The Government of Kurdistan also sought ICPVTR support to establish the Institute of Strategic Studies in Irbil, Iraq.

As part of a broad-based approach dealing with the threat of terrorism, a new Counter Terrorism for Journalists Programme (CTJP) was inaugurated in June. This was an extension of the centre's Counter Terrorism Leadership Programme (CTLTP), which was established the year before. The new programme allows media personnel to learn more about the subject. One of the participants in the inaugural CTJP developed a website dedicated to victims of terrorism.

In its strategic counter-terrorism efforts, the ICPVTR works on responses in the ideological, educational, legislative, financial, developmental and media areas. Some of its more significant work in strategic counter terrorism includes the following:

- ❖ The centre's Ideological Response Team, in cooperation with the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) and PERDAUS, published a booklet titled *Don't be Extreme in Your Religion*. This free booklet, printed in English, Malay and Tamil, provides Quranic support for the rejection of extreme positions in the practice of Islam and provides indicators to identify those who are radicalized. The centre also conducted an advanced counter-terrorism and extremism course for the Religious Rehabilitation Group on 18–20 August. The group comprises ulama and scholars engaged in detainee rehabilitation and community engagement.
- ❖ Besides addressing students in schools and various other places, the centre's Educational Response Team joined the Inter Agency Aftercare Committee to host its Student Convention 2008, titled "Countering Radicalisation: Shared Perspectives, Joint Action", at the Home Team Academy on 23 February. On 29 May, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Mrs. Tan Ching Yee, visited ICPVTR to discuss the parameters of a strategic partnership between her ministry and RSIS.
- ❖ The centre's Financial Response Team launched the Consortium for Counter-Terrorism Financing (CCTF) at a counter-terrorist financing conference on 12 February. Sir James Sassoon, President of the Financial Action Task Force, who spoke at the launch, praised the ICPVTR for forging a partnership between government, the private sector and academia. This international counter-terrorism financing effort is currently supported by the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Association of Banks in Singapore

and ICPVTR-RSIS. Working with academic, regulatory and industry partners, CCFT conducted seminars in the Philippines (7–8 July), Bangladesh (6–7 August) and Thailand (11–12 December).

In 2008, the ICPVTR continued its commitment to cutting-edge field research. Its staff conducted research in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan in January. It had staff embedded within U.S. forces in Tikrit, Iraq, in January and it had its researchers in Kashmir and Bangladesh in March. In response to requests from Chinese security agencies, ICPVTR staff provided briefings on potential threats to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Its staff also visited the restive province of Xinjiang in China. ICPVTR staff briefed the hotel industry and hosted the Marriott's Vice President for Global Security following their study of the bomb attack on the Marriott Hotel in Islamabad on 20 September.

The ICPVTR's research has often been cited in Singapore and overseas. On 13 May for example, the Australian Home Minister, Mr. Bob Debus, cited an ICPVTR assessment of Australia's offshore counter-terrorism policy and strategy vis-à-vis Indonesia.

In counter-terrorism networking, ICPVTR staff visited Washington, D.C., with defence and home affairs officials in May. They also had discussions on cooperation with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Washington, D.C., and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centre in Georgia, including a briefing at the White House to Juan Carlos Zarate, Deputy National Security Adviser to the President for Combating Terrorism. On the current status of Al-Qaeda, the Head of ICPVTR, Professor Rohan Gunaratna, also briefed Admiral Olson, Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, and delegates at a joint USSOCOM and Joint Special Operations University meeting in Tampa on 23 May. Following a visit by a delegation from the Swedish Defence Research Agency FOI in March, the ICPVTR embarked on collaborative research with the agency.

Homeland Security

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

- ❖ To build up intellectual capital to support 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 awareness of national security

Headed by Associate Professor Kumar Ramakrishna, CENS covers three areas of research: (i) Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning; (ii) Social Resilience; and (iii) Homeland Defence. CENS has grown from four staff members to include a total of eight researchers and professors today.

In the past year, CENS has prepared policy-oriented analytical commentaries, along with op-ed pieces, that were published in leading local newspapers—such as *The Straits Times* and *Today*—as well as foreign newspapers. CENS also participated in media events, including Channel News Asia's *Insight* programme and radio interviews. In addition, CENS staff members have contributed to academic journals and book chapters on issues surrounding national security, homeland defence and social resilience.

In order to tap into global best practices in national security management, CENS has continuously sought to foster networking opportunities with both local and international security agencies as well as foreign think tanks. For example, in September 2008, CENS staff visited the European cities of The Hague, Berlin, Copenhagen and London to have discussions with both government and non-governmental agencies on issues sur-

Professor S. Jayakumar, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Law (centre), arriving for the 2nd APPSNO, where he delivered the opening address



rounding social resilience and radicalization. In February 2008, CENS co-organized a workshop titled “Radicalization: Foresight and Warning” with the Global Futures Forum. 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, the Home Team Academy’s Senior Commanders’ Course and the Civil Service College. Besides such external teaching, Associate Professor Kumar Ramakrishna and Dr. Norman Vasu also teach Master’s courses related to national security in the M.Sc. programmes at RSIS.

In 2008, CENS organized a number of highly focused workshops and seminars as well as international conferences on its different areas of research, including: (i) a workshop on networked government and homeland security in January; (ii) a workshop on multiculturalism and social resilience in February 2008; (iii) the Second Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) in April; and (iv) a workshop on global climate change in July. The proceedings for all these conferences and workshops have been published as conference reports.

In 2009, building on its achievements thus far, CENS aims to be a global thought-leader in the theme of resilience vis-à-vis national security by focusing on issues surrounding Homeland Defence, Radicalization and Social Resilience as well as Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning.

Non-Traditional Security

The year 2008 marked yet another eventful period for the Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Programme in RSIS. The most significant development was the establishment of the Centre for NTS Studies at RSIS on 6 May 2008. The centre, headed by Associate Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony, grew out of the School’s successful NTS Programme and its role as the Secretariat of the Consortium of NTS Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia). Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, launched the centre on 6 May 2008. In his opening remarks, the minister commented that the Consortium was not only “an intellectual hub for NTS but also part of the architecture for regional cooperation into these

issues". In addition, Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General of ASEAN, who delivered the keynote address, noted the centre's pivotal role in advancing NTS studies in the region.

In its first year, the centre launched three major research programmes that are of critical concern to the region:

- ❖ Pandemics and Global Health Governance
- ❖ Climate Change and Human Security
- ❖ Energy and Security

These programmes will involve the development of research findings into actionable policy recommendations as well as proposing policy initiatives to address the range of NTS problems facing the Asia-Pacific region.

The centre has also launched NTS Insight, a think piece that deals with pertinent NTS issues. Early editions of the publication include subjects like food security, energy security and human security. Several seminars have also been organized under the auspices of the NTS Centre. Speakers for the seminars include Dr. Takeshi Kasai, Senior Advisor, Western Pacific Regional Office, World Health Organisation (WHO), and Mr. Jesse Fairall, Security Analyst, Corporate Affairs Security, Shell Oil Company. More information on the centre's seminars and publications are available at its newly launched website, www.rsis.edu.sg/nts.

In collaboration with the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Canada, the Centre for NTS Studies introduced a Cambodian

Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim (right), Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, at the launch of the Centre for NTS Studies on 6 May 2008. Dr. Mely Caballero-Anthony (centre) is the head of the new centre.



Research Fellowship scheme in July 2008. Under the scheme, two young scholars from Cambodia were given the opportunity to spend five months at RSIS to research and to engage and share experiences with policymakers and other NTS scholars, including many from overseas, given the School's vast network of international associates. These research fellows were required to conduct a seminar on their research and produce a publishable paper or monograph at the end of their time at the centre.

On consortium matters, an NTS Curricular Development Meeting was held following the launch of the Centre for NTS Studies. Selected members of the NTS-Asia Consortium were invited to discuss ways of mainstreaming NTS studies in research, teaching and policy work. They also explored the possibility of having a shared and/or common curriculum, as several NTS-Asia member institutes have gone beyond researching NTS to teaching it. Issues raised during the meeting were discussed at the Second NTS-Asia Annual Convention held in Beijing on 10–11 November.

Two sub-regional workshops were also organized under the NTS-Asia umbrella:

- ❖ “Migration and Remittance: A Non-Traditional Issue in Asian Security Discourse”, a workshop organized by the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit of the University of Bangladesh, Dhaka, on 21–23 August
- ❖ “Energy and Non-Traditional Security”, a workshop organized by the Centre for NTS Studies at RSIS, on 28–29 August.

A forthcoming sub-regional workshop on “Unhealthy Governance: Security Challenges and Prospects in Asia”, organized by the Centre of Asian Studies, will be held at the University of Hong Kong on 26–27 February 2009.

In 2008, the output from the first round of NTS-Asia research fellowships offered in 2007 was generated. The two research papers and one monograph produced cover the concept of “Security Community” in NTS, the securitization of human trafficking in Indonesia and links between HIV/AIDS and migration along the India and Bangladesh border. The publications are available on the NTS-Asia website. The recipients of the 2008 NTS-Asia research fellowships have also been selected. Their research will cover the topics: “Analysis of Media Reportage on Gender-based Violence in Jammu and Kashmir”; “Sino-ASEAN Energy Coopera-

tion: Limitations, Potential and Prospects”; and “Security Implications of Climate Change: A Case Study of the Philippines”.

The 2008 editions of NTS Alert, a fortnightly news bulletin on various NTS themes, covered a broad range of timely NTS issues, including humanitarian emergencies such as responses to natural disasters; human trafficking; the impact of rising food and fuel prices and the implications for human security and regional stability; health security; and various climate change-related issues such as climate refugees; the rush for alternative energy sources such as biofuels and nuclear energy; and multilateral forums such as the ASEAN Ministerial Meetings, the G8 and D8 countries, and the UNFCCC meeting in Bali that addressed NTS issues. These editions of NTS Alert and other NTS resources can be found on the newly revamped NTS-Asia website, www.rsis-ntsasia.org.

The Second NTS-Asia Annual Convention held in Beijing on 10–11 November 2008 rounded up NTS activities for the year. The convention was hosted by the Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Professor Zhang Yunling, the Director of the Academic Division of International Studies, at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, who was also RSIS's inaugural Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor in International Relations from 26 October to 7 November 2008, delivered the keynote address. In addition to taking stock of the consortium's activities for the year, members of the NTS-Asia network also discussed a range of timely NTS issues such as food security, energy security, disaster diplomacy and transnational crime.

Mr. Goh Geok Khim (left), Chairman of Temasek Foundation, receiving a token of appreciation from Dean Barry Desker during the official opening of TFCTN on 16 October 2008



Negotiations

RSIS's Negotiations Programme started in 2002 as the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Programme, becoming the Asian Programme for Negotiation and Conflict Management (APNCM) in 2004. Since then, the APNCM has morphed into the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN). This new centre was formally launched in October 2008, following a generous initial donation from the Temasek Foundation.

The TFCTN is dedicated to improving the process of international negotiations, with a particular focus on increasing capabilities and access for developing states. The centre uses rigorous empirical research to create new ideas and generate informed debate leading to practical policy alternatives for improving global negotiations on trade and economic issues. Headed by Dr. Deborah Elms and administered by Mr. Quak Swee Seng, the centre assisted Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) in planning the 2008 Symposium for APEC senior officials. The keynote speaker of the APEC meeting, Professor Robert Lawrence, also served as the speaker at the centre's opening. The TFCTN has also worked closely with Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials, particularly the mission staff in Geneva, in promoting trade and economic development activities in Singapore.

The flagship capacity-building course, a six-week long executive programme, saw mid-level government officials from the Asia-Pacific region—from countries as diverse as Hong Kong and the Maldives—gathering in Singapore from 29 October to 5 December to learn about intellectual property rights, trade in services and negotiating regional trade agreements. The instructors for the programme included current and former World Trade Organization (WTO) officials, government negotiators, international lawyers and prominent academics.

The centre also made plans to collaborate in the future with key actors, including the WTO Secretariat and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in Geneva. Joint projects for the future include capacity-building sessions for parliamentarians from around the region and a series of workshops on climate change and trade.

Contemporary Islam

The Contemporary Islam Programme (CIP) at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, is coordinated by Dr. Iqbal Singh Sevea. In

2008, the programme collated research findings of its ongoing project on "Mapping Out the New Parallel Islamist Civil Society Network in Southeast Asia: New Networks, Modalities and Discourses in a Newly Emerging Imagined Community". A team of scholars, supervised by the Associate Dean of RSIS, Dr. Joseph Liow, that included Iqbal Singh Sevea, Farish Noor, Mohamed Nawab (all from RSIS), Greg Fealy (ANU) and Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid (USM), was engaged in this project. The project aims to identify and analyse the primary actors and agents involved in the formation and development of a burgeoning pan-regional parallel civil society network, bringing together religiously-inspired Islamist NGOs, civil society actors and agencies, media professionals' associations and political parties to chart out a virtual map of the new Islamist activist geography of Southeast Asia.

This project entails in-depth research into a number of transnational Islamic organizations, namely, Hizbut Tahrir (Indonesia), Jemaat Tabligh (Southeast Asia and South Asia), Jamaat-e-Islami (Southeast Asia and South Asia), the Ahmadiyya (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. Articles written by the project team have been submitted for publication as a special issue journal edition and are currently being reviewed by Southeast Asia Research.

In the year under review, the programme embarked on a study of Islamic education institutions across Southeast Asia, focusing primarily on Indonesia, Malaysia and Southern Thailand. This project involved in-house researchers, including Dr. Joseph Liow, Dr. Leonard Sebastian and Dr. Farish Noor, as well as Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid and Dr. Noorhaidi Hasan, both of whom will be with the programme as visiting fellows. There will also be local field researchers working on the project. The deliverables for this project will take the form of books and monographs as well as closed-door presentations. The first deliverable will be a book titled *Islam, Education, and Reform in Southern Thailand: Tradition and Transformation*. It is written by Dr. Joseph Liow and will be published by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Press in December 2008.

The programme is also currently laying the groundwork for a major project that will survey Muslim public opinion on social and political issues in Malaysia, Indonesia, Southern Thailand and Philippines. Supervised by Dr. Iqbal Singh Sevea, this project seeks to ascertain the identity, issues and opinions of ordinary Muslims in Southeast Asia on issues such as the

Islamic state, sharia, equality between genders, suicide bombings, non-Muslims and interfaith relations and governance as well as their opinions on significant contemporary world events such as the “War on Terror” and their attitudes towards the West. This project will start early next year. Its deliverables include four country-specific reports and one general report.

Aside from these projects, programme staff have been pursuing their own research. Dr. Farish Noor is currently researching for his book on the Tablighi Jamaat and Dr. Iqbal Singh Sevea is working on a manuscript examining the interaction between Muslim intellectuals in modern South Asia and Western political thought. Dr. Joseph Liow’s book, *Piety and Politics: Islamism in Contemporary Malaysia*, will be published by Oxford University Press, New York, in April 2009.

Besides the projects mentioned, the CIP also co-organized a joint workshop with the U.S.-based National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) on the topic “Transnational Islam in South and Southeast Asia: Movements, Networks, and Conflict Dynamics” in June 2008. This workshop brought together international experts on South Asian and Southeast Asian transnational Islamic movements, and was attended by Singapore-based scholars and officials from several government agencies. During the year in review, a number of reports—including RSIS Working Papers—and commentaries were published by programme staff members. The programme also hosted several talks by visiting scholars on the topic of Islam and its impact on society and politics in Asia.



Participants at the CIP-NBR Workshop held on 26 June 2008

Civil and Internal Conflict

The Civil and Internal Conflict Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, continued its active research on the conflict in southern Thailand over the past year under the leadership of Associate Dean Joseph Liow, who was programme coordinator until the end of 2008. Following visits to the conflict zone, Dr. Liow and RSIS Visiting Fellow Don Pathan (Senior Editor of Thailand's *The Nation*), co-authored a monograph outlining and analyzing the conflict from the perspective of the insurgents based on extensive interviews with them. This will be published at the end of 2008 or early 2009 in the IISS Adelphi Paper series.

Arising from this research, the programme has also been in discussion with the Henri Dunant Centre to launch a pilot Conflict Mediation executive course for mid-level and senior officials from the region, to build understanding and capacity about the possibilities and constraints to dialogue and mediation in regional and local conflicts. The pilot course is scheduled to be conducted in mid-2009. Pending its success, RSIS and HDC will discuss the possibility of the formation of an Asian Mediation Centre that will house this course, along with research capacity in the field of conflict negotiation and mediation.

In 2009, the programme, under coordinator Susan Sim, Senior Fellow, RSIS, will also embark on research on the insurgency in Afghanistan. In-situ research will be undertaken through collaboration with the Afghan Center for Conflict and Peace Studies (CAPS) in Kabul. The programme will also undertake multi-disciplinary projects to study the driving forces behind local conflict and violence, including how radicalization takes place in prisons, in cyberspace and through the global diasporas.

Science, Technology and Security

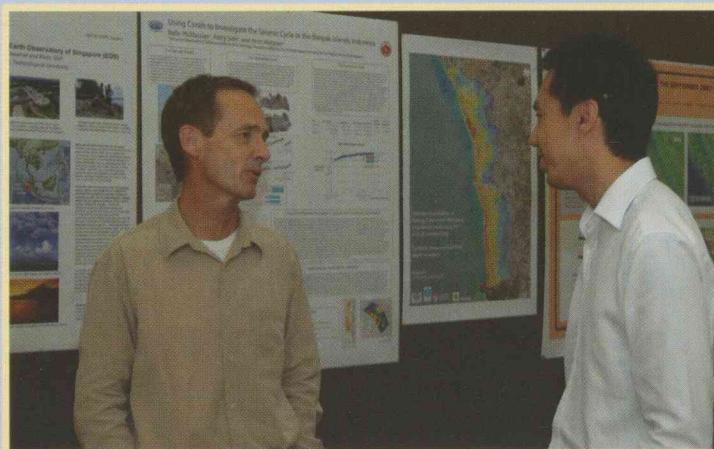
The Science, Technology and Security Programme (STSP) at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, is a multi-disciplinary programme that addresses broad security issues of the region through the conducting of both qualitative and quantitative analyses. Coordinated by Dr. Alvin Chew, the programme aims to drive security policy formulation by drawing on the work of the engineering and science disciplines.

The programme has been working closely with the University's Earth Observatory Singapore (EOS) on a proposal to study the feasibility of

establishing common nuclear facilities in Southeast Asia. This proposal ties in with RSIS's Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, which is also interested in understanding the socio-political climate of energy security in Southeast Asia. Besides the EOS, the proposed study will link RSIS with possible collaborators such as Sweden's Institute of Security and Development Policy (ISDP) and Japan's University of Tokyo. The link-up with the EOS and the University of Tokyo is to leverage on their technical expertise to conduct respectively the geological survey as well as the design of nuclear power plants in Southeast Asia, while collaboration with ISDP will primarily be on nuclear waste management.

In the area of teaching, programme staff members contribute to the School's M.Sc. in Strategic Studies (the elective on Technology and Strategic Policy). The course aims at getting students to appreciate the strategic decisions behind technological developments in both the traditional and non-traditional aspects of security. The STSP also hopes to collaborate with the Master's programmes to introduce a course on protective technology—currently a focus in the engineering schools—to provide a well-rounded curriculum that blends the hard sciences with the policy dimension.

In terms of publications, the STSP is in the process of producing an edited volume of the papers presented at an RSIS-ISDP conference on Asia's energy security held in September 2007. It has also written papers on technological developments in the energy sector, as well as contributed to and assisted in the editing of a monograph for the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific's study group on Energy Security.



Dr. Alvin Chew (right) with Professor Kerry Sieh, founding Director of the Earth Observatory of Singapore, a Research Centre of Excellence at NTU

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY

The International Political Economy Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, had a very successful 2008. The Programme Coordinator, Dr. Richard Carney, together with Programme Associates Dr. Deborah Elms and Adjunct Associate Professor Dr. Friedrich Wu, produced many publications, some of which are in the various stages of the publication process. To give an overview of some of the main publications, Dr. Carney has two books forthcoming—one is an edited volume on the Asian Financial Crisis and the other is a monograph on the political origins of financial institutions. Dr. Carney also has several scholarly articles either published or under review. Dr. Deborah Elms, who heads the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations, published a journal article and several opinion pieces in *The Straits Times*. As for Dr. Friedrich Wu, four of his papers were published in journals.

As RSIS faculty, Dr. Richard Carney, Dr. Deborah Elms and Dr. Friedrich Wu teach courses in the School's M.Sc. Programmes. In 2008, Dr. Carney taught "Theories and Issues in International Political Economy" (a core course) and "Varieties of Capitalism", while Dr. Elms taught "Political Economy of Development" and Dr. Wu taught "A Globalizing China in the World Economy" and "Monitoring, Forecasting and Managing Country Risk and Economic Crisis". Dr. Carney also taught "Quantitative Methods in the Study of International Politics", a core course for Ph.D. students, and a class on "Economic Security" at SAFTI's Command and Staff College.

Of major significance was the organisation of a conference during the year to examine the analysis of the Warwick Commission on the systemic problems faced by multilateral trade regimes and

Mr. Lee Yi Shyan (right), Minister of State for Trade and Industry, accompanied by Ambassador See Chak Mun, RSIS Adjunct Senior Fellow, arriving for the conference on the report of the Warwick Commission



recommendations on how to advance the multilateral trade system. Held on 4 April and graced by Mr. Lee Yi Shyan, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, who delivered the keynote address, conference speakers included Professor Richard Higgott, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of Warwick and Director of Studies of the Warwick Commission, Mr. Patrick Low, Chief Economist of the World Trade Organisation and Member of the Warwick Commission, other members of the Warwick Commission such as Dr. Heribert Dieter, Senior Fellow, Free University of Berlin, Dr. Simon Evenett, Professor at the University of St. Gallen, and faculty and adjunct staff of RSIS such as Ambassador See Chak Mun, Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Professor John Ravenhill, Professor at the Australian National University, and Dr. Deborah Elms, Head of RSIS's Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations.

In other areas of networking, Dr. Richard Carney presented three papers at the Academy of International Business Conference in Milan in July. One of these was selected as a finalist for a best paper prize. Each paper selected for presentation at the conference had gone through a rigorous peer-review process involving three anonymous reviewers, making it a good opportunity to illustrate the high quality research going on at RSIS. Dr. Carney also presented a paper (after a two-person anonymous review process) at the Asia Academy of Management Annual Meeting in Taipei in December. He has also been invited to present one of his papers at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference in Paris in July 2009 as well as at the American Political Science Association Conference in Toronto. The panels for both conferences consist of senior scholars from Harvard, Duke, Boston University, Warwick Business School and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Finally, one of his papers is being translated into Chinese and published in a journal affiliated with the School of Economics at Fudan University.

COUNTRY AND AREA STUDIES

RSIS's research also includes studies of countries that can have an impact on the region's security and stability through their domestic developments and foreign policies. Such work is currently being done through the China, Indonesia, South Asia and United States Programmes.

China Programme

The China Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, is coordinated by Senior Fellow Dr. Shiping Tang. The programme is broadly interested in all aspects of China's strategic thinking and behaviour, and has provided a distinctive regional voice on the issue of the role of China as a rising power.

In 2008, the programme largely completed its flagship project of 2006–2007, which studied the dynamic interaction between China and other regional states through an empirical approach, that is, by looking at specific crises and turning points in the interactive process between China and other regional states. The conference-based edited volume, titled *Living with China: China and its Neighbors through Crises and Turning Points*, will be published by Palgrave-Macmillan in 2009. Several chapters from the volume will also appear in *Asian Survey*. The programme has also largely completed its flagship project of 2007–2008, which was based on a conference on China's soft power held on 18–19 October 2007. The conference-based edited volume, titled *Soft Power: China's Emerging Strategy in International Politics*, will be published by Roman Littlefield in 2009. The China Programme is presently working on a project on the People's Liberation Army (PLA). A conference on this, titled "The People's Liberation Army in the New Century", organized jointly with the Military Transformations Programme, was held on 13–14 November. A handbook on the PLA will be produced as a deliverable of the conference.

In 2008, the China Programme assisted RSIS in hosting the following visitors:

*Mr. Richard Bitzinger
speaking at the
conference on the
PLA held on 13–14
November 2008*



- ❖ Professor Yan Xuetong, Director of the Institute of International Studies, at Qinghua University in Beijing, who visited on 20–25 May. Professor Yan visited the School as part of RSIS's Distinguished Speakers' Programme.
- ❖ Professor Harry Harding, University Professor at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, who visited on 2–5 June. Professor Harding is also a Member of RSIS's Board of Governors.
- ❖ Professor Zhang Yunling, Professor of International Economics and Director of the Division of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, who visited from 26 October to 7 November. Professor Zhang visited the School as RSIS's inaugural Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations.

In 2008, the China Programme also hosted its second batch of visiting fellows:

- ❖ Professor Gu Xiaosong, Vice-President of Guangxi Academy of Social Sciences, who was a Visiting Senior Fellow from 17 March to 16 June. During his stint, Professor Gu wrote a paper on “Beibu Gulf: Emerging Sub-regional Integration between China and ASEAN”, which is presently being considered for publication as an RSIS Working Paper.
- ❖ Ms. Do Thu Thuy, from the Academy of Diplomacy, Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who was a Visiting Fellow from 3 June to 31 August. Ms. Do wrote a paper on the impact of the China-Vietnam Land Border Treaty on the bilateral relationship and the region, which is presently being considered for publication as an RSIS Working Paper. Ms. Do also wrote two RSIS commentaries, both of which were re-published in *The Straits Times*.

In 2008, programme staff members published extensively besides teaching courses in the School's M.Sc. programmes. Overall, they published four book chapters, five journal articles, and eight commentaries / op-eds.

Indonesia Programme

During the year in review, the Indonesia Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, coordinated by Associate Professor Leonard Sebastian, accomplished research on the following:

- ❖ Civil-military relations
- ❖ Defence and security
- ❖ Political Islam
- ❖ Islamic militancy
- ❖ Terrorism
- ❖ Internal conflict
- ❖ Foreign policy and international relations
- ❖ The economy
- ❖ Problems of underdevelopment
- ❖ Local politics and decentralization in the Riau region

The research output included a book-length study by Dr. Sebastian entitled "Contesting Islam in Indonesia: Understanding the Context of Muslim Militancy", which was submitted to the United States Institute of Peace, and a book by Dr. Luthfi Assyaukanie on "Muslim Ideologies and Utopias: A Search for an Ideal Model of State in Indonesia", which is currently under review by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

Two book-length studies, one focusing on the emergence of Partai Keadilan Sejahtera and its implications for Indonesia by Dr. Sebastian, and the other on the Riau & Jambi, Palembang and Bangka-Belitung Malay pirate network, by Dr. Eric Frecon, are currently under progress. Ongoing research includes political Islam, developments relating to the Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI), local politics and democratization, and regular monitoring of political, economic, security and society-related developments in the Riau Archipelago and Riau Province, which were reported in the Riau Bulletin, a fortnightly newsletter aimed at providing timely information to the Singapore policy community. The Indonesia Programme also completed a project to analyse the challenges faced by Indonesia as a consequence of the application of its Regional Autonomy policy in 2001.

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of Reformasi, the Indonesia Programme hosted a closed-door Future Studies workshop for emerging Indonesian leaders and a conference titled "The Future of Indonesia Beyond 2014: Prospects and Challenges". The workshop, held on 3 November, was aimed at helping a select group of Indonesia's young leaders and opinion formers (currently in their late 20s and mid 30s, many of whom played a leadership role in the 1998 Reformasi movement (whether as university students, NGO activists or academics) to envision a better future for Indonesia as well as acquire the strategic mindset to achieve



Dean Barry Desker with (from left) Dr. Leonard Sebastian, Mr. Gita Wirjawan and Mr. Derwin Pereira. Mr. Wirjawan is the CEO of PT Ancora International.

such a goal. This workshop was followed the next day by a conference that looked beyond the 2009 general elections. The conference involved speakers from the workshop as well as discussants from Australia, Europe, Singapore and the U.S.

The workshop and conference were partly sponsored by PT Ancora International, which also agreed to endow the Gita Wirjawan Scholarship for Emerging Indonesian Leaders in RSIS's M.Sc. programme.

Dr. Bahtiar Effendy from the State Islamic University (IAIN) Syarif Hidayatullah in Jakarta will conclude his one-year visiting fellowship at IDSS, RSIS, in February 2009 and is expected to finish a book manuscript on "Political Islam in Indonesia". Mr. Andi Widjajanto, the Director of Defence Economics at Jakarta's Institute of Defense and Security Studies, has been affiliated to the Indonesia Programme as an RSIS Ph.D. candidate since August 2007.

The Indonesia Programme also hosted seminars by eminent Indonesians such as Mr. Abdillah Toha (Partai Amanat Nasional) and Dr. Suryama Sastro (Partai Kedilan Sejahtera), both of whom spoke on the subject of "Political Developments in Indonesia", and a seminar on "New Developments in Indonesian Jihadism", by Ms. Sidney Jones, Senior Advisor of the International Crisis Group in Jakarta. In August, Dr. Sebastian was invited by Indonesia's Foreign Affairs Department to participate in its inaugural Presidential Friends of Indonesia Programme.

The Indonesia Programme will also assist the proposed Indonesian Defence University in the organizing of its inaugural conference in February 2009. Leading presidential hopefuls are expected to speak at RSIS in 2009 as part of its special series on the Indonesian presidential elections.

South Asia Programme

Recognizing the growing importance of the Indian subcontinent in Asian and global affairs, the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, initiated a new programme on South Asia in 2007. Incorporating the earlier initiative on a rising India, the South Asia Programme is now up and running. With two acknowledged experts as its nucleus—Professor C. Raja Mohan and Associate Professor Rajesh Basrur—the programme has contributed to the various teaching and research activities of RSIS as well as participated in networking with the regional and global research community on South Asia.

In 2008, the programme completed teaching of the first full cycle of its new courses, “South Asia’s International Relations”, “India’s Foreign and Security Policies” and “Asia’s Nuclear Politics”. The courses have sought to combine the study of the enduring historic trends in the region as well as major contemporary challenges.

The South Asia Programme has actively contributed to the academic and policy debate on the pressing nuclear issues in South Asia. Professor Mohan is revising his book, *Impossible Allies: Nuclear India, United States and Global Nuclear Order*, following the implementation of the controversial civil nuclear initiative in late 2008.

The programme’s research effort also focuses on a range of other issues, including South Asia’s changing great power relations, deepening trends of regionalism, human security, energy security and the impact of a rising India on the Asian security order. Professor Mohan and Dr. Basrur have published research articles on this in various regional and international journals.

Dr. Basrur’s book, *South Asia’s Cold War*, was published by Routledge in 2008, and his edited volume, *Challenges to Indian Democracy*, will be released shortly by Oxford University Press. A co-edited volume by Professor Mohan, *Power Realignments in Asia*, includes contributions from Indian and American scholars and will be published by Sage in early 2009.

During 2008, the programme hosted many leading scholars and policymakers who shape the global discourse on the subcontinent. Recent visitors include Professor Stephen Cohen from the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., Ambassador Shyam Saran, Special Envoy of the Indian Prime Minister, and K. Subrahmanyam, the doyen of the Indian strategic community.

United States Programme

The United States Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, coordinates, facilitates and promotes research, teaching and networking activities on topics focused on or related to the United States.

Coordinated by Dr. S. R. Joey Long, research during the year under review focused on the impact of U.S. policies on Southeast Asia. It also continued its studies on the revisionist tendencies of the U.S. as a hegemonic power and the implications on international security, and the implications of the U.S. Global Defence Posture on regional security. Dr. Long also undertook a research project titled "The Impact of Existing and Emerging Global Powers on Southeast Asia". The programme's research has also been accepted for publication as articles in the refereed journals *Diplomatic History* and *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*.

— In 2008, RSIS hosted a number of distinguished scholars and practitioners at lectures and seminars on subjects related to the U.S. They included Professor Burdett Loomis, Professor of Political Science, University of Kansas; Professor Neil MacFarlane, S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies and Head of Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford University; Professor William Tow, RSIS Visiting Professor and Professor of International Security, Australian National University; Dr. Jon Alterman, Director and Senior Fellow, Middle East Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies; Dr. Gerard Chaliand, Preeminent Observer of Insurgency and Counterinsurgency Warfare; and Professor Mitchell Reiss, Vice Provost for International Affairs, College of William & Mary, and former Director of the Office of Policy Planning at the U.S. Department of State.

Core issues that the programme will continue to focus its research on include the future of U.S. defence priorities and their impact on the region. There are also plans to convene a roundtable to discuss the priorities and security policies of the Obama administration following the 2008 presidential election. Also in the pipeline is a joint conference with the Stanley Foundation on "New Power Dynamics in Southeast Asia".

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.

RSIS publications
attracting interest at
the 4th Asia-Pacific
Security Conference
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Teaching at RSIS

MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Our flagship programmes, the Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Strategic Studies, International Relations, International Political Economy and Asian Studies, have become widely popular. The four programmes have a total enrolment of 148 students in the 2008/2009 Academic Year, 90 of whom are from overseas. The School has certainly come a long way since Academic Year 1998/1999, 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, well-known scholars who visited RSIS in 2008 included the following:

- ❖ Professor Neil MacFarlane, Head of Department, Department of Politics and International Relations, and Fellow, St. Anne's College, Oxford University (as the S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies)
- ❖ Professor Zhang Yunling, Professor of International Economics and Director of the Division of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (as the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations)
- ❖ Professor William Tow, Professor of International Security in the Department of International Relations, Australian National University, and Chief Investigator for the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (as Visiting Professor)
- ❖ Dr. Gerard Chaliand, former Director of the European Center for the Study of Conflicts, Paris (as Visiting Professor)

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

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A Review of 2008

*President S R Nathan
and Dean Barry
Desker with some
of the graduating
students from
the M.Sc. class of
2007/2008*



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. An annual alumni dinner is held in August.

The External Examiners for the Master's programmes are Professor Steve Smith, Vice Chancellor of the University of Exeter, and Dr. Lee Lai To, Associate Professor of Political Science at the National University of Singapore and President of the Political Science Association of Singapore. They 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)

Synopsis

With a paradigm shift in the business of war and political violence today, the M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) Programme is an imperative discipline that aims to equip students with the ability to decipher strategic theories and emerging security issues, and develop their own concepts to deal with real-world situations.



*Dr. Ralf Emmers,
Head of Graduate
Studies, briefing the
new students of AY
2008/2009 during
their orientation*

Programme Objectives

The M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) Programme is designed to help students better comprehend the changes in the world of strategy, security and war.

The programme aims to:

- ❖ develop security analysts who will be familiar with pressing strategic issues in the Asia-Pacific and beyond;
- ❖ introduce contemporary thinking across a whole spectrum of strategic and security-related issues; and
- ❖ convey a systematic understanding of the theories that explain the nature of interactions between states as well as non-state actors in an increasingly globalized international system.

Programme Relevance

Today, security is becoming increasingly complicated. While traditional security issues—those revolving around the security of the state and territorial integrity, and the use of military force—remain an important element in the security calculus of states, this military focus to security is no longer exclusive. Economic and ecological concerns, migration and other non-military issues have begun to feature prominently in the security agenda. Against the backdrop of this transitional environment, conflict management has become more challenging. The relevance and dominance of traditional approaches to security and order are being challenged by concepts of common, comprehensive and cooperative security. At the same time, global and regional multilateral institutions are experimenting with

new techniques of dealing with conflict, such as preventive diplomacy and humanitarian intervention, often with mixed results.

Programme Benefits

It is vital for professionals in the fields of defence and security management to not only be conversant with the new security concepts and strategic theories, but also to be well acquainted with the intricacies of strategic planning, design and policy analysis. Such knowledge is also useful for corporate planners grappling with the complexities of the current security paradigms.

Programme Content

The M.Sc. (Strategic Studies) programme has been specially designed to cover a broad spectrum of issues, including the following:

- ❖ The study of the use of force in international politics
- ❖ Traditional security issues in the Asia-Pacific region
- ❖ The nexus between non-traditional security issues and the use of force
- ❖ Regional geopolitical issues and its impact on regional security

Students are required to take two core courses. In addition, students completing a dissertation must take five other elective courses, while those in the non-dissertation stream must take seven other electives.

Master of Science (International Relations)***Synopsis***

The M.Sc. (International Relations) Programme is an integrative discipline that aims to equip students with the ability to decipher international relations theories and develop their own concepts to deal with real world situations.

Programme Objectives

The M.Sc. (International Relations) Programme is designed to help students better comprehend the ever-changing international scene.

The programme aims to:

- ❖ develop international-relations analysts who will be familiar with pressing strategic issues in the Asia-Pacific and beyond;

- ❖ introduce contemporary thinking across a whole spectrum of strategic and security-related issues;
- ❖ convey a systematic understanding of the theories that explain the nature of interactions between states as well as non-state actors in an increasingly globalized international system; and
- ❖ provide a sound basis for policy analysis in an increasingly complex world.

Programme Relevance

Today, security no longer revolves solely around the military. Economic and ecological concerns, migration and other non-military issues have begun to feature prominently in the security agenda. Against the backdrop of this transitional environment, conflict management has become more challenging. The relevance and dominance of traditional approaches to security and order are being challenged by concepts of common, comprehensive and cooperative security. At the same time, global and regional multilateral institutions are experimenting with new techniques of dealing with conflict, such as preventive diplomacy and humanitarian intervention, often with mixed results.

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It is vital for professionals in the fields of defence and foreign relations to not only be conversant with the new security concepts and strategic theories, but also to be well acquainted with the intricacies of strategic planning, design and policy analysis. Such knowledge is also useful for corporate planners grappling with the complexities of globalization.

Programme Content

The M.Sc. (International Relations) Programme is specially designed to cover a broad spectrum of issues, including the following:

- ❖ Theories of international relations
- ❖ The making of foreign policy
- ❖ Business planning and technology management
- ❖ Area studies, specifically on the Asia-Pacific region

Students are required to take two core courses. In addition, students completing a dissertation must take five other elective courses, while those in the non-dissertation stream must take seven other electives.

Master of Science (International Political Economy)***Synopsis***

Politics and economics are intertwined. In today's globalized world, understanding one area and not the other makes the comprehension incomplete. Analysing and drafting effective policy requires knowledge of the interaction between economic and political goals and objectives.

Programme Objectives

The M.Sc. (International Political Economy) Programme provides the link between politics and economics by examining relevant theoretical and practical concepts from both disciplines.

Programme Relevance

International Political Economy (IPE) sits at the intersection of politics and economic 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. However, these two areas cannot be regarded separately. Governments frequently intervene in markets by setting wages, prices, tax levels and so forth. On the other hand, investors sometimes turn away from states, markets or currencies that are following objectively sound macroeconomic policies to invest in inefficient projects elsewhere in the world.

Programme Benefits

Under this programme, students are taught to analyse the interaction between the production, distribution and use of wealth with politically driven rules and institutions in the global environment. Using real-world examples, the IPE Programme offers comprehensive insights into contemporary developments in world economics and politics, such as the uneven impact of globalization on states and societies, and ongoing arguments over the formal and informal rules underpinning global governance.

Programme Content

The M.Sc. (International Political Economy) Programme is designed to ensure that students gain a sound understanding in the following:

- ❖ Theoretical and methodological issues in international political economy

- ❖ The basics of economic analysis, with an emphasis on macroeconomics
- ❖ Trade, finance and production networks
- ❖ Key political trends and developments that may affect the world economy, and vice versa

This is not a course in international economics. Although economic concepts are given serious consideration, the focus is mainly on political determinants and their impact on economic outcomes.

Students are required to take two core courses. Those completing a dissertation must take five other elective courses, while those in the non-dissertation stream must take seven other electives. Students with no economics background are strongly encouraged to take the course “Economics for IPE” (Course IP6001).

Master of Science (Asian Studies)

Synopsis

Interest in Asian Studies among scholars is a growing phenomenon as political developments in the region take a new turn and the economic strength of Asia gains influence.

Programme Objectives

With a focus on history, comparative politics, international relations and economics, the M.Sc. (Asian Studies) Programme is designed to:

- ❖ help candidates interested in Asian political economy and security issues obtain the necessary analytical tools and historical perspectives to appreciate the dynamics and implications of exciting new trends;
- ❖ help candidates develop an in-depth understanding of these dynamic changes, using approaches rooted in the disciplines of history, comparative politics, international relations and economics; and
- ❖ acquire relevant analytical tools and historical perspectives to keep them attuned to new trends emerging on the Asian horizon.

This will enable them to better appreciate and understand the dynamics and course of contemporary developments in Asia.

Programme Relevance

On the political front, many Asian states are experiencing profound historical transitions. There are also many potential flashpoints in this

region, including the Korean Peninsula issue, the Taiwan issue, the South China Sea issue, regional arms races, resource scarcity and environmental degradation, and the rising influence of Islamic fundamentalism.

At the heart of regional and global concern are the rise of China as an economic and military powerhouse, and the emergence of India and a more assertive Japan. These phenomenon have been arousing keen interest among key observers and policymakers globally. In view of these developments, many Southeast Asian countries are moving in new directions politically and economically. ASEAN, as an international organisation, plays a crucial role in shaping the relationships among major powers and in cultivating East Asian regionalism.

Programme Benefits

Under this programme, students are instantly connected and attuned to the latest developments in the region with ample opportunities to meet foreign policymakers and prominent Asian specialists from think tanks, non-profit organisations and universities throughout the world. Students will also have the opportunity to further hone their linguistic skills in Singapore, which is home to various communities that converse in many Asian languages.

The cutting-edge knowledge and skills offered in this programme will benefit students in their professional careers in the private or public sector.

Programme Content

The M.Sc. (Asian Studies) Programme is empirically driven and area-centric. The programme places strong emphasis on a range of issues, including the following:

- ❖ Political economy and security
- ❖ Key diplomatic, economic, governmental and security issues with contemporary policy implications

The programme is tailored to the interests of individual students who may choose to focus on a specific country or develop extensive expertise in a certain area of interest.

Forthcoming Programme

The Nanyang MBA (International Studies) jointly offered with Nanyang Business School.

Synopsis

This interdisciplinary degree, which will be available in Academic Year 2009/10, combines the best of both worlds. It allows students to obtain an excellent international studies education at RSIS and a well-recognized MBA from the Nanyang Business School (NBS), one of Asia's foremost business schools.

Programme Objectives

This exciting new programme aims to give students a firm foundation in international affairs, while equipping them with a rigorous education in business studies at NBS.

Programme Relevance

Today, businesses are no longer conducted in isolation. There are political influences that can affect the economy, which will in turn have a significant impact on businesses. The link between politics and business underlies the need to have a strong grasp of both disciplines in order to have an edge in the corporate world.

Programme Benefits

Besides acquiring key professional business skills, students will obtain specialized knowledge in the field of international relations and international political economy. Students will be better equipped to manage the challenges of operating businesses or other international pursuits in an increasingly globalized economy through networking sessions and working with leading industrial corporations.

Set against Singapore's cosmopolitan environment, this MBA gives students the opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge and insights in an integrated and efficient manner, enhancing their ability to handle issues in an international setting.

Programme Content

Students will take the following three core courses from RSIS:

- ❖ International Relations Theory: A Critical Introduction
- ❖ Issues in International Political Economy
- ❖ Professional Skills Enrichment

Students are then allowed to select four electives from the broad range of

courses offered by RSIS in international relations, international political economy, strategic studies and Asian studies.

Students also need to take nine courses from the Nanyang Business School. In addition, they are required to do one of the following:

- ❖ Complete an individual 10,000-word research dissertation, supervised by a faculty member at RSIS
- ❖ Participate in an overseas Business Study Mission supervised by NBS
- ❖ Complete two additional courses at either RSIS or NBS

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 one of the following:

- ❖ Two core courses, five elective courses, and a dissertation of 10,000 words
- ❖ Two core courses and seven elective courses

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

- ❖ Nine core courses offered by NBS
- ❖ Seven courses offered by RSIS, including “International Relations Theory: A Critical Introduction” and “Issues in International Political Economy”
- ❖ 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.

Certificate in Terrorism Studies

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 (CTS) 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 have to take three CTS and two non-CTS courses or four CTS and three non-CTS courses for students in the non-dissertation stream.

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 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

Tuition fees for the four M.Sc. programmes are heavily subsidized by the Ministry of Education (MOE), Singapore. 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\$5,890	S\$2,950
Foreign students	S\$6,480	S\$3,240

The Nanyang MBA in International Studies Programme

Tuition fees for the Nanyang MBA (International Studies) are not subsidized.

Tuition fee per academic year	Full-time	Part-time
Singaporeans, Singapore PR students and foreign students	S\$40,000	S\$38,000

The enrolment fee for the Nanyang 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.

RSIS M.SC. STUDENTS OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009



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M.Sc. Class of 2008/2009 (International Political Economy)



M.Sc. Class of 2008/2009 (Asian Studies)

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
S6005 The Analysis of Defence and Security Policies
S6010 The Revolution in Military Affairs – State Power and the Future of Force
S6011 Globalisation, Security and the State
S6016 The Study of War
S6017 Selected Topics in Strategic Studies – Theoretical and Practical Approaches to the Future
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S6029 Nuclear Politics in Asia

Electives

- AS6000 The International History of Asia
AS6002 Language Study: Chinese
AS6005 Religion and Identity in 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
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IR6017 Islam: Tradition and Modernity
IR6018 Muslim Politics: Peace and War in Islam
IR6019 The Politics of Risk

Master of Science (International Relations)

Core Courses

- IR6001 International Relations Theory: A Critical Introduction (Foundation)
S6007 Professional Skills Enrichment

Primary Field

- IR6004 International Relations of Northeast Asia
IR6005 International Relations of South Asia
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Master of Science (Asian Studies)

Core Courses

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S6007 Professional Skills Enrichment

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Core Courses offered by NBS

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

Core Courses offered by RSIS

- IR6001 International Relations Theory: A Critical Introduction (Foundation)
- IP6000 Theories and Issues in International Political Economy (IPE)
- S6007 Professional Skills Enrichment

Electives

- AS6000 The International History of Asia
- AS6002 Language Study: Chinese
- AS6005 Religion and Identity in 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
- AS6014 The United States and Asia
- AS6015 Non-Traditional Security Issues in Asia
- AS6016 Selected Topics in Asian Studies: Korean Politics
- IP6001 Economics for IPE
- IP6004 An Introduction to International Law
- IP6005 Selected Topics in International Political Economy – The Political Economy of Economic Development and Integration in Asia
- IP6006 The Political Economy of Development
- IP6008 A Globalizing China in the World Economy
- IP6009 Monitoring, Forecasting and Managing Country Risk and Economic Crisis

- IP6013 Varieties of Capitalism
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DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

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

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

RSIS has continued its long-standing support in milestone courses conducted by the Defence and Home Affairs ministries. In addition, the School has been approached by statutory boards and agencies to design and conduct new lessons and courses to keep their staff abreast of today's increasingly complex and multi-dimensional security environment.

For the Ministry of Defence, RSIS faculty have taught geopolitics and military history lessons in their various milestone courses, including the 39th Command and Staff Course and the 8th–11th 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 40th Command and Staff Course to be conducted in 2009, RSIS, in conjunction with the University's College of Engineering and the Nanyang Business School, and as part of an overall NTU project, has been working with the SAFTI Military Institute on a Continuing Education Programme. This will upgrade existing components in the Command and Staff Course taught by NTU faculty to master's-level modules that can be accredited subsequently to the various NTU master's programmes.

At the Home Team Academy, RSIS faculty continued to teach the



M.Sc. students of AY 2007/2008 at the annual RSIS "mixer" for alumni, students and staff held at Mel's Place Bar and Bistro on 6 June 2008



Faculty and M.Sc. students of AY 2008/2009 at the "End-of-Trimester" gathering held at the International Students' Centre on 12 November 2008

customized regional security module for the Singapore Police Force Command and Staff Course in 2008. This culminated in the RSIS Certificate in Regional Security, which was awarded to officers who successfully completed the written examination at the end of the course. At the Civil Defence Academy, the School also provided support for the sixth run of their annual Unit Commanders' Course, with updated lessons on non-traditional security and social resilience.

RSIS has 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 are targeted at public-sector officers ranging from entrant to director level. This year, the School also conducted lessons at its apex 7th Leaders in Administration Programme (LAP) for senior leaders in the Public Service. RSIS faculty also taught in a new course on "Singapore's Security Challenges and Policies" conducted by its sister institute, the Institute of Public Administration and Management.

The School was also approached by the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA) to design and teach a course on contemporary international relations and the security environment. Conducted in March this year, the course included specialized topics like defence technology customized from RSIS's Master's Programme to cater to DSTA's needs.

The Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (MUIS) also approached RSIS to conduct a short workshop/course on "Addressing Radicalization", in continuation of a previous collaboration with the School's Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS). This programme was conducted for senior MUIS officers at the MUIS Academy in August.

The School's International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) conducts a Counter Terrorism Leadership Programme (CTLP), which has continued to attract interest. The CTLP is a unique attachment programme that allows counter-terrorism officials to work with and receive training from ICPVTR while they contribute their professional experience and knowledge to the centre's staff. The centre has also introduced the Counter-Terrorism Journalist Programme (CTJP) to meet the needs of interested media.

Networking at RSIS

RSIS continued to have an active networking programme with other policy institutions in the Asia-Pacific. In 2008, it organized or co-organized with other organisations 22 conferences and workshops, 18 lectures and talks and 95 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 2009.

NETWORKING FOR MULTILATERALISM AND REGIONAL SECURITY

Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP)

RSIS continues to serve as the Secretariat for CSCAP-Singapore and supported its co-chairmanship of the Study Group on Energy and Security with CSCAP-India. The study group met twice during the year, in Beijing in March and in Brunei in July, where it concluded its work with the drafting of a policy memorandum on the prospects for regional cooperation on the security, stability and sustainability of the region's increasing demand for energy. Some of the papers presented at the meetings of the study group are being edited for publication. In 2009, the School will be supporting CSCAP-Singapore to co-chair a new study group on security of offshore energy platforms.

Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI)

The School actively worked with the Strategic Research Institute, National Defence Studies Institute, Royal Thai Armed Forces, to host NADI's second meeting. This network, which brings together defence policy institutions in ASEAN, was inaugurated in Singapore in August 2007 to provide Track II support to ASEAN defence ministers and officials. This year's meeting was held in Bangsaen, Thailand, on 2–5 November. It involved 28 participants, with RSIS providing secretariat support. The meeting explored how it could promote the prospects for regional defence cooperation and will submit its proposals to the ASEAN defence officials for consideration. RSIS continues to serve as the Secretariat for NADI.

**Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO)
2008, 3–10 August**

This programme, now in its ninth year, has become a flagship event of the School. In 2008, the programme ran from 3 to 10 August, with 61 senior military officers from the Asia-Pacific, Europe and the Middle East participating, and with Saudi Arabia sending its officers for the first time. The programme challenged participants to consider policy matters from both theoretical and practical perspectives. International and Singapore speakers addressed subjects such as the rise of private military companies, culture and military operations, maritime security, the future of warfare, terrorism and international security, the new dimensions in international security, the evolution in military affairs, the media and international conflict, conflict and violence in Southeast Asia, and the responsibility to protect. Besides discussing policy-relevant issues, the participants also took part in a number of social activities.

*APPSMO
participants at the
ST Engineering
Distinguished
Dinner Lecture
delivered by the
Hon. Gareth Evans,
President of ICG,
Brussels*

**The Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security, 17–18 January**

RSIS convened the second Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security in January 2008 with sponsorship from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan. An annual dialogue for exploring new ideas and approaches to the management of peace and security in the region, the roundtable is aimed at ascertaining the prospects for, the problems of and the path-

ways to a security community in Asia. The participants included a group of respected academics, non-governmental policy experts, civil-society activists as well as government officials, both serving as well as retired, from Asia and beyond.

Fourth Asia-Pacific Security Conference, 18 February

RSIS and the Republic of Singapore Air Force jointly organized the Global Airpower Conference under the School's Asia-Pacific Security Conference Series on 18 February 2008. Titled "Pushing Frontiers, Shaping Paradigms", the event was held in conjunction with the inaugural Singapore Airshow. The main participants of the conference were chiefs of air forces from around the world and chiefs of military aviation industries. Mr. Teo Chee Hean, the Minister for Defence, delivered the keynote address.



Participants at the 4th Asia-Pacific Security Conference organized by RSIS and RSAF on 18 February 2008

Seventh IISS Asia Security Conference: The Shangri-la Dialogue, 30 May – 1 June

The International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, held its Seventh Asia Security Conference in Singapore from 30 May to 1 June. Also known as The Shangri-La Dialogue, the conference attracted no less than 27 government delegations. It provided an important multilateral setting for ministers, heads of ministries and military chiefs to exchange views on contemporary and emerging security challenges facing the region.

President S R Nathan (centre) at the reception before the IISS Asia Security Conference Dinner that he hosted on 31 May 2008



COURTESY OF MR. SAM TOH

Participants at the conference also included legislators, strategic thinkers, opinion formers, academics and businessmen. RSIS, as the local partner, provided support in organizing the event, including a dinner at the Istana hosted by the President, Mr. S R Nathan.

Conference on "The People's Liberation Army in the New Century", 13–14 November

The School organized this conference, which brought together participants from China, India, the U.S., the U.K. and Taipei, to examine trends and developments in PLA force structures, Chinese defence economics and the evolving role of the PLA in operations other than war.

Indonesia Beyond 2014, Emerging Leaders and Their Challenges, 3–4 November

The main purpose of the Indonesia Future Studies workshop and the conference on "Indonesia Beyond 2014: Emerging Leaders and their Challenges" was to offer an alternative future-oriented perspective in looking at Indonesia beyond the 2014 general elections. The workshop, held on 3 November, brought together 20 leading emerging leaders and opinion makers together for one day to brainstorm ideas on possible futures for Indonesia. The conference, on 4 November, addressed the critical challenges and prospects of several key sectors, such as politics, economy, security,

and the judicial and civil society, which will determine Indonesia's future in the next 20 to 30 years. More importantly, the conference provided a platform for potential future leaders and opinion makers in Indonesia to voice their ideas and exchange views with international scholars and observers of Indonesia.

NETWORKING FOR NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY

Launch of the RSIS Centre for NTS Studies, 6 May

The RSIS Centre for NTS Studies was formally launched by the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Dr. Yaacob Ibrahim, on 6 May 2008. The centre builds on RSIS's role as the secretariat of NTS-Asia. It has launched three major programmes of critical concern to the region: Pandemics, Climate Change, and Energy and Security. These research programmes will involve developing research findings into actionable policy recommendations and proposing policy initiatives to address the range of NTS problems facing the Asia-Pacific region. More information on the centre's activities and publications are available on its newly launched website, www.rsis.edu.sg/nts.

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

RSIS continues to serve as the secretariat of this network, with funding support from the Ford Foundation. RSIS's Centre of NTS Studies jointly organized the second annual convention of the Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia) with the Academic Division of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), and the Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies in Beijing in November 2008. The consortium brings together 14 policy institutions in 11 Asia-Pacific countries.

RSIS-NBR Workshop on "Transnational Islam in South & Southeast Asia: Movements, Networks and Conflict Dynamics", 26 June

The workshop, organized by RSIS and the National Bureau of Asian Research, brought together experts who had identified major Muslim

actors (groups, networks, political parties and personalities) in South and Southeast Asia and assessed their evolving roles, the ways in which they organize and operate, and their relationship to the political environments in which they are active. Transnational Islam was discussed in the context of its influence in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand. The workshop further explored the relationship between local conflicts and transnational movements, and evaluated the impact of such movements on regional conflict dynamics.

Regional Workshop on Energy and Non-Traditional Security, 28–29 August

The Centre for NTS Studies organised a regional workshop on Energy and Non-Traditional Security on 28–29 August. This workshop was organised as one of the sub-regional workshops of the Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia). It addressed emerging challenges brought on by the new energy security paradigm, which straddles beyond economics and revolves around energy, environment and security. It also sought to assess the geopolitical ramifications of energy security—such as the emergence of new players like China and India—where national and international security concerns are tightly interwoven. Questions raised in the workshop included to what extent energy security should be re-conceptualized in view of the emergent NTS issues and whether a framework for rethinking energy security could be explored.

Seminar on Countering the Financing of Terrorism, 12 February

The ICPVTR organized this seminar on 12 February to inaugurate its Consortium for Counter Terrorism Financing. This consortium was established with the support of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Association of Banks in Singapore, with ICPVTR providing the coordination. The consortium has since worked with academic, regulatory and industry partners to conduct seminars in the Philippines in July, Bangladesh in August and Thailand in December.

NETWORKING FOR TRADE AND NEGOTIATIONS

Roundtable Workshop on the Report of the Warwick Commission: The Multilateral Trade Regime – Which Way Forward, 4 April 2008

In April, the International Political Economy Programme of RSIS convened a conference to examine the analysis of the Warwick Commission on the systemic problems faced by the multilateral trade regimes and recommendations on how to advance the multilateral trade system.

Official Launch of the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations, 16 October

The School launched the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN) on 16 October 2008. The Temasek Foundation made an initial donation of \$1.28 million to enable the centre to embark on its agenda of increasing knowledge of trade negotiations and building the capacity of government and business leaders in Asia.



Dr. Deborah Elms, Head of TFCTN, with Mr. Benedict Cheong (left) and Mr. Gerald Yeo of Temasek Foundation. Mr. Cheong is the CEO of the foundation.

APEC Symposium, 14–16 October

To prepare for Singapore's chairmanship, Singapore hosted the APEC Symposium on 14–16 October 2008 to discuss and generate new ideas on what APEC can do to fulfil its mission of facilitating economic growth,

cooperation, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Ravi Menon, Second Permanent Secretary, Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry, and Ambassador Barry Desker, Dean of RSIS. Participants of the symposium included APEC senior officials responsible for trade policy, senior officials responsible for finance policy and private sector representatives from the APEC Business Advisory Council.

TFCTN Executive Programme, 28 October – 5 December

The Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN) launched its inaugural Executive Programme at the end of October. The programme is a six-week capacity-building and training programme that focused on trade negotiations and economic issues. Participants of the programme came from various government agencies and ministries from Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Laos, Maldives, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. These officials included mid-career and senior level staff from trade and industry, and other government agencies that handle trade policy formulation.

BILATERAL LINKS

RSIS continued to expand its bilateral links and networks with institutions in the region. In ASEAN, the School worked with its ASEAN partner institutions and colleagues on several research projects on transnational and non-traditional threats to regional security. The School also hosted a series of Visiting Fellows from ASEAN and shared its experience on the setting up and running of a policy institution with groups from Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam.

In 2008, RSIS sought to enhance its links with policy institutions in Beijing and Shanghai and to expand its links to provincial institutes. In Japan, RSIS continues to deepen its links not only with defence and international affairs institutes but also with Japanese foundations. In November 2008, the School jointly organized with the Japan Institute of International Affairs a symposium in Fukuoka on ASEAN-Japan relations, which brought together participants from all the ASEAN countries. In Korea, the School started exploring how to initiate relations with not only



Dean Barry Desker with Dr. Luisa Dias Diogo, Prime Minister of Mozambique, who visited Singapore in July 2008 as part of a delegation of policymakers from eight African countries

defence institutes but also the Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University.

In South Asia, the School continued to build its relations with New Delhi institutes as part of its South Asia programme. The ICPVTR also extended its links with centres for counter-terrorism research in Bangladesh and Afghanistan, and conducted counter-terrorism training for these centres and also in Pakistan.

The School also joined the Brenthurst Foundation and other policy institutions to share its experience with African institutions. In July 2008, the School hosted a visit of African policymakers to Singapore. Led by Dr. Greg Mills, Director of the Brenthurst Foundation, and Mr. Michael Spicer, CEO of Business Leadership South Africa, the visit provided the visitors—which included the Prime Minister of Mozambique and the Minister in the Prime Minister's Office of Kenya, as well as senior South African policymakers linked to African National Congress President Jacob Zuma—with insights on the transformation of Singapore from a Third World to a First World country in the span of a single generation. The intensive four-day programme arranged by RSIS included meetings with senior officials of International Enterprise Singapore, the Economic Development Board, the Jurong Town Corporation, PSA, the National Trades Union Congress, the Singapore Cooperation Enterprise and Singapore Business Federation. Also included were a session with the President, Mr. S R Nathan, and meetings with Senior Minister Mr. Goh Chok Tong, Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. George Yeo and Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Mr. S. Iswaran.

VISITORS TO RSIS IN 2008



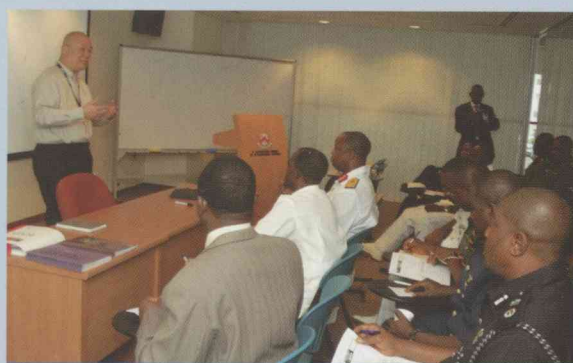
Madam Ton Nu Thi Ninh, President of Founding Committee, Tri Viet University, Vietnam, 26 March 2008



Delegation led by Mr. Bui Thanh Son (left), Director-General for Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vietnam, 25 April 2008



Delegation led by General Kamon Saenissara, Commanding General, National Defence Studies Institute, Royal Thai Armed Forces, 7 May 2008



Delegation from the Nigerian Defence College, 13 May 2008



Delegation from the US National War College, 14 May 2008

Networking

In 2008, the School hosted more than a hundred visitors and visiting delegations, including visits from eight defence and war colleges in ASEAN and from India, Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, Israel and West Asia.



Delegation from the Australian Command and Staff College, 15 May 2008



Mr. Jonathan Fanton (centre), President of the MacArthur Foundation, 30 May 2008



Delegation from the European Commission, 6 June 2008



Delegation from the Israeli National Defence College, 12 June 2008



Delegation from Japan's National Institute for Defence Studies, 13 June 2008

VISITORS TO RSIS IN 2008



*Mr. Paul O'Sullivan,
Director-General of
Security, Australian
Security Intelligence
Organisation, 10
July 2008*



*Delegation from the Indonesian Armed Forces /
Department of Defence, 21-23 April 2008*



*Delegation from the Ministry of National Defense,
Republic of Korea, led by Dr. Jeon Jei Guk, Deputy Minister
for HQ Policy and Public Affairs, 29 August 2008*



*Delegation from the Indonesian Armed Forces /
Department of Defence, 24 July 2008*

*Delegation from
the Royal College
of Defence Studies,
United Kingdom, 30
September 2008*





Paul Sinclair

Delegation from the New Zealand Ministry of Defence led by Mr. Paul Sinclair, Head of International Relations, 16 October 2008



Delegation from the Qatar Armed Forces, 17 October 2008



Delegation from the GSIS-Yonsei University, Republic of Korea, led by Dr. Lee Chung Min, 6 November 2008



Delegation led by Dr. Steven Knapp (left), President, The George Washington University, 13 November 2008

Delegation from the 3rd Thailand-Singapore Exchange Programme led by Mr. Anuson Chinvanho, Director-General, Department of East Asian Affairs, 20 November 2008



HOMELAND SECURITY NETWORKS

Networked Government and Homeland Security Workshop, 7 January

The Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), with the support of the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS), organized a Networked Government and Homeland Security Workshop on 7 January. The workshop looked at the issue of networked governments within the context of homeland security and brought together a mix of international and local academics and practitioners to share both current research as well as best practices.

Radicalization: Foresight and Warning CENS-GFF Workshop, 4–5 February

CENS joined the Global Futures Forum to organize a two-day CENS-GFF workshop on “Radicalization: Foresight and Warning”. The workshop was the first meeting on violent radicalisation that the GFF has held in Asia and looked into recent violent manifestations of religious radicalization in the Southeast Asian region and beyond. Prominent academics, active frontline counter-terrorism officers and homeland defence analysts were invited to either present their latest findings on violent radical movements in their respective countries or participate in the syndicate sessions and work together on possible counter-terrorism policy outcomes.

Dean Barry Desker (second from left) with HE Patricia Herbold, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore, and Mr. Peter Ho, PS for National Security and Intelligence Coordination (fourth from left) meeting before the CENS-GFF Workshop



Operational Risk Assessment Workshop, 11–15 February

CENS conducted a five-day Operational Risk Assessment workshop aimed at providing participants with a basic understanding of risk assessment methodology applied within the national security context. The workshop focused on the practical aspects of risk assessment at the tactical level in various domains.

(Un)problematic Multiculturalism and Social Resilience Workshop, 21 February

Organized by CENS, the workshop discussed the operationalization of the concept of social resilience in multicultural societies. Speakers hailing from Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Indonesia and Singapore as well as participants from various government bodies and academic institutions attended the one-day workshop, which explored the issues confronting multicultural as well as monocultural societies.

2nd Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), 14–18 April

CENS, with the support of the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) of the Prime Minister's Office, organized the second APPSNO in April 2008. The five-day programme, built around the theme of “resilience”, brought together a diverse group of local and international participants from government agencies, research and academic institutions, and national security bodies to discuss a range of topics, including Singapore's national security framework, the conceptualizing of national security and resilience, transnational terrorism, social resilience and national security, business and economic resilience, and risk assessment and horizon scanning.

Workshop on Global Climate Change: Building “Consilience” Between Science, Security and Policy, 14 July

CENS, which is examining climate change as a homeland security issue, organized the Global Climate Change Workshop on the theme of “Building ‘Consilience’ Between Sciences, Security and Policy”. The term “consilience”, coined by Harvard biologist E. O. Wilson, refers to the “synthesis of

Mr. Philip Ong from the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources speaking at the CENS workshop on Global Climate Change. With him is Dr. Kumar Ramakrishna, Head of CENS



knowledge from different fields of human endeavour". It was this premise that underpinned the workshop's focus—that in order to deal effectively with global climate change, there should be an integrative convergence in the knowledge areas of science, security and policy. To this end, the workshop brought together both local and international thought leaders to speak on and explore further these three facets of the climate change conundrum.

International Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning Symposium (IRAHSS 08), on "Realizing the Vision: Challenges and Solutions", 13–14 October

A two-day symposium was jointly organized by CENS, the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) and the Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA). The symposium, declared open by Professor S. Jayakumar, Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, saw representatives from European and American universities, research institutes and governments. Issues such as horizon scanning in government and society, horizon scanning approaches, horizon scanning applied, and challenges for horizon scanning were discussed.

**CENS-CSIS Trusted Information Network (TIN 2) Workshop,
10–11 November**

The Trusted Information Network 2 (TIN-2) meeting on “Extremism and Transnational Crime in Southeast Asia and Australia” took place in Singapore on 10–11 November. The meeting marked a collaborative effort by CENS and the bipartisan Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), based in Washington, D.C., to share the results of a nine-month long web-based project involving the canvassing of international expert opinion on various aspects of the threat of extremism to Southeast Asian states and Australia. The workshop is the second instalment of the TIN project on extremism and transnational crime, inaugurated by CSIS. The closed-door meeting brought together 15 established analysts of transnational threats and senior field researchers who discussed the latest extremism findings and trends. Close to 25 key members of the Singapore Homeland Defence community were also invited to participate in selected sessions of the meetings. Active discussions on the role of emerging media on the spread of extremism and possible changes in U.S. foreign policy vis-à-vis the upcoming new administrative changes were also held.

MARITIME SECURITY NETWORKS**32nd Oceans Conference: “Freedom of Seas, Passage Rights and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention”, 9–10 January**

Together with the Centre for Ocean Law & Policy, University of Virginia School of Law, the Maritime Security Programme of RSIS organized the 32nd Oceans Conference on the “Freedom of Seas, Passage Rights and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention”. Over one hundred local and international presenters and participants, including representatives from various navies, government agencies and research institutions, attended the two-day conference. The conference focused on the background on freedom of navigation, scientific research and hydrographic surveys in EEZ, military activities in EEZ, transit passage through straits used for international navigation, archipelagic sea lanes passage, vessel-source pollution and protection of marine environment, and non-flag state enforcement and protection of marine environment.

Forum for Ocean Policy Institutes in East Asia, 28–29 February

RSIS was invited to a forum organized by the Ocean Policy Research Foundation—an institute of the Nippon Foundation Family working on ocean policy, maritime transport and security studies—to establish a new network of policy institutions working on ocean policy. The aim of the network is to promote communication and cooperation on the current situation and challenges for ocean and coastal management in East Asia. The proposal for a Track II network of ocean policy institutions will be further discussed in November.

RSIS-NMF Conference on Maritime Security, 18–19 November

RSIS co-organized a conference with the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, on 18–19 November entitled “Between Rising Naval Powers: Implications for Southeast Asia of the Rise of Chinese and Indian Naval Power”. The conference systematically reviewed the naval force development plans and deployment patterns of the Chinese and Indian navies, and assessed its implications for Southeast Asia. A group of prominent scholars from various countries participated in the conference, which would result in an edited volume. The conference is a follow-up to the inaugural conference held in October 2007 in New Delhi and will be an annual bilateral event alternating in venue between the two countries.

Books

Freedom News: The Untold Story of the CPM's Underground Newspaper

– Kumar Ramakrishna (Ed.), Singapore: RSIS, 2008

Monographs

Forgetting Osama bin Munqidh, Remembering Osama bin Laden: The Crusades in Modern Muslim Memory

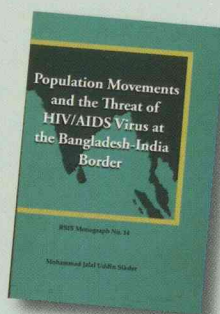
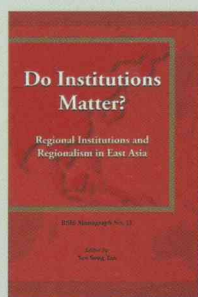
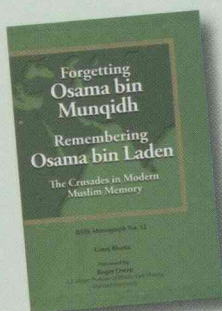
– Umej Bhatia, RSIS Monograph No. 12

Do Institutions Matter? Regional Institutions and Regionalism in East Asia

– See Seng Tan, RSIS Monograph No. 13

Population Movements and the Threat of HIV/AIDS Virus at the Bangladesh-India Border

– Mohammad Jalal Uddin Sikder, RSIS Monograph No. 14



Conference Reports

"Futures Studies": A Brief Review

– Report of the workshop organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, with the support of the National Security Coordination Secretariat on 10 December 2007

Networked Government and Homeland Security

– Report of the workshop organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security (RSIS) with the support of the National Security Coordination Secretariat on 7 January 2008

32nd Oceans Conference: Freedom of the Seas, Passage Rights and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention

– Report of the conference organized by RSIS and the Center for Oceans Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law, on 9–10 January 2008

No Community Without Cooperation: Regional Institutions and Asia's Security Order

– Report of the Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security 2007–2008 organized by RSIS on 17–18 January 2008

Radicalization: Foresight and Warning

- Report of the workshop organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, and the Global Futures Forum with the support of the National Security Coordination Secretariat on 3–5 February 2008

Countering the Financing of Terrorism

- Report of the seminar organized by RSIS, the Association of Banks in Singapore and the Commercial Affairs Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs on countering the financing of terrorism and the inauguration of the Consortium for Countering The Financing of Terrorism on 12 February 2008

Global Air Power Conference

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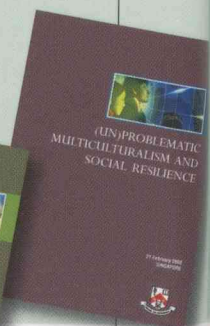
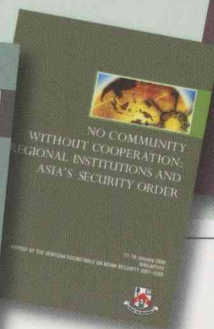
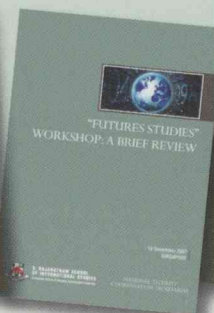
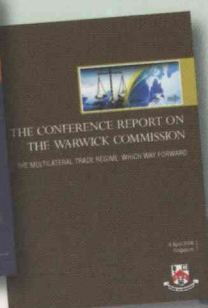
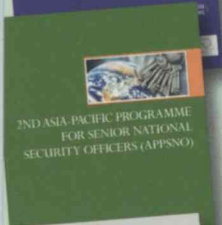
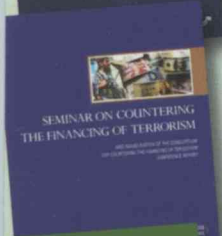
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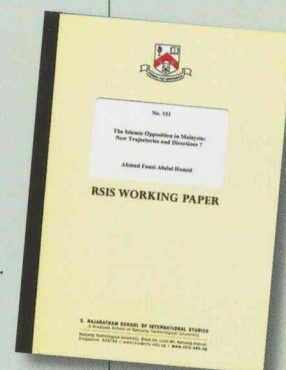
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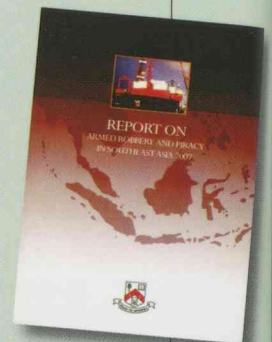
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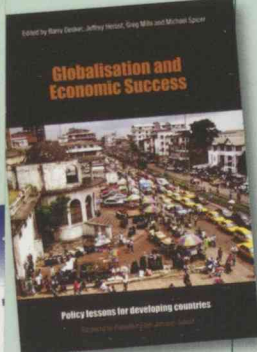
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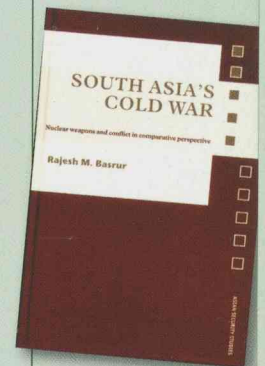
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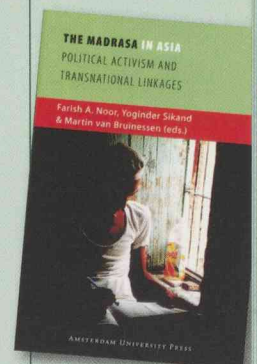
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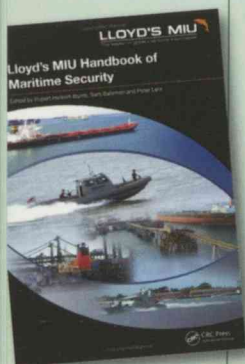
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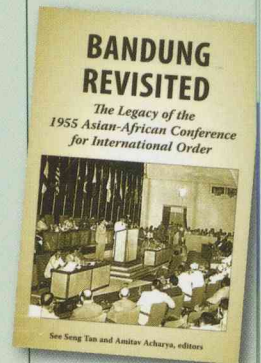
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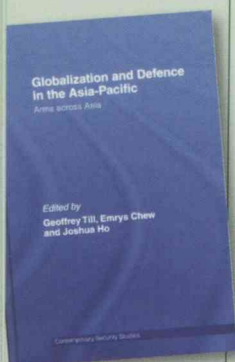
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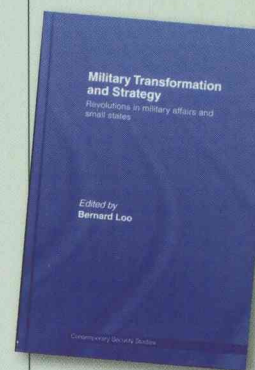
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1. Workshop on “Networked Government and Homeland Security” organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 7 January 2008
2. Conference on “Freedom of Seas, Passage Rights and the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention” organized by the Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and the Centre for Ocean Law and Policy, University of Virginia School of Law, 9–10 January 2008
3. Sentosa Roundtable on “Asian Security” organized by the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 17–18 January 2008
4. Workshop on “Radicalization: Foresight and Warning” organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, and Global Futures Forum, 3–5 February 2008
5. Operational Risk Assessment Workshop organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 11–15 February 2008
6. Global Air Power Conference, Asia-Pacific Security Conference Series, organized by Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and the Republic of Singapore Air Force, 18 February 2008
7. Workshop on Social Resilience organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 21 February 2008
8. Roundtable workshop on “The Report of the Warwick Commission” organized by the International Political Economy Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and the University of Warwick, 4 April 2008
9. Second Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 14–18 April 2008
10. Curricular Development Workshop on “Advances in NTS Studies” organized by the Centre for NTS Studies, RSIS, 6 May 2008
11. Seventh Asia Security Conference: The Shangri-La Dialogue organized by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, with support from the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on 30 May–1 June 2008
12. Workshop on “Transnational Islam in South and Southeast Asia: Movements, Networks and Conflict Dynamics” organized by the Contemporary Islam Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and the National Bureau of Asian Research, 26 June 2008
13. Workshop on “Global Climate Change: Building Consilience between Science, Security and Policy” organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 14 July 2008

14. Tenth Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers organized by Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 3–10 August 2008
15. Regional workshop on “Energy and Non-Traditional Security” organized by the Centre for NTS Studies, RSIS, 28–29 August 2008

Participants at the regional workshop on “Energy and Non-Traditional Security” held on 28–29 August 2008



16. International Risk Assessment and Horizon Scanning Symposium on “Realizing the Vision: Challenges and Solutions” organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 13–14 October 2008
17. Future Studies Workshop for emerging Indonesian leaders organized by the Indonesia Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 3 November 2008
18. Conference on “The Future of Indonesia Beyond 2014: Prospects and Challenges” organized by the Indonesia Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 4 November 2008

Participants of the conference on “Indonesia Beyond 2014” held on 4 November 2008



19. Workshop on “Suicide Terrorism: Its Causes and How to Counter” organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 5 November 2008
20. Workshop on “Trusted Information Network (TIN 2)” organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, and the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C., 10–11 November 2008
21. Conference on “The People’s Liberation Army in the New Century” organized by the China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 13–14 November 2008
22. Conference on “Between Rising Naval Powers: Implications for Southeast Asia of the Rise of Chinese and Indian Naval Power” organized by the Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi, 18–19 November 2008

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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

1. Ms. Laurie Garrett, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, on "Public Health, National Security and Resilience", 16 April 2008
2. Professor Neil MacFarlane, S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies and Head of Department, Department of Politics and International Relations, St. Anne's College, Oxford University, on "Why did the US Intervene in Iraq?", 14 August 2008
3. Mr. Ali Soufan, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS, and Chief Executive Officer of the Soufan Group LLC, on "The Changing Face of Terrorism", 21 August 2008
4. Professor William Tow, Visiting Professor, RSIS, and Professor of International Security at the Australian National University's Department of International Relations and a Chief Investigator for the Australian Research Council's Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS), on "The Asia-Pacific's Evolving Balance of Power and the Future American Role", 2 October 2008
5. Professor Zhang Yunling, Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations and Professor of International Economics and Director of the Division of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, on "Shifting Gear: China's New Thinking on Economic Development", 6 November 2008



Professor Neil MacFarlane



Professor Zhang Yunling

Distinguished Public Lecture Series

1. Ambassador Shyam Saran, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of India, on "India and China: Rivals or Partners", 17 January 2008
2. Dr. Shashi Tharoor, former Under Secretary-General of the United Nations, on "The Soft Power of India", jointly organized with the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, the Wee Kim Wee School of Communications and Information, under the Asia Talks Lecture Series, 26 February 2008
3. Dr. K. Subrahmanyam, a prominent strategic analyst, diplomat, journalist and former Indian civil servant, on "Balancing Power in the 21st Century: An Indian View", 9 April 2008
4. Dr. Yan Xuetong, Director, Institute of International Studies, Tsinghua University, on "China's Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change in the Short Term", 22 May 2008



Professor Harry
Harding

5. Professor Harry Harding, University Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, and Member of the RSIS Board of Governors, on "The Asian Challenge Revisited", 5 June 2008
6. Mr. Rodrigo de Rato, Singapore International Foundation Distinguished Visitor, on "Implications for Asia of the New Global Environment", jointly organized with Singapore International Foundation and Monetary Authority of Singapore, 24 June 2008



Dr. A. P. J. Abdul
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7. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, President of India, 2002–07, and Professor of Technology and Societal Transformation at Anna University, Chennai, on "Dynamics of National Development", 27 August 2008

8. Professor Leon Fuerth, Research Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, on "Forward Engagement: The Role of Governance in Responding to and Shaping the Future", 15 October 2008
9. Professor Zhang Yunling, Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, and Professor of International Economics and Director of the Division of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, on "China, Asia, and Asian Regionalism", 29 October 2008

10. Professor Mitchell B. Reiss, Vice Provost for International Affairs and Professor of Law and Professor of Government, The College of William and Mary Law School, on "From Campaign Rhetoric to Global Leadership: Foreign Policy Challenges for President-elect Barack Obama", 11 December 2008

Developments in Indonesia Public Lecture Series

1. Bapak Abdillah Toha, Partai Amanat Nasional, Member, Commission 1, Indonesian House of Representatives, Bapak Suryama M. Sastra, Partai Keadilan Sastra, Member, Commission 1, Indonesian House of Representatives, on "Recent Developments in Indonesia", 13 March 2008
2. Bapak drh. H. Chaidir, MM, Former Speaker, Riau Province Regional House of Representatives (DPRD, Propinsi Riau) and Riau Gubernatorial Candidate, on "Political and Economic Developments in the Riau Province", 31 July 2008
3. Ms. Sidney Jones, Senior Advisor, International Crisis Group, on "New Developments in Indonesian Jihadism", 29 October 2008



Bapak drh. H. Chaidir (left) with Dean Barry Desker

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. The speakers at these events 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 2008.

1. CENS roundtable discussion by Dr. Brian A. Jackson, Senior Physical Scientist and Associate Director of RAND's homeland security research programme, and Professor H. Brinton Milward, the Providence Service Corporation Chair in Public Management at the Eller College of Management, University of Arizona, on "Terrorists, Dark Networks, and Technology", 8 January 2008
2. Ms. Leela Ponappa, Deputy National Security Advisor, Government of India, on "Regional Trends in Terrorism: An Indian Perspective", 9 January 2008
3. Professor Arie Kruglanski, Distinguished Professor at the University of Maryland and Co-Director of the Department of Homeland Security's CT Centre, on "Motivations for Suicidal Terrorism", 10 January 2008
4. Mr. Stephan Pierre Sakalian, International Committee of the Red Cross, Adviser for Multilateral Affairs in Asia, on "Managing Multilateral Cooperation in Humanitarian Affairs", 16 January 2008
5. Dr. Daniel Pipes, Director and Founder of the Middle East Forum, on "Who Is the Enemy and How Do We Defeat It in the War on Terror", 18 January 2008
6. Mr. Daniel Nomanbhoy, Asia-Pacific Polyolefins Planning Manager, ExxonMobil Chemical Asia-Pacific Pte. Ltd., on "Outlook for Energy: A View to 2030", 5 February 2008
7. Arnaud de Borchgrave, Editor-at-large, United Press International, on "New World Order or New World Disorder?", 6 February 2008
8. Seminar jointly organized by ICPVTR, RSIS, the Commercial Affairs Department, and the Association of Banks in Singapore, on "Countering the Financing of Terrorism", 12 February 2008
9. Professor Stephen P. Cohen, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., and Visiting Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, on "Pakistan's Several Futures", 15 February 2008
10. Mr. Bilahari Kausikan, Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on "Evolving East Asia Architecture", 20 February 2008
11. Mr. Richard Hooke, Head of Aerospace and Defence, The Royal Bank of Scotland, "Growing Pains: Delivering Corporate Value in Aerospace and Defence", 21 February 2008



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12. Mr. Tony Edwards, Professor of Practice, Cranfield University, on "Comparative Defence Acquisitions: A Case Study of Eurofighter Marketing in Asia", 22 February 2008
13. Dr. Kogi Balakrishnan, Principal Assistant Secretary, Defence Industry Division, Ministry of Defence, Malaysia, on "Managing Defence Technology: The Case of Malaysia", 22 February 2008
14. Dr. Farish A. Noor, Senior Fellow, RSIS; Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri, General Secretary, Council of Churches of Malaysia; Professor Zaharom Nain, Associate Professor at the Centre for the Policy Research and International Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia; Mr. Anil Netto, Freelance Writer and Honorary Treasurer, Aliran; and Mr. Yang Razali Kassim, Senior Fellow, RSIS; on "Outlook for Malaysia's Twelfth General Elections", 26 February 2008
15. Professor Jean-Pierre Filiu, Paris Institute of Political Sciences (Sciences Po) and member of its Middle East Chair, on "Al-Qaida's War Against Islam", 27 February 2008
16. Professor Burdett A. Loomis, Professor of Political Science, University of Kansas, on "The 2008 Race for the U.S. Presidency: Gaining the Nomination, Winning the Election, and Governing the Country", 29 February 2008
17. Dr. Razeen Sally, Senior Lecturer in International Political Economy at the London School of Economics and Political Science, on "The Diminishing Returns of Trade Negotiations", 29 February 2008
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Forthcoming Events

Pandemic Preparedness Conference, 12–13 January 2009

The Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies will be hosting a conference that examines the various framings of pandemic preparedness and aim to stimulate thinking on some of the possible approaches and mechanisms that the region can adopt. It will examine models of preparedness, identify gaps in planning and determine indicators that can be used to evaluate effective systems. The conference is targeted at an audience of security analysts, health practitioners, the business community and representatives from civil society groups. The proceedings will explore pandemic preparedness through a series of presentations and discussions on the operational frameworks of pandemic preparedness, the various forms of pandemic interventions that different societal actors can employ, the prospects of regional cooperation and how national pandemic plans can be improved to suit particular contexts.

Food Defence Workshop, 16 February 2009

“Food Defence” describes the measures taken to mitigate intentional attacks on the food supply chain, generally from the threat of the deliberate contamination of foodstuffs. Distinct from but related to food safety, a strong food defence rests on a solid foundation of food safety. The purpose of this workshop that the Centre of Excellence for National Security is organizing is to raise awareness of food defence among the stakeholders of the food supply chain in Singapore (government and private industry). The speakers will include those from the academic, policy and corporate communities from Singapore, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Visit of South African Policymakers, 15–19 February 2009

RSIS will be hosting a visit by a select group of policymakers from the South African government and influential members of the business community on 15–19 February 2009. This follows on a successful visit by leaders and policymakers (including the Prime Minister of Mozambique and the Minister in the Prime Minister’s Office of Kenya) from eight African countries in July 2008. Like the earlier visit, the delegation will be led by Dr. Greg Mills, Director of the Brenthurst Foundation, and Mr. Michael Spicer, CEO of Business Leadership South Africa. RSIS will organize the programme and facilitate the delegation’s meetings with Singapore policymakers and government-linked organizations. The visit will again be aimed at enabling the visitors to learn how Singapore has transformed itself from a Third World country to a First World country within a generation, especially the social and economic policies accounting for the transformation.

International Conference on Terrorist Rehabilitation, 24–26 February 2009

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research will collaborate with Singapore's Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG) to convene the first International Conference on Terrorist Rehabilitation (ICTR) on 24–26 February 2009. The RRG comprises religious clerics who counselled the Jemaah Islamiyah detainees in Singapore. The three-day conference will involve internationally renowned speakers from countries with known rehabilitation programmes. Security specialists, psychologists and counsellors active in both research and in the operational process of rehabilitating extremists and terrorists will also be among the participants. Since its formation, the ICPVTR has been constantly exploring new frontiers in counter-terrorism research, analyses and practice. In addition to working with its partners overseas, the centre has also worked with the RRG and the government to develop concepts and strategies to mitigate the crippling effects of radical extremist ideology on society. To share from global best practices and to map a future direction, ICTR 2009 seeks to bring together the world's leading practitioners and scholars on terrorist rehabilitation.

The Nation: Narratives and Community Workshop, 2 March 2009

National narratives—or the stories that nations tell to tie their past, present and future—are powerful tools in shaping national identity. As such, debates on nation building and community bonding are often incomplete without any reference to the construction of a common historical narrative to develop a sense of belonging. Another possible important function of national narratives is the transmission of values and beliefs that form the basis for national policy. “The Nation: Narratives and Community”, a workshop that will be organized by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, seeks to bring together scholars to critically evaluate the role of national narratives in shaping national identity or identities. The workshop aims to refine this debate by examining: (i) the extent to which a nation's values and identity is reified and its collective historical memory reflected in the formulation of national policies; (ii) the extent to which alternative narratives are permitted to join and influence the discussion on national identities; and (iii) the manner in which the success of narratives can be measured.

Third Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security, 19–20 March 2008

The Third Sentosa Roundtable on Asian Security will be held on 19–20 March 2009. The roundtable is an annual forum for leading analysts and practitioners from Asia and beyond to ponder the challenges and prospects for regional

security architecture in Asia and to contribute actionable policy ideas that regional governments and policy communities find useful to their cooperative efforts at enhancing peace, stability and security in Asia. Past editions of the roundtable had assessed the relevance of Asia's growing economic prosperity and trade links and its regional institutions (ARE, APEC, ASEAN+3 and the East Asia Summit) to regional architecture and community. Building on those previous deliberations, the upcoming roundtable will focus on the functional aspects of regional security architecture and inquire into how ongoing and foreseeable political transitions—for example, the Obama administration in the U.S. and upcoming national elections in various Asian countries—might affect regionalism in Asia.

Third Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers, 12–17 April 2009

The Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) and the National Security Coordination Centre (NSCC) will jointly organize the Third Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) on 12–17 April 2009. The programme provides participants from the Asia-Pacific and beyond with an opportunity to network and discuss national security issues. The theme to be addressed will be “Thinking Intelligently about Risk” and the sessions will explore how to approach and handle adverse situations before, during and after they occur, including discussions with renowned international experts about risk and uncertainty, community relations and radicalization, disaster management and recovery from trauma.

Eleventh Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers, 3–10 August 2009

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 eleventh in the series—will be held on 3–10 August 2009. It will bring to Singapore an impressive group of senior military officers from the ASEAN Regional Forum countries as well as 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 their stay in Singapore.

RSIS-University of Warwick Conference, 2–3 November 2009

This collaboration with the Politics and International Studies Department of the University of Warwick will have three tracks: Non-Traditional Security (NTS), International Political Economy (IPE) and Homeland Security. The last of these tracks, which is under the purview of the Centre of Excellence for National Security, will focus on examining global approaches in counter- and de-radicalization measures against Al-Qaeda-style extremism. The NTS and IPE themes of the conference are in the process of being developed.

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