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# A Message from the Dean

**R**SIS has gained increasing attention as a global think tank with a focus on international relations and international security. We are a founding member of the Council of Councils (CoC) coordinated by the U.S.-based Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and participated actively in its inaugural meeting in Washington, D.C., on 12–14 March. We organised the first regional CoC conference on “Asia at the Crossroads: Regional Priorities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, which took place in Singapore on 30–31 October 2012. Twenty-five representatives from 17 CoC member institutions participated in the conference.

RSIS was also invited to participate in Think20, a grouping of the leading think tanks of G20 members. Think20 discusses issues on the G20 agenda and provides inputs for G20 summits. RSIS’ participation in Think20 is noteworthy, for Singapore is not a member of the G20. We participated in the first two Think20 meetings held in Mexico City on 27–28 February 2012, and in Moscow on 11 December 2012.

On 18 January 2012, we learnt that RSIS had been ranked 47th among the top 50 non-U.S. think tanks in the world in the 2011 Global Go To Think Tank Survey done by the University of Pennsylvania. This was the first time a Singapore think tank had made it into the prestigious list. In the list of Top Think Tanks in Asia, RSIS was ranked tenth. In the global ranking of Security and International Affairs think tanks, Best University Affiliated think tanks, and think tanks with the Best Use of Media (Print or Electronic) to Communicate Programmes and Research, RSIS was ranked 42nd, 22nd and 27th respectively.

The results were significant as it showed that RSIS’ research does not serve the academic community alone. It has an impact on policymaking and, in this sense, is an indicator of RSIS’ role in enhancing national security, regional security and international security. RSIS’ achievements in think tank work are all the more remarkable considering that we are, unlike the majority of think tanks, equally devoted to our educational function as a professional graduate school of international affairs.

These achievements were possible only because of the diligence and commitment of our staff and the unfailing support of our partners and stakeholders. But the challenge before us now in RSIS is to ensure that we remain diligent and committed irrespective of ranking results, however reassuring it might be to be ranked well.

The history of RSIS, since its establishment as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies in 1996, has been marked by rapid growth in its research agenda. From an overall staffing strength of 36 in 2001, RSIS now employs 148 members. However, to avoid overstretching ourselves, growth has moderated, as we sought to consolidate our research activities in 2012. With the establishment of the Centre for Multilateralism Studies in October 2011, there are now six research centres in RSIS pursuing cutting edge security-related research.



*Ambassador Barry Desker*



RSIS' growing reputation as an Asian-based think tank focused on global issues has allowed us to give more attention to our graduate programmes, which continued to experience strong growth in student enrolments at both the Master's and Doctoral levels. Reviews of two of our Master's programmes were made during the year, beginning with the Master of Science Programme in International Political Economy, followed later by the Master of Science Programme in International Relations. Weaknesses in the two programmes were addressed while enhancements in terms of syllabi, staffing and processes were implemented.

Consolidation in RSIS' graduate programmes and in the management and administrative support structures will continue in 2013, which together with improvements and additions to student resources and facilities, promise to bring RSIS to the next higher level of excellence. As it is, student enrolment in the Master's programmes in Academic Year 2012/2013 has increased to an all-time high without any relaxation in admission criteria, adding significantly to the intellectual milieu and the intensity of the learning environment in the School. There are 231 students presently enrolled in the four Master's programmes, which is an increase of 21 per cent over the number enrolled the year before. As for the Doctoral programme, it has seen exponential growth with the number of students now at 27, compared with only three in Academic Year 2006/2007. I am certain that we will see continuing growth in the number of student applications for places in our graduate programmes in the next academic year.

Agreements on research collaboration and exchanges were also signed during the year with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the Japan University Consortium. Our research facilitated training courses, one of which was conducted in collaboration with the Naif Arab University for Security Sciences, Riyadh, for senior security and intelligence officers of Saudi Arabia. Taught in Arabic by staff of our International Centre for Political and Violence and Terrorism Research, the course marked the first time we were actively engaging the Middle East.

In 2012, RSIS remained actively involved in conferences and other networking activities. A total of 37 conferences and workshops were organised including the third Singapore Global Dialogue held on 20–21 September, and the Asia-Pacific Security Conference held on 12–13 February, which sought to address global strategic challenges from an Asian perspective. Seventeen lectures and talks by renowned scholars and policymakers were organised for the benefit of the local community while 74 seminars and roundtable discussions were held in-house for faculty and students. An indication of RSIS' growing importance as a key node in the global network of schools and think tanks lay in the fact that 77 overseas delegations were briefed by the School.

The outlook for RSIS in 2013 is good, barring any adverse developments in the eurozone and a further slowdown in the world economy, which would impact on our budget. We remain committed to our mission of delivering cutting edge research and graduate education.

Barry Desker  
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# ABOUT RSIS

## A Message from the Dean

RSIS is proud to be an Asian-Pacific Institute for Strategic Studies (APIS) and a member of the Asia-Pacific Research and Education Institute for the United States (APEIUS). The Institute is a leading research and education center in the Asia-Pacific region, and its mission is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the region's political, economic, and social issues. The Institute's research is focused on the Asia-Pacific region, and its research is published in the Asia-Pacific Journal of International Law and the Asia-Pacific Journal of International Relations.



COURTESY OF MR. SAM TOH



# A Brief History of RSIS

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

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

RSIS exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its motto, as before, is 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.

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

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

On 1 October 2000, Professor Khong Yuen Foong returned to his teaching career at Oxford University. He was succeeded by Ambassador Barry Desker, who was until then Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Trade Development Board and, 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 graduate courses each year.

RSIS runs several series of conferences on security, including the annual Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO), the annual Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) and the biennial Asia-Pacific Security Conference and International Maritime Security Conference, both of which it organises jointly with Experia Events Pte Ltd on alternating years. In addition to these established events, RSIS inaugurated the Singapore Global Dialogue series in 2010 with support from Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited. This annual series, which addresses global security concerns from an Asian perspective, seeks to become the region's premier conference on global security issues.



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RSIS took 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, and convening of, workshops on behalf of CSCAP.

RSIS' 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 fields. The faculty comprises RSIS staff members as well as international and local specialists in the fields of strategic studies, terrorism studies, international relations, political economy, foreign-policy analysis, defence technology, law and business management. To widen the choice for students, the Nanyang MBA (International Studies), which RSIS runs jointly with the University's Nanyang Business School, was started in 2009. Another two-year, double degree programme, the NTU-Warwick Double Master's Programme, was introduced in 2010. Students in the programme spend their first year at the University of Warwick and the second year at RSIS.

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



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr. Tony Tan (left), now seventh President of Singapore, on a visit to IDSS on 16 August 1999. Dr. Tan was hosted by Mr. S. R. Nathan (right), Director of IDSS, who later became the sixth President of Singapore and is now Distinguished Senior Fellow at RSIS.





*Minister for Defence Dr. Ng Eng Hen and Dean Barry Desker meeting students of RSIS on 30 January 2012*

was IDSS' consultant and external examiner until June 2003, during which time he provided sterling service to the Institute and its Master's programmes. Professor Stephen Walt, the Robert and Renée Belfer Professor of International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where he served as Academic Dean from 2002 to 2006, took over from Professor Freedman as RSIS' consultant. Professor Walt relinquished this appointment on 30 June 2012. Professor Sir Steve Smith, the Vice Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University of Exeter, took over as external examiner and served in this capacity until 20 September 2011, when the position was discontinued following an NTU ruling.

RSIS' graduate programmes have drawn students from many countries around the world. To date, students have come from 58 foreign countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brunei, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, China, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, the Maldives, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. The success of these programmes is reflected in the increasing numbers of students enrolled over the years. From only 10 students in 1998, all Singaporeans, the student enrolment in the 2012/2013 Academic Year is 231. RSIS' 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 second Ph.D. candidate in 2010. It presently has 27 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. Faculty involvement in SAFTI's Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff Course reached a new milestone in 2009, as courses conducted there can now be fully accredited towards NTU's Master of Science degree programmes conducted by the College of Engineering, Nanyang Business School and RSIS. RSIS' International Centre



for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), which was inaugurated on 20 February 2004, has also conducted courses on terrorism for officers of the Ministries of Defence and Home Affairs.

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

More recently, RSIS launched its Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS) on 14 October 2011. The CMS does not supplant the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme located in IDSS. While the CMS tracks economic aspects of multilateral cooperation and regional integration, the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme deals with defence and security multilateralism.

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

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

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When RSIS was inaugurated on 1 January 2007, a campaign to raise \$40 million (including dollar-for-dollar matching grants from the Singapore government) for the RSIS Endowment Fund was initi-





*Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law Mr. K. Shanmugam (left) in conversation with participants of the Council on Foreign Relations' Council of Council's Singapore regional meeting on 30 October 2012*

ated. Led by Mr. S. Chandra Das, Chairman of NUR Investment and Trading Pte Ltd and Singapore's non-resident ambassador to Turkey, the Fund Raising Campaign Committee achieved its target, and the RSIS Endowment Fund was launched on 31 March 2008. Income from this endowment is used to engage world-class faculty and research staff, and to award scholarships to talented students. This provides students with a wider choice of courses, higher levels of excellence in teaching and increased research support.

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

To date, RSIS employs 148 personnel comprising management, faculty, research and support staff. It has, beginning with its predecessor, IDSS, achieved a track record out of proportion to its youth and size. RSIS has come a long way in establishing itself as a centre for teaching and research, and as one of the key nodes in the global network of think tanks.



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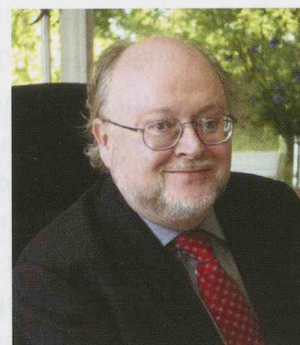
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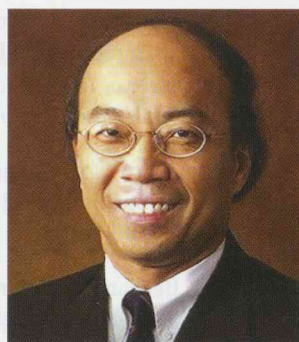


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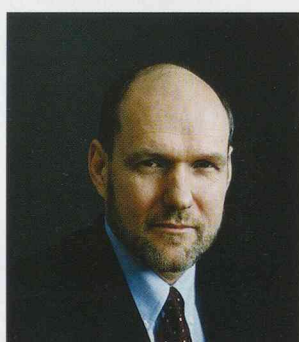
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# HIGHLIGHTS





# Key Events in 2012

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SINGAPORE GLOBAL DIALOGUE

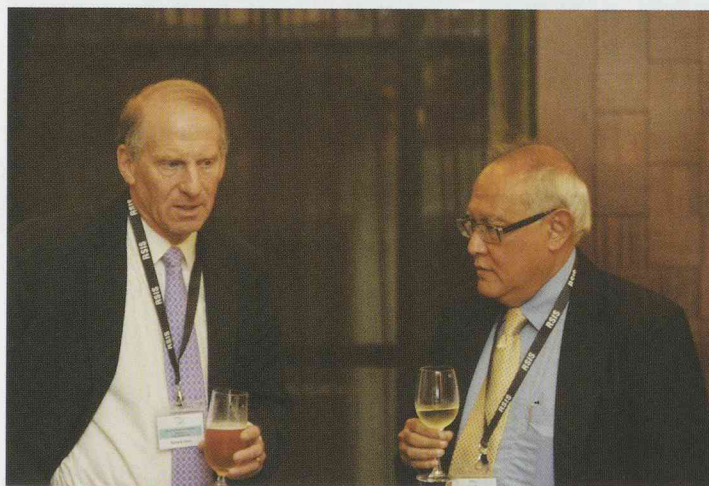
The third Singapore Global Dialogue, held on 20–21 September 2012, was attended by more than 400 participants, including local and foreign media. Established to provide a platform for brainstorming strategic challenges and international security issues from an Asian perspective, the dialogue's speakers at this year's event included Mr. Kevin Rudd, former Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of WTO, and Professor Ibrahim Gambari, former Nigerian Minister of Foreign Affairs. Three distinguished panels discussed U.S.-China relations, contemporary global security challenges, and governance of the world economy.

## COUNCIL OF COUNCILS' ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

RSIS hosted the Council of Councils' (CoC) first regional conference in Singapore on 30–31 October 2012. The conference discussed five themes: stabilising the global financial system, advancing trade liberalisation, advancing maritime security and freedom of navigation, assessing the proliferation threat in Asia, and the future of Asian security cooperation. The CoC is an initiative of the U.S.-based Council on Foreign Relations. Its founding membership includes 24 leading think tanks from 23 countries, roughly tracking the composition of the Group of 20 (G20). RSIS is one of two non-G20 members participating in the CoC.



Mr. Kevin Rudd (left), former Australian Prime Minister, delivered the conference keynote address at the third Singapore Global Dialogue.



Dr. Richard Haass (left), President of the Council on Foreign Relations, and Dean Barry Desker co-chaired the Council of Councils' first regional conference.





*Dr. Ng Eng Hen (left), Minister for Defence, on a visit to RSIS on 30 January 2012*



*International participants at the sixth Asia Pacific Security Conference*



*Ms. Michèle Flournoy, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, U.S. Department of Defense*

## DEFENCE MINISTER'S VISIT

On 30 January 2012, RSIS was honoured by the visit of Dr. Ng Eng Hen, the Minister for Defence. Dr. Ng, who was accompanied by senior officers from the defence ministry's Policy Office, was hosted by Dean Barry Desker and given a briefing on RSIS' research, education and networking activities. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Ng shared MINDEF's perspectives and also complimented RSIS for having accomplished a great deal within a short time. After the meeting, Dr. Ng had tea with RSIS' graduate students.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ASIA PACIFIC SECURITY CONFERENCE

The sixth Asia Pacific Security Conference (APSEC) held on 12–13 February 2012 at the Raffles Convention Centre brought together international experts on military and security issues to discuss the dynamics of change in the Asia Pacific. Hosted by RSIS, the conference provided a useful setting for the Singapore Airshow, which took place on 14–19 February. Nearly 300 participants attended the event, including Mr. Lawrence Wong, Minister of State for Defence and Education, who gave the keynote address.

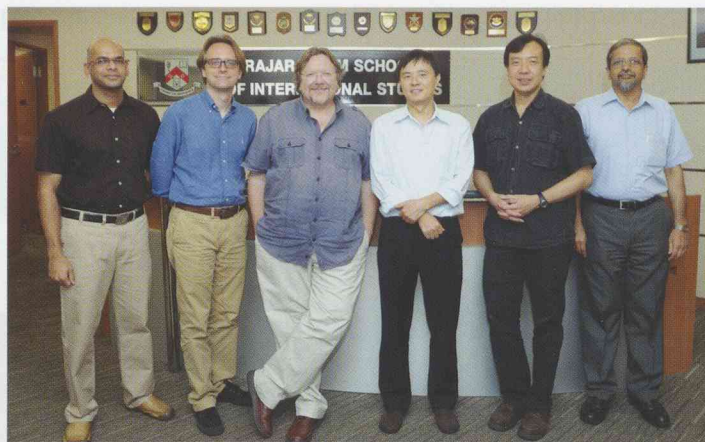
## DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY MS. MICHÈLE FLOURNOY

Ms. Michèle Flournoy, former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy at the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), gave an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture on 5 December 2012 on the topic "U.S. National Security Priorities in President Obama's Second Term". As Under Secretary from 2009 to 2012, Ms. Flournoy led the development of the DoD's FY2013 Strategic Guidance. The day before the lecture, Ms. Flournoy engaged RSIS staff and associates in a roundtable to discuss developments in the South China Sea and to find out how the region viewed U.S. rebalancing towards Asia. Ms. Flournoy was in Singapore under the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship.



## MACARTHUR FOUNDATION GRANT

In 2012, the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, was awarded a US\$500,000 grant by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for a year-long multi-author project aimed at addressing various sources of stability and instability in Asia, including an examination of how forces that stabilise Asia can be strengthened and how forces that destabilise Asia can be managed, and their adverse effects contained.



The grant-winning team comprising (from left), Mr. Kalyan Kemburi, A/P Ralf Emmers, Mr. Richard Bitzinger, A/P Li Mingjiang, A/P Tan See Seng (project director), and Professor Rajesh Basrur. Another project member, Dr. Euan Graham, is not in the photograph.

## LAUNCH OF BOOK ON GOH KENG SWEE

On 8 May 2012, the second of two RSIS books commemorating Dr. Goh Keng Swee, *Goh Keng Swee: A Legacy of Public Service*, was launched. The event was held at the Fullerton Hotel, where Dr. Goh's first ministerial office was situated. The book offers an appraisal of the monumental contributions of a founding father widely held as Singapore's foremost strategic entrepreneur and policy architect. Essays by 12 Singaporean scholars present a cross-generational, interdisciplinary analysis of Dr. Goh's role in the making of public policy and institutions, and the mentoring of a new 'holy order' of public servants.



Dean Barry Desker (left) presenting Mr. S. R. Nathan, the Guest of Honour at the book launch, with a copy of the book. Mr. Nathan, the sixth President of Singapore, is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at RSIS.

## TRACK 2 NETWORK OF ASEAN DEFENCE AND SECURITY INSTITUTIONS (NADI) WORKSHOP

RSIS hosted a Track 2 NADI workshop on 6–10 February 2012. The workshop, one of several relevant to the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM), focused on aviation security. Given the issue's importance, the NADI members agreed that the military in the respective countries could play a critical support role. Hence, the meeting agreed to recommend to the ADMM that the armed forces of the ASEAN countries cooperate in contributing to aviation and airport security.



Senior Fellow, Mr. Tan Seng Chye (centre), speaking at the Track 2 NADI workshop



## MOU WITH THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (NMFA)



*H.E. Tormod C. Endresen (left) and Dean Barry Desker after they had signed the Cooperation Framework Memorandum of Understanding*

A Cooperation Framework Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between RSIS and the NMFA was signed on 7 November 2012. H.E. Tormod C. Endresen, the Norwegian Ambassador to Singapore, signed the MoU on behalf of his ministry, while RSIS was represented by Dean Barry Desker. Under the MoU, RSIS and NMFA will hold annual conferences in Singapore on security-related issues and political developments in Asia and the Asia Pacific, as well as organise expert workshops, briefings and roundtables for Norwegian foreign affairs and defence officials. In addition, both parties will also host visiting scholars and exchange research findings.



*Professor Akihisa Matsuno (left), Osaka University, representing the Japan University Consortium, meeting Professor Joseph Liow, Associate Dean of RSIS on 9 July 2012*

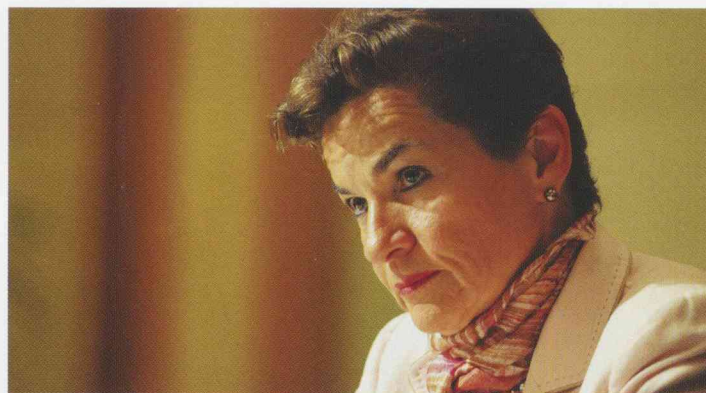
## AGREEMENTS WITH JAPAN UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM

RSIS and the Japan University Consortium for Peace and Human Security in Asia signed an Agreement on Academic Exchange and a Memorandum on Student Exchange on 9 July 2012. The aims of these were to promote cooperation in education and academic research. The academic exchange agreement will allow staff from both sides to participate in collaborative research, lectures and symposiums, and exchanges. The student exchange MoU will facilitate the exchange of undergraduate and graduate students on short-term and semester-long exchange programmes.



## DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY MS. CHRISTIANA FIGUERES

Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, gave an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture on 18 October 2012. Speaking on the topic “Climate Change: Why We Need a Multilateral Solution”, Ms. Figueres advocated the need for a multinational approach to tackle climate change and warned of the consequences, especially to developing nations, if the issue was left unchecked.



*Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*

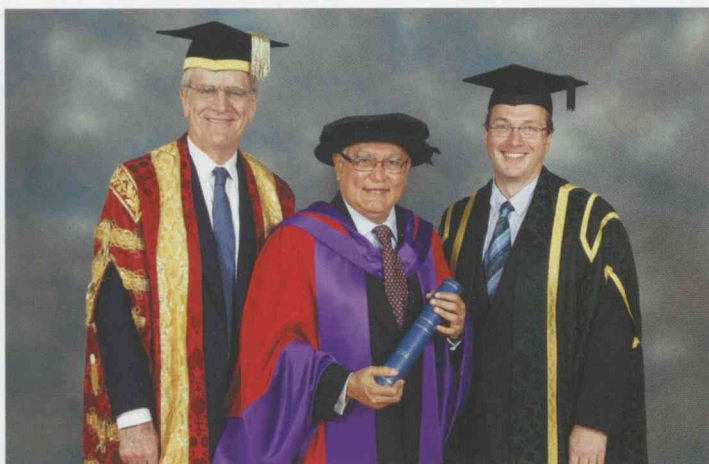
## RSIS' BEIJING VISIT



*RSIS' Beijing Visit: Group photo taken at the China Institute for International Strategic Studies*

On 1–6 July 2012, an RSIS delegation led by Dean Barry Desker visited 11 research institutions in Beijing. They met with their counterparts from these think tanks, which included the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, the China Institute for International Strategic Studies and the PLA National Defence University, to discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by the evolving strategic landscape in East Asia. The RSIS delegation included Associate Professors Tan See Seng and Li Mingjiang of RSIS' Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies.





Dean Barry Desker flanked by Sir Richard Lambert (left), Chancellor of Warwick University, and Professor Stuart Croft, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of International Security, Warwick University

## WARWICK HONOUR FOR DEAN BARRY DESKER

Dean Barry Desker was conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by the University of Warwick on 18 July 2012. He received his degree from Sir Richard Lambert, Chancellor of Warwick University, during a ceremony held at the Warwick University campus in the U.K. This honorary degree was conferred in recognition of Dean Desker's contributions to public life in Singapore, in East Asia and on the global stage; for his scholarship and academic leadership; and for his support and commitment to collaborative projects with the University of Warwick.



Professor Iwan Azis (right) with RSIS' Professor Soedradjad Djiwandono

## VISITING NTUC PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

RSIS' visiting NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, Professor Iwan Azis, was at RSIS from 29 July to 11 August 2012. Professor Azis, who was Head of the Office of Regional Economic Integration at the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines, gave four talks on global and regional economic and financial issues, including one at the S.T. Engineering Distinguished Dinner Lecture at RSIS' Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers. During his visit, Professor Azis also had meetings with senior government policymakers.



Professor William Tow with Mr. Teo Chiang Long (left) and Dean Barry Desker (right)

## VISITING Ngee ANN KONGSI PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Professor William T. Tow was at RSIS as the Visiting Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations from 15 July to 30 November 2012. During the period, he taught a graduate course on U.S. security policy in the Asia-Pacific, had meetings with senior government policymakers, and gave three talks including a Distinguished Public Lecture where he met Mr. Teo Chiang Long, President of the Ngee Ann Kongsi.



## **DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY H.E. DR. MARTY NATALEGAWA**

His Excellency Dr. Marty Natalegawa, Indonesia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, gave an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture on 7 March 2012. Speaking on the topic "The State of Indonesia's Foreign Affairs: 2012 and Beyond", Dr. Natalegawa addressed the factors influencing Indonesia's foreign policy, as well as the challenges facing Indonesia and how the country will address these issues.



*H.E. Dr. Marty Natalegawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia*

## **S. T. LEE DISTINGUISHED ANNUAL LECTURES**

Two internationally renowned scholars visited RSIS in 2012 to give the third and fourth S. T. Lee Distinguished Lectures. Professor Aaron Friedberg, Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, spoke on "A Contest for Supremacy: China, America, and the Struggle for Mastery in Asia" on 6 January 2012, while Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, spoke on "The Changing Face of Public Health and the Challenge for Public Policy". Mr. Lee Seng Tee, the patron of the lecture series, was present on both occasions as the guest-of-honour.

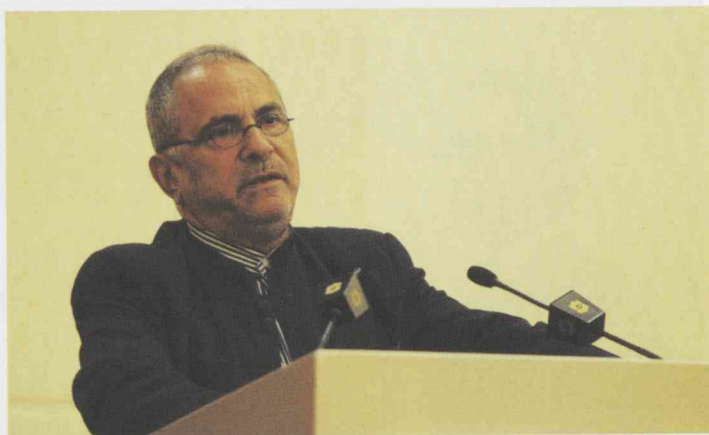


*Professor Aaron Friedberg, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University*

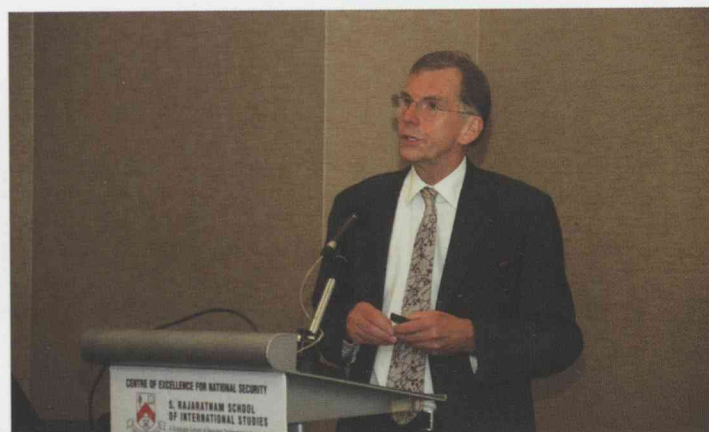


*Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University*





*H.E. Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta, former President of Timor-Leste*



*Professor Sir David Omand, GCB, Visiting Professor, King's College, London*



*Dr. Dan Schueftan, Director of the National Security Studies Centre, Israel*

## **DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY H.E. DR. JOSE RAMOS-HORTA**

His Excellency Dr. Jose Ramos-Horta, then President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, gave an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture on 3 May 2012. Dr. Ramos-Horta, who had spoken at RSIS on several other occasions, gave a lecture on the topic "Securing our Future: Timor Leste's Role in the Region and Beyond". His visit coincided with Timor-Leste's celebration of a decade of independence.

## **DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOW, PROFESSOR SIR DAVID OMAND**

Professor Sir David Omand, GCB, visited RSIS as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow on 1–5 October 2012. Invited by the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) on behalf of Dean RSIS, Sir David gave two seminars on social media and on national security during his visit. Sir David, a visiting professor at King's War College Department, has had a long and distinguished career, including being the first U.K. Security and Intelligence Coordinator, and Permanent Secretary in the Cabinet Office.

## **DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOW, DR. DAN SCHUEFTAN**

RSIS hosted Dr. Dan Schueftan as a Distinguished Visiting Fellow on 1–14 July 2012. Invited by the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) on behalf of Dean RSIS, Dr. Schueftan presented four seminars on the national security challenges of Israel and its surrounding regions during his visit. These seminars contributed significantly to RSIS' understanding of national security and social resilience. Dr. Schueftan is the Director of the National Security Studies Centre and a Senior Lecturer at the School of Political Science, University of Haifa, Israel.



## ICPVTR'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) at RSIS celebrated its tenth year of existence on 12 July 2012. The centre began as a research programme in July 2002, and was officially renamed ICPVTR on 20 February 2004. Mr. Tan Tee How, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs, graced the occasion as the guest-of-honour. Since its beginning 11 years ago, the centre has worked very closely with officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the fight against terrorism.



*Mr. Tan Tee How (right) at the tenth anniversary celebration of the ICPVTR headed by Professor Rohan Gunaratna*

## COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC'S (CSCAP) 38<sup>TH</sup> STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



*CSCAP Co-Chair Mr. Kwa Chong Guan conferring with Mr. Jusuf Wanandi (left) and Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar (right) at the 38th CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting*

CSCAP Singapore, which is based at RSIS, hosted this steering committee meeting on 2 December 2012. Mr. Kwa Chong Guan co-chaired the meeting with Ms. Leela K. Ponappa from CSCAP-India. The meeting reviewed CSCAP's role and contributions as a Track 2 network to the ASEAN Regional Forum in an increasingly complex, uncertain and rapidly changing regional security environment. Besides the need to be more proactive in responding to emerging regional security issues, the meeting agreed that in this new environment, CSCAP had to move on to be more flexible and open-ended in its policy memorandums and reports.



# RESEARCH

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CLIMATE CHANGE  
The International Centre for  
Climate Change Research  
and Policy Studies  
was established in 2007 to  
conduct research on climate  
change and its impact on  
the environment and society.





# Endowed Professorships at RSIS

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

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

## **S. RAJARATNAM PROFESSORSHIP IN STRATEGIC STUDIES**

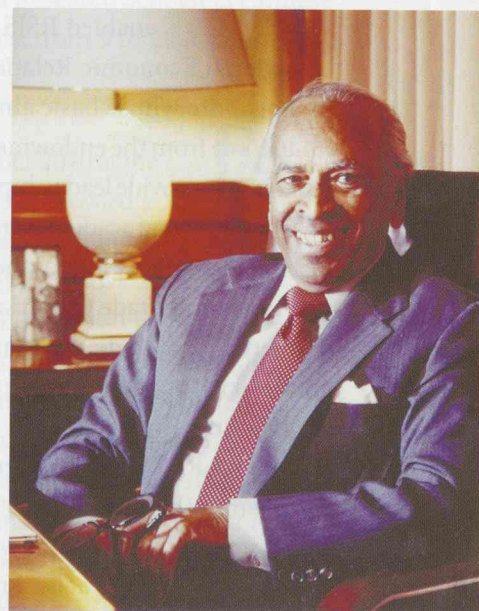
The S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies at RSIS was inaugurated on 31 August 1998 to enable the School to invite distinguished scholars in strategic studies and related fields to participate in its activities. The professorship was established in honour of Mr. Sinnathamby Rajaratnam for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

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

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

- ◇ Professor Stephen M. Walt, Robert and Renée Belfer Professor of International Affairs at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, in January 2000
- ◇ Professor Jack L. Snyder, Robert and Renée 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 to 25 February and on 2 to 8 March 2002.



*Mr. S. Rajaratnam*



- ◇ Professor Alastair Iain Johnston, the Governor James Albert Noe and Linda Noe Laine Professor of China in World Affairs in the Government Department at Harvard University, from 24 February to 24 August 2003
- ◇ Professor John J. Mearsheimer, the R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor and Co-director of the Program on International Security Policy at the University of Chicago, in August 2004
- ◇ Professor C. Raja Mohan, Professor of South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, in August 2005
- ◇ Professor Rosemary Foot, Professor of International Relations and the John Swire Senior Research Fellow at St. Antony's College, University of Oxford, from 2 August to 15 November 2006
- ◇ Professor Richard K. Betts, Arnold A. Saltzman Professor of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, from 1 to 22 August 2007
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Professor Bruce Hoffman, Professor, Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, from 27 July to 12 August 2009
- ◇ Professor Peter Katzenstein, the Walter S. Carpenter, Jr. Professor of International Studies, at the Department of Government, Cornell University, from 1 to 15 January 2010
- ◇ Professor Eliot Cohen, Robert E. Osgood Professor of Strategic Studies at Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, from 1 to 15 August 2010
- ◇ Professor Peter D. Feaver, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Duke University, United States, from 21 July to 3 August 2011.



## 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 was Professor Vinod K. Aggarwal, Director of the Berkeley APEC Study Center at the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Aggarwal was at RSIS for the month of March 2009. The second scholar to be appointed as the NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations was Professor John Ravenhill of the Department of International Relations, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University. Professor Ravenhill held the NTUC Chair from 12 November 2009 to 31 May 2010. The scholar appointed to this prestigious



Chair in the period reviewed was Professor Iwan Azis, Director of Graduate Study for Regional Science, Cornell University, Ithaca; and Head of the Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asia Development Bank, from 29 July to 11 August 2012. A scholar to lead RSIS' International Political Economy Programme will be appointed when there is sufficient income from the endowment.

### NGEE ANN KONGSI PROFESSORSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

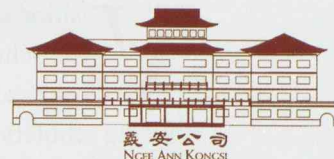
The Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations was established on 27 November 2007 through a donation of \$3 million from Ngee Ann Kongsi and a matching grant from the Singapore Government. Income from the endowment will be used to engage renowned scholars in international relations to 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 scholar appointed to this prestigious Ngee Ann Kongsi Chair in 2012 was Professor William Terry Tow, Professor of the Department of International Relations, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies, College of Asia and Pacific, Australian National University. Professor Tow held the chair from 15 July to 30 November 2012. The following scholars have held this chair previously:

- Professor Zhang Yunling, Professor of International Economics and Director of the Division of International Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, from 26 October to 7 November 2008
- Professor Sumit Ganguly, the Tagore Professor in the Department of Political Science at Indiana University, from 1 February to 31 May 2010
- Professor David Shambaugh, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs; Director, China Program at George Washington University; and Senior Fulbright Research Scholar at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of World Economics and Politics, from 9 to 20 March 2011.



### BAKRIE PROFESSORSHIP IN SOUTHEAST ASIA POLICY

The Bakrie Professorship in Southeast Asia Policy was launched on 18 November 2010 at the Chinese Heritage Centre in Nanyang Technological University. Established to deepen knowledge of the region and its largest country, Indonesia, the professorship was made possible through a generous grant from the Bakrie Center Foundation of Indonesia, led by Mr. Anindya Novyan Bakrie, and a matching grant from the Singapore Government. Its establishment is also in line with the donor's belief in intellectual values and social responsibility and expectation of the chair holders' commitment to advancing knowledge and deepening understanding of the domain they are appointed to. The Bakrie Professorship in Southeast Asia Policy at RSIS will be a prime anchor in providing insights into Southeast Asia policy. The chair holders are expected to mentor the younger faculty members and research scholars, as well as serve as a beacon to attract and retain other illustrious academics with an interest in Southeast Asia.

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





# Visiting Scholars

Visiting scholars play an important role in RSIS' research 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.

## VISITING SCHOLARS WHO SPENT TIME AT RSIS IN 2012

Professor Iwan AZIS

*Director, Graduate Study for Regional Science, Cornell University, Ithaca; and Head, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asia Development Bank  
NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations  
29 July – 11 August 2012*

Air Marshal (Retd.) Vinod Kumar BHATIA

*Visiting Editor, SP Guide Publications, and Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Air Power Studies  
Visiting Fellow in the South Asia Programme  
1–31 December 2012*

Sir Leszek BORYSIEWICZ

*Vice-Chancellor, Cambridge University  
S.T. Lee Distinguished Speakers Programme  
9 April 2012*

Dr. Marcus Page BUSSEY

*Lecturer, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of the Sunshine Coast  
Visiting Fellow in the Centre of Excellence for National Security  
5 March – 3 June 2012*

Dr. Gerard CHALIAND

*Former Director, European Center for the Study of Conflicts (Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique), Paris  
Visiting Professor  
10–26 September 2012*

Mr. Adriel Nathanael CLAYTON

*Candidate for Juris Doctor, Faculty of Law, The University of Windsor  
Visiting Research Analyst in the Indonesia Programme  
20 June – 31 August 2012*

Mr. Gregory R. DALZIEL

*Research Associate, Global Security Research Institute (G-SEC)  
Visiting Researcher in the Centre of Excellence for National Security  
13 August 2012 – 6 November 2012*

Dr. John A. DONALDSON

*Associate Professor, Political Science, School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University  
Visiting Senior Fellow in the China Programme  
1 July – 30 December 2012*

Professor Aaron FRIEDBERG

*Professor, Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University  
S.T. Lee Distinguished Speakers Programme  
4–7 January 2012*

Mr. Philip GREEN

*First Assistant Secretary, International Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia  
Visiting Senior Fellow  
27 August – 30 September 2012*

Ms. Sharinee Lalit JAGTIANI

*Visiting Research Analyst in South Asia Programme  
21 December 2011 – 31 March 2012*

Dr. Ken JIMBO

*Associate Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University  
Visiting Research Fellow in the U.S. Programme  
26 March – 25 July 2012*



Professor LIU Shuguang  
*Professor of Marine Development, Ocean University  
of China*  
*Visiting Senior Fellow in the China Programme*  
19 January – 12 February 2012; 16 July – 11 August 2012

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

Dr. OH Ei Sun  
*Visiting Senior Fellow in the Malaysia Programme*  
9 January 2012 – 8 January 2013

Dr. Prabhakaran PALERI  
*Independent External Monitor, Goa Shipyard  
Limited, and Visiting Professor and Advisor (Research  
and Innovation), Chinmaya Institute of Technology*  
*Visiting Senior Fellow in the South Asia Programme*  
7 February – 31 March 2012

Mr. Francois PERREAULT  
*Research Associate, Canada Research Chair in  
Canadian Foreign and Defence Policy, Department de  
Science Politique, Université du Québec à Montréal*  
*Visiting Scholar in the Centre for Multilateralism Studies*  
19 March – 3 May 2012

Dr. Bibhu Prasad ROUTRAY  
*Senior Research Consultant, Centre for Development  
& Peace Studies, India*  
*Visiting Research Fellow in the South Asia Programme*  
15 September 2011 – 14 March 2012

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

Dr. TENG Jianqun  
*Senior Research Fellow and Director of the Centre  
for Arms Control and International Security Studies,  
China Institute of International Studies*  
*Visiting Senior Fellow in the China Programme*  
13 March – 8 May 2012

Professor Geoffrey TILL  
*Director, Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies,  
King's College, London*  
*Visiting Professor in the Maritime Security Programme*  
31 October 2011 – 9 March 2012; 5–10 June 2012; 22  
October 2012 – 12 March 2013



*Mr. Philip Green, First Assistant Secretary, International Security  
Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia*



*Professor Zhu Chenghu, Academic Department of Strategic Studies,  
National Defense University, China*

Professor William Terry TOW  
*Professor, Department of International Relations, School  
of International, Political & Strategic Studies, College of  
Asia and Pacific, Australian National University*  
*Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations*  
16 July – 28 November 2012

Professor YANG Jiemian  
*President, Shanghai Institute of International Studies*  
*Distinguished Speakers Programme*  
29 October – 1 November 2012

Professor ZHU Chenghu  
*Professor, Academic Department of Strategic Studies,  
National Defense University, China*  
*Distinguished Speakers Programme*  
20–26 September 2012



# Research at RSIS

**R**SIS faculty and researchers conduct both academic and policy-oriented research on international security issues that affect Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific regions, in the context of major developments and shifts in the international system. This report covers research done by RSIS' six centres in 2012:

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

## INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) conducts research and networking in defence and security affairs. Helmed by Ambassador Barry Desker, the Dean of RSIS, with Associate Professor Tan See Seng as the deputy director, IDSS comprises nine research programmes, each administering a host of activities ranging from research and networking to education. Conceived as standalone programmes with their own dedicated research staff, the programmes also collaborate with one another in informal clusters across functional and area/country specialisations as needed.

	Programme	Coordinator
Functional	Contemporary Islam	Professor Joseph Liow
	Maritime Security	Ms. Jane Chan
	Military Transformations	Mr. Richard Bitzinger
	Multilateralism & Regionalism	Associate Professor Ralf Emmers
Area/Country	China	Associate Professor Li Mingjang
	Indonesia	Associate Professor Leonard Sebastian
	Malaysia	Professor Joseph Liow
	United States	Dr. Evan Resnick
	South Asia	Professor Rajesh Basrur

The overarching theme for all IDSS-based research is the search for strategic stability in the Asia Pacific. Broadly speaking, IDSS is interested in what drives or boosts political and strategic stability in the Asia Pacific today, and what undermines it. To that end, the research agenda of IDSS is concerned with understanding and explaining the multiple sources and drivers of insecurity that destabilise or threaten to destabilise the Asia Pacific and its sub-regions. Secondly, it aims to explore and assess the requisite structural conditions and the available as well as potential means and modalities—unilateral,



bilateral and multilateral—for mitigating instability and strengthening order and security in the region. While IDSS programmes conduct research on specific concerns and issues germane to their respective specialisations, the specific questions they pose are variations and auxiliaries of the aforesaid theme. The institute competes globally for research grants.

In 2012, beyond existing research commitments, IDSS concentrated its efforts on understanding China's rise, ASEAN's engagement with big powers in the Asia Pacific, and Singapore's immediate neighbourhood. IDSS was also the recipient of a US\$500,000 grant awarded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for a multi-author project on the management of strategic instability in the contemporary Asia Pacific. (This MacArthur project focuses on great and regional power relations, security challenges in the maritime domain, and the impact of emerging technologies on force modernisation and competition.) The activities and achievements of IDSS research programmes in 2012 follows.

The Contemporary Islam Programme completed three major projects. The first, "Expanding Networks of Religious, Political, and Missionary Movements in Malaysia and Indonesia", resulted in the publication of papers on socio-religious movements such as Hizbut Tahrir, Perkasa, Partai Keadilan Sejahtera and Forum Betawi Rempug. The second project was on Salafi *pesantrens* (Islamic boarding schools) and enclaves in Indonesia. Thirdly, a book on the rise and spread of arguably the world's largest lay missionary movement, *Islam on the Move: The Tablighi Jama'at in Southeast Asia* (Amsterdam University Press, 2012), was published. The programme also furnished regular updates on the restive southern provinces of Thailand.

In February, the Maritime Security Programme co-organised an international conference on "Security Environment of the Seas of East Asia" with the Ocean Policy Research Foundation. In June, the programme joined forces with the Information Fusion Centre of the Republic of Singapore Navy to co-organise the Regional Maritime Security Practitioner Course 2012 (RMPC 2012). Because of Hurricane Sandy, a planned bilateral exchange between RSIS and the U.S. Center for Naval Analyses in



Conference on "Security Environment of the Seas in East Asia" organised by Maritime Security Programme, IDSS, and Ocean Policy Research Foundation, Japan, 28–29 February 2012



November, which the Military Security Programme helped organise, had to be postponed. Programme researchers were also actively involved in the “maritime security” component of the MacArthur project.

The Military Transformations Programme became a standalone programme after the transfer of the Military Studies Programme (with which the Military Transformations Programme was formerly conjoined) out of IDSS. Programme members contributed to the “emerging technologies” component of the MacArthur project.

RSIS’ role as the Secretariat for the Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI)—the Track 2 network of think tanks that support the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting—is handled by the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme. NADI workshops in the areas of humanitarian assistance and

disaster relief, maritime security, aviation security and regional security architecture were held. Research by members of the Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme on Asia-Pacific regionalism and regional defence diplomacy led to an edited volume entitled *ASEAN and the Institutionalization of East Asia* (Routledge, 2012), the outcome of the programme’s involvement in the MacArthur Asia Security Initiative; a special issue on defence diplomacy in Southeast Asia in the peer-reviewed journal, *Asian Security* (Volume 8 Issue 3, 2012); and a report on defence regionalism and regional security architecture in the Asia Pacific.

The China Programme conducted a conference on the domestic sources of Chinese foreign policy in March, organised a workshop on U.S.-China relations in June, and co-hosted a conference on Southeast Asia-China relations with Stanford University’s Shorenstein Center in November. The programme organised the visit of an RSIS delegation, led by Dean Desker, to Beijing in July to exchange views with 11 Chinese think tanks and agencies. It hosted Professor Yang Jiemian, President of the Shanghai Institutes of International Studies, as its Distinguished Speaker in November. The China Programme also produced an edited volume entitled *China Joins Global Governance: Cooperation and Contentions* (Roman & Littlefield, 2012). Finally, programme researchers participated in the “great and regional power relations” component of the MacArthur project.

The Indonesia Programme hosted an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture by Mr. Prabowo



A/P Tan See Seng (left), Deputy Director of IDSS, and A/P Li Mingjiang (centre), Coordinator of the China Programme, at the conference on “Domestic Sources of China’s Foreign Policy,” held on 15–16 March 2012



Mr. Prabowo Subianto (left) accompanied by Dean Desker on his way to deliver his Distinguished Public Lecture on 1 August 2012



Subianto, the Patron of Partai Gerindra of Indonesia, who spoke on the challenges facing Indonesia in the next 20 years. Programme members were interviewed by Channel NewsAsia for their views on the Jakarta gubernatorial elections. Their publications in 2012 included policy reports on “Indonesia’s Naval Development and Maritime Cooperation”, “Revitalizing Indonesia’s Defence Industrial Base: Agenda for Future Action” and “Timor-Leste Celebrates A Decade of Independence”. They also conducted research on Gen-Y, politics in Indonesian football, Islam and politics in West Sumatra, and social media in Indonesia.

The Malaysia Programme furnished two *Malaysia Updates*, one on middle-class youths in Malaysia and the other on the views of Malaysia’s Christian minority on political issues. It also produced two working papers on Malaysian foreign policy towards the U.S. and China, and a series of commentaries, including one on the “1Malaysia” vision. Significantly, the Malaysia Programme hosted talks by politicians from the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) and the Democratic Action Party (DAP).

The United States Programme had a quiet 2012 due to the several months of lull between the departure of its previous coordinator and the arrival of the current coordinator. That said, the programme managed to produce a journal article on U.S.-Singapore relations and a number of short commentaries on U.S. policy on Asia. Its members and associates also contributed to the MacArthur project.

The South Asia Programme produced four policy briefs: (i) India’s Africa Policy: Toward a More Coherent Engagement, (ii) India-U.S. Maritime Partnership: Time to Move Forward, (iii) India’s China Policy: Time to Overcome Political Drift, and (iv) India’s Response to Maoist Extremism: Force, Development, or Both? It also published an RSIS monograph entitled *Demilitarising the State: The South and Southeast Asian Experience*. In late November, the programme conducted a workshop assessing defence relations between India and the ASEAN countries. Programme members contributed to the “great and regional power relations” component of the MacArthur project.

All things considered, IDSS faculty and researchers have made the most of 2012, balancing the obligations of the Institute’s existing research obligations and their on-going participation in the MacArthur project.



The workshop on “India-ASEAN Defence Relations” organised by the South Asia Programme, IDSS, on 29–30 November 2012



## INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM RESEARCH

In 2012, the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism (ICPVTR), headed by Professor Rohan Gunaratna, continued to be at the forefront of counter-terrorism research and analysis. Conferences, training workshops and outreach programmes were conducted, enhancing the centre's reputation even further and making it sought after by many agencies and research institutions for partnership and cooperation. Its many programmes have built on and expanded existing networks that facilitated efforts in mitigating political violence and terrorism in the region and beyond.

One of the major highlights for the year was the inaugural ASEAN Counter Terrorism Executive Programme held on 26–30 March 2012 at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs. Organised with the generous support of the Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund, the programme brought together counter-terrorism leaders and practitioners from ASEAN with the objective of providing a holistic understanding of both the current and emerging threats of terrorism. It also provided a platform for regional experts to network, share best practices and formulate strategies to mitigate the threat of terrorism in ASEAN countries. A major highlight of the programme was the 'fireside chat' with Interpol President Mr. Khoo Boon Hui.

Another significant event was the International Course on Crime, Narcotics and Terrorism. The course was organised in collaboration with the Prince Naif Arab University of Security Sciences on 1–5 October 2012 in Singapore. Officers from security and intelligence agencies in Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Interior, led by Major General Dr. Mohammed H. Alsarra, attended the course. The course was designed to provide a holistic understanding of the current and emerging threat of crime, narcotics and terrorism. ICPVTR staff taught the course in Arabic, which was an achievement for the centre.

ICPVTR played a pivotal role in enhancing the professional development of its partners and stakeholders through its niche capacity-building programmes. These included the fifth International Ter-



*Participants of the inaugural ASEAN Counter Terrorism Executive Programme held on 26–30 March 2012*





*Officers of Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Interior attending ICPVTR's International Course on Crime, Narcotics and Terrorism being briefed at the Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association on 2 October 2012*

rorism Analyst Training Course, which was held on 16–27 January for participants from Indonesia, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. This annual series plays a vital role in networking counter-terrorism academics and practitioners with guest speakers from local and foreign security and intelligence agencies. ICPVTR also organised its first workshop on Custodial Rehabilitation and Prison Management in Jakarta on 12–13 June. The workshop was conducted in Bahasa Indonesia for the Indonesian Directorate General for Corrections staff.

ICPVTR's high international stature has made it a well sought-after centre, as evident from the numerous briefings requested by the various stakeholders in governments, security and intelligence communities, academia and the private sector. In 2012, ICPVTR hosted numerous visits from high-profile personalities, including Mr. Tan Tee How, Permanent Secretary of Singapore's Ministry of Home Affairs; Dr. Asim Ahmed, Minister of Education of the Maldives; Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Permanent Secretary of Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Professor Aaron Friedberg of Princeton University; and Radha Vinod Raju, the first Director General of India's National Investigation Agency, a counter-terrorism agency set up in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in Mumbai.



*Mr. Radha Vinod Raju, DG of India's National Investigation Agency, speaking at ICPVTR's Terrorism Analyst Training Course in January 2012*



This year, ICPVTR also welcomed delegations from the Centre for Protective and Security Studies of Singapore's Home Team Academy, the Nigerian government, the International Committee of the Red Cross (Malaysia) and the Department of Justice of Canada. ICPVTR received expert scholars too from the world's top universities and numerous highly qualified visiting researchers from countries such as Australia, France, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom and the United States.

In the area of publications, ICPVTR has been active in both print and online media. It has published numerous commentaries and books, including *The Terrorist Threat from Thailand: Jihad or Quest for Justice?* by Rohan Gunaratna and Arabinda Acharya (Potomac Books, Inc.) and *When Counterinsurgency Wins: Sri Lanka's Defeat of the LTTE* by Ahmed Salah Hashim (Philly: University of Pennsylvania Press). A next book, *Countering Extremism: Building Social Resilience through Community Engagement*, edited by Rohan Gunaratna, Jolene Jerard and Salim Mohamed Nasir, will be published by Imperial College Press in early 2013. ICPVTR's monthly online publication, *CTTA: Counter Terrorist Trends and Analysis*, continues to make impact with a growing request for subscription.

Communities are the vanguard in the fight against terrorism. As such, ICPVTR has adopted a community-based approach in its efforts to educate and reach out to educational institutions and other public agencies. ICPVTR conducts workshops, talks and focus-group discussions with members of the educational fraternity to debate issues related to national security, such as how the involvement of the community is important.

ICPVTR believes in maintaining and establishing new ties with international institutions in similar fields. The centre takes proactive steps to identify and build new networks with partners and stakeholders to promote and share knowledge of common interest in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East and North America.



Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean delivering the keynote address at the sixth Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) on 9 April 2012



## CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

The year 2012 proved to be an exceptionally busy one for the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS). It started with a well-received and topical workshop on “Visiting the Immigration Issue in Singapore”, which was held on 24 February. This workshop was organised in order to provide a platform to facilitate an inter-disciplinary discussion of immigration issues in Singapore. It was followed by the centre’s signature event, the sixth Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), which was held on 8–13 April. Adopting the theme “Complexities: Interactions and Inter-dependencies for National Security”, the event examined practical ways in which national security practitioners could learn to embrace the challenges of operating in a complex security environment.

On 16–18 July, CENS jointly organised a workshop on “The Future of Sovereignty in Cyberspace: Developing a Global Architecture for Cybersecurity” with the Global Futures Forum, an international network of academics and practitioners coordinated by the U.S. Department of State. On 5 October, CENS organised a one-day workshop on “Social Media in a Crisis – Effective Management in the Digital Age” and facilitated discussions between policymakers, government officials, prominent bloggers, industry experts, practitioners and academics with regard to social media and crisis communication. About 200 people participated in the workshop, one of the best attended among all events organised by CENS.

On 22 October, CENS organised a workshop on “Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalisation”, in partnership with Defence Science and Technology Agency (DSTA), National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) and the U.S. Counter-Terrorism Technical Support Office (CTTSO). This workshop brought together various stakeholders with expertise on the issue of violent extremism and radicalisation so as to arrive at pragmatic and responsive strategies. The centre also worked with the National Security Research Centre to put together, for the first time, an experimental Indonesian terrorism futures exercise involving specialists from Singapore and abroad. In the meantime, Professor Dan Schueftan, a leading Israeli strategic commentator, and Sir David Omand, a prominent former British national security practitioner, delivered well-received seminars to RSIS and other audiences on topics ranging from the state of the Middle East to homeland security in the digital age. Both were here under RSIS’ Distinguished Visitors Programme.

CENS’ international standing was further reinforced by numerous invitations to present its research overseas. For instance, on 7 February, Associate Professor Kumar Ramakrishna, Head of CENS, delivered a presentation entitled “Understanding Violent Religious Extremism and Ways to Counter It” at the Hong Kong Police College. On 6 March, Dr. Ramakrishna and Ms. Sulastri Binte Osman participated in the conference “Liberty and Security in a Time of Global Re-Ordering”, organised by The Center for



*AVP Kumar Ramakrishna, Head of CENS, speaking at the workshop on “Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalisation” on 22 October 2012*



European Studies at Boston University, where Dr. Ramakrishna spoke on “Religion, Radicalization, and Counter-Terrorism: Faith and Politics”. Dr. Ramakrishna was also invited to discuss the contemporary relevance of the Malayan Emergency for countering violent extremism at the Brunei Command and Staff College in May and at a counter-extremism workshop organised by the Southeast Asian Research Centre for Counter-Terrorism in Kuala Lumpur in August.

Dr. Norman Vasu and Dr. Damien Cheong attended the 2012 Conference of the International Communication Association in Arizona, where they spoke on “Narratives and Governance: Corporatism and Governance in Singapore”. Again, on 26–28 September, Dr. Ramakrishna and Ms. Osman were invited to speak by the well-respected Global Terrorism Research Centre of Monash University in Melbourne, on the tenth anniversary of the Bali bombings. In addition, as part of the International Speakers Programme organised by the Attorney-General’s Department of the Australian Government, Dr. Ramakrishna gave a seminar on “Fresh Approaches to Understanding and Countering Evolving Terrorist Threats” in Canberra on 25 September. Ms. Osman was part of a roundtable session that discussed current and future trends of extremism in Indonesia at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade the same day.

CENS was equally active on the policy and scholarly research front, achieving notable acclaim here as well. Its researchers authored approximately 20 commentaries and think pieces both within and outside RSIS on topics ranging from violent extremism to immigration issues in Singapore and to cyber-security and the social media. A significant publication was *The Ties that Bind and Blind: A Report on Inter-racial and Inter-religious Relations in Singapore* (2012) by Dr. Norman Vasu and Ms. Yolanda Chin. This report was featured in various leading media in Singapore, including Channel NewsAsia, *The Straits Times*, *Tamil Murasu* and *Berita Harian*. Dr. Damien Cheong and Ms. Yeap Suyin, in consultation with other RSIS researchers as well as the Ministry of Defence, co-authored a report entitled *Tip of the Iceberg: The Implications of Occupy Wall Street for Southeast Asia*.

Dr. Vasu’s article on Singapore governance appeared in the leading peer-reviewed journal *Asian Survey* while Dr. Cheong’s analysis of the Palestinian militant group, the al-Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigades, appeared in the peer-reviewed *Melbourne Journal of Politics*. Of note, Dr. Ramakrishna’s book *Radical Pathways: Understanding Muslim Radicalization in Indonesia* (2009) was identified as one of the top 150 books on terrorism and counterterrorism globally in a review essay published in the influential journal *Perspectives on Terrorism* in May. In October, he published a book chapter on cognitive immunisation against violent extremism in Indonesia in a book edited by leading Indian defence psychologists Updesh Kumar and Manas Mandal entitled *Countering Terrorism: Psycho-Social Strategies*.

Throughout 2012, CENS was very active in shaping public discourse through regular appearances in both print and broadcast media at home and overseas. For instance, Senol Yilmaz appeared on Channel NewsAsia’s ‘Primetime Asia’ to discuss strategic communications in the 2012 U.S. presidential campaign. Dr. Damien Cheong appeared on ‘Primetime Asia’ on 14 September and discussed the Middle East crisis in the wake of the attack on the U.S. mission in Benghazi. On 26 September, Dr. Ramakrishna was interviewed on the Australian Broadcasting Corporation News’ ‘24-Hour Channel’ in Melbourne for his views concerning the state of the terrorist threat in Indonesia in the run-up to the tenth anniversary of the Bali bombings. Lastly, Dr. Cheong appeared as one of the guests in ‘Talkback’ on the 93.8 Live Radio Station on 10 October and discussed the topic of social media and online behaviour.



## CENTRE FOR NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

The Centre for Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies is headed by Associate Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony. Dr. Caballero-Anthony resumed leadership of the Centre on 10 May after a year as Director of External Relations at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta.

The Centre for NTS Studies continues to lead research in the following areas:

- ◇ Internal and cross-border conflict
- ◇ Climate change, environmental security and natural disasters
- ◇ Energy and human security
- ◇ Food security
- ◇ Health and human security

During the year, the centre focused its research efforts on projects funded by the MacArthur Foundation and the Australian Responsibility to Protect Fund. Effort was also channelled towards research on food security, which was supported by the National Security Coordination Centre (NSCC) as well as seeing through to completion the publications from the NTS-Asia 2011 Research Fellowship funded by the Ford Foundation. Research from these projects were published both externally and in-house via the *NTS Bulletin*, *NTS Alert*, *NTS Insight*, *NTS Perspectives*, *NTS Policy Brief*, *NTS Working Paper Series*, *Asia Security Initiative Working Paper Series*, *NTS-Asia Research Paper Series*, NTS conference reports and the NTS Blog Series. These continue to be well-received in both academic and policy circles.



Participants of the Expert Working Group Meeting on "Food Wastage in Southeast Asia" organised by the Centre for NTS Studies, on 23–24 August 2012



Key publications produced by the Centre for NTS Studies during this period included the following:

- ◇ A special issue of the *Pacific Review* (January 2012), which canvassed Asian thinking on the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP) norm
- ◇ An edited volume that examined the relationship between climate change and human security entitled *Human Security and Climate Change in Southeast Asia: Managing Risk and Resilience*
- ◇ An RSIS monograph on *Climate Change, Migration and Human Security in Southeast Asia*, which examined connections between environmental and migration dynamics
- ◇ Four edited volumes on the topic of energy security, namely, *Energy and Non-Traditional Security (NTS) in Asia* (Springer, 2012); *Rethinking Energy Security in Asia: A Non-Traditional View of Human Security* (Springer, 2012); *Nuclear Power and Energy Security in Asia: Critical Debates?* (Routledge, 2012); and *Managing Regional Energy Vulnerabilities in East Asia* (Routledge, 2013).

The centre also organised 12 conferences and seminars in 2012. It initiated the first cross-sectoral dialogue in the region on food wastage with an Expert Working Group Meeting on “Food Wastage in Southeast Asia”, held on 23–24 August 2012. Another first was the organisation of an Expert Working Group Meeting on “Prospects for an Asian Rice Futures Market” in March 2012. The centre was honoured to have also organised an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture by United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Executive Secretary Ms. Christiana Figueres, who spoke on “Climate Change: Why We Need a Multilateral Solution?” on 18 October 2012.

Other events organised by the Centre for NTS Studies in 2012 included the following:

- ◇ Seminar on “Lessons from the Disaster: Risk Management and the Compound Crisis Presented by the Great East Japan Earthquake” (4 May 2012)
- ◇ Seminar on “Global Rice Information Gateway: Implications for Food Security” (10 May 2012)
- ◇ Advisory Committee Meeting for ASEAN-Canada Research Partnership (9 June 2012)
- ◇ Beijing Policy Roundtable on Asian Non-Traditional Security (29–30 July 2012)
- ◇ Seminar on “Peace Process in Southern Philippines: Re-assessing Prospects and Challenges” (19 October 2012)
- ◇ Energy Security Seminar on “Risk and Resilience: Securing Energy in Insecure Spaces” (29–30 October 2012)



A breakout session at the Roundtable Discussion on “Managing Cross-Border Movements of People” organised by the Centre for NTS Studies, on 19–20 November 2012

- ◇ Seminar on “Implementing the Responsibility to Protect: Challenges and Opportunities” (2 November 2012)
- ◇ Seminar on “The International Politics of Disease Reporting: A Story of H5N1 Reporting in Asia” (5 November 2012)
- ◇ Roundtable Discussion on “Managing Cross-Border Movements of People: Promoting Capacity and Response for Irregular Migration” (19–20 November 2012)

Moving forward, thanks to funding from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources (MEWR), Ministry



of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the Sustainable Earth Office in Nanyang Technological University, the centre will seek to further develop its research programmes, focusing in particular on the nexus between environmental, food and energy security. Other areas include health crisis response frameworks, irregular migration, energy security (particularly on new sources of energy supply in insecure spaces), and water security in relation to transboundary rivers. To enhance the quality of its research, the centre will continue to send young researchers on extensive field trips in the region.

In addition, the centre will continue coordinating activities on senior and junior fellowships and dissemination forums for the ASEAN-Canada Research Partnership funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. Launched in January 2012, this three-year initiative is a response to growing interest within the Canadian and Southeast Asia research communities to jointly examine ASEAN's role and impacts, and to exchange experiences in order to explore development opportunities and address social, economic and environmental problems.

### TEMASEK FOUNDATION CENTRE FOR TRADE & NEGOTIATIONS

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

Currently, the centre is focusing its research on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) talks. The findings of the research were published in numerous newspaper reports and journals. In addition, the research also culminated in the publication of a book entitled *The TPP: A Quest for a Twenty-first Century Trade Agreement*, by Cambridge University Press. It is the first comprehensive study of the TPP that has been published. A series of book launches were held in Geneva, Brussels, Washington, D.C., and Singapore, and responses to the book launches were very good.

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

From March to September 2012, TFCTN conducted a research project on "Trade in Services between Singapore and Brazil". The aim of the research was to study the level of trade in services between Singapore and Brazil and to come out with policy suggestions to increase the level of trade in services between the two countries. This was research collaboration with Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada (IPEA), Brazil, and was funded by the Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry.



Dr. Deborah Elms, Head of TFCTN, speaking at the seminar cum launch of the book *The Trans-Pacific Partnership: A Quest for a 21st Century Trade Agreement*, edited by her, C. L. Lim and Patrick Low



The collaboration between IPEA and TFCTN marked the first Latin American organisational link for TFCTN. In addition to IPEA, TFCTN also started several new collaborations with different organisations in 2012. These included the following:

- ◇ Asia Foundation
- ◇ British High Commission (Singapore)
- ◇ European Centre for Internal Political Economy (ECIPE)
- ◇ Fung Global Institute (FGI), Hong Kong
- ◇ Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHL)
- ◇ Ministry of Economic Affairs, Bhutan
- ◇ National Parliament, Timor Leste

These new collaborations add to the existing collaborations that TFCTN has worked with, which includes the following:

- ◇ Asia Development Bank (ADB)
- ◇ Chung-Hua Institution of Economic Research
- ◇ Ministry of Trade and Industry (Singapore)
- ◇ Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Singapore)
- ◇ United Nation Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- ◇ University of Sussex
- ◇ World Trade Organisation (WTO)

In selecting TFCTN's partners, we look for organisational expertise and a shared vision of aiding development by increasing knowledge of trade negotiations and by building the capacity of government



*The Parliamentary Workshop on International Trade organised by the World Trade Organisation and TFCTN on 15–17 May 2012*



and business leaders in the Asia-Pacific region to better participate in economic globalisation.

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

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

In addition to the two key training programmes, TFCTN also conducts customised training programmes for government officials and the business community in Singapore and overseas. In 2012, overseas workshops were conducted in Laos (February 2012), Timor Leste (May 2012), Bhutan (August 2012) and the Philippines (September and November 2012).



*Professor Masahiro Kawai (second from right), Dean and CEO of Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), at the conference organised by ADBI and CMS on 26–27 March 2012*



## CENTRE FOR MULTILATERALISM STUDIES

The Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS) is responsible for conducting research and networking in economic multilateralism and regionalism, in support of the aims of Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It is also involved in capacity building for officials from Asian countries. CMS was headed by Associate Professor Ralf Emmers at the beginning of the year and subsequently by Associate Professor Tan See Seng.

CMS had a busy 2012. In late March, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), CMS jointly organised the ADBI-RSIS Conference on "The Evolving Global Architecture: From a Centralised to a Decentralised System" at Traders Hotel. Discussions revolved around the

effectiveness and reforms of the Group of 20's (G20) global and regional financial and security arrangements and trade architecture as well as regional and global banking systems. An edited volume of the conference papers is currently in production.

In early July, CMS conducted another international conference, this time on Northeast Asian regionalism, one of the most understudied aspects in East Asian affairs. Entitled "Is Northeast Asian Regionalism the Centre for East Asian Regionalism?", the conference focused on institutional developments such as the Northeast Asian Trilateral Summit (NEATS), where the leaders of China, Japan and South Korea meet annually to discuss issues that are



*BG (NS) Chee Wee Kiong, Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, delivering the keynote address at the conference on East Asian regionalism organised by CMS on 6 July 2012*



*Participants of the policy workshop on "Sharing Asian Experiences: Promoting FDI Effectively" organised by Asian Development Bank Institute and CMS on 8–10 October 2012*



specific to Northeast Asia. Apart from NEATS, there are other important organisations or meetings that have contributed to Northeast Asian regionalism but do not feature frequently in ASEAN policy circles, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Dialogue, the Six-Party Talks and various other trilateral meetings that may include states from outside of Northeast Asia (US-India-Japan, US-Japan-South Korea). Finally, together with the Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, CMS co-hosted a discussion on the proposed ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.

CMS' collaboration with the ADBI also extended to capacity building. In October, CMS and ADBI co-organised a policy workshop on "Sharing Asian Experiences: Promoting FDI Effectively", the second such collaboration between the two organisations. Participants, all of whom were government officials, hailed from Central Asian, South Asian, Southeast Asian and Northeast Asian countries, while resource persons and trainers came from international and regional organisations (UNCTAD, ASEAN Secretariat, ADB and ADBI, among others) and Asia's leading universities and graduate schools (including RSIS). CMS members also participated in a research project for the Korea Foundation on Southeast Asian perspectives on the rise of South Korea as a middle power.

The centre's publication record for 2012 includes 23 op-ed articles/commentaries, three working papers, two conference reports, one edited volume entitled *Renaissance of Asia: Evolving Economic Relations between South Asia and East Asia* (World Scientific Publishers/Imperial College Press, 2012), and one special issue on defence diplomacy in Southeast Asia in *Asian Security*, Volume 8 Issue 3, 2012 (which was a joint effort with IDSS' Multilateralism and Regionalism Programme).

## PUBLICATIONS

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

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



RSIS publications on display



# EDUCATION





# Education at RSIS

## GRADUATE EDUCATION

### Masters Programmes

In a difficult international economic climate, with student places at higher educational institutions becoming increasingly competitive, RSIS was successful in maintaining its M.Sc. admissions level in AY2012/2013. As student numbers in the following table show, strong intakes were experienced in International Relations and International Political Economy, while Asian Studies held its ground, with only Strategic Studies facing some reduction in student intake.

**M.Sc. Student Admissions**  
**AY2012/2013 vs. AY2011/2012**

	Strategic Studies		International Relations		International Political Economy		Asian Studies		Total
	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	Part-time	Full-time	
<b>No. of students</b>	22 (40)	42 (34)	25 (6)	46 (41)	13 (9)	48 (27)	2 (6)	33 (28)	231 (191)
<b>Total</b>	64 (74)		71 (47)		61 (36)		35 (34)		

*Note: Figures in brackets are AY2011/2012 figures*

It should be noted that the AY2012/2013 admission figures include the second batch of seven students from the University of Warwick, joining RSIS as Year 2 students under the Warwick-NTU Double Masters Programme.

RSIS continued to emphasise the importance of attracting first-rate scholars from around the world without any compromise on admission criteria. The selection committee for the Masters programmes, comprising the programme coordinators of all four Masters programmes, rigorously screen student applications to ensure that successful applicants



*RSIS doctoral candidates (from left): Mr. Charles Wetzer, Ms. Huang Huijianmei and Mr. Erdogan Albay*





*Professor Joseph Liow, Associate Dean, addressing new M.Sc. students during Student Orientation on 19 July 2012*

have a judicious mix of high-quality academic qualifications, relevant professional experience and a high level of English proficiency. This approach has worked, as evidenced by the common perception among the teaching faculty of the growing academic ability of the School's Masters students.

As a school of international studies, RSIS welcomes students from all countries. The presence of students from a variety of cultural backgrounds enriches seminar discussions and adds depth to learning. We are proud of the fact that students from 59 countries have been drawn to our M.Sc. programmes. For AY2012/2013 in particular, students hail from 33 countries, including, for the first time, Oman, Spain and Switzerland.

### **Doctoral Programmes**

As with the Masters programme, RSIS' Ph.D. programme continued to grow from strength to strength. During the year, RSIS admitted a further four Ph.D. students, bringing the total number of Ph.D. students to 27 in AY2012/2013. Moreover, the four new doctoral candidates received the NTU Research Scholarship. Ph.D. students at RSIS pursue a broad array of contemporary and relevant topics. As with those in the Masters programme, the Ph.D. student body also has representatives from many countries.

### **Developments**

Following considerable investment in the refurbishment of one level of an adjacent block across the car park, the RSIS Student Wing was opened in July 2011. This new educational facility includes the library (which was formerly located in the main building), four seminar rooms catering to different class sizes, a well-appointed lecture theatre, three rooms for breakout discussions and a spacious study room for 25 Ph.D. students.





*Professor Ron Matthews, Head of Graduate and Doctoral Studies, sharing information on RSIS' graduate programmes with prospective M.Sc. students on 17 November 2012*

The launch of the RSIS Student Wing follows earlier investment in the renovation of the existing Graduate Programmes Office (GPO) lobby, which has introduced a high degree of ambience benefitting visitors and students when they approach the GPO reception, besides raising the quality of fittings in the office. Further to these investments, the GPO benefitted from the appointment of an Office Manager not only to oversee administrative processes but to also eventually evolve a required capacity in graduate placement, student internships and programme marketing. A limited marketing capacity is already in situ, reaching out to the global student community via advertisements in high-profile journals and magazines, the use of targeted mail-shots, and, to serve the local Singaporean market, 'information-sharing' sessions held at RSIS.

Our Masters students continued to benefit from visits and talks by well-known scholars and practitioners in 2012. These included the following:

- ◊ Mr. S. R. Nathan, RSIS Distinguished Senior Fellow (Honorary Appointment), and sixth President of Singapore, who spoke to students on "Effective Political Leadership in a Complex and Uncertain International Environment: Personal Observations from a Lifetime of Public Service" on 4 September 2012



*Mr. S. R. Nathan (right), RSIS Distinguished Senior Fellow, and sixth President of Singapore, interacting with students on 4 September 2012*





*Graduating students from RSIS' M.Sc. class of 2011/12*

- ◇ Professor William Terry Tow, RSIS' Ngee Ann Kongsi Visiting Professor of International Relations, and Head, Department of International Relations, School of International, Political and Strategic Studies (IPS), College of Asia and Pacific, Australian National University; who taught an M.Sc. course on "US Security Policy in the Asia-Pacific" in Trimester 1 of AY2012/2013
- ◇ Professor Geoffrey Till, Emeritus Professor of Maritime Studies at King's College, London, and Director of the Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies, who taught an M.Sc. course on "Globalisation, Maritime Security and Naval Development in the Asia-Pacific" in Trimester 2 of AY2012/2013
- ◇ Dr. Gerard Chaliand, Visiting Professor in RSIS, and former Director of the European Centre for the Study of Conflicts, Paris

During the year, a School Education Committee (SEC) was established, comprising the Programme Coordinators from all four M.Sc. programmes, the Head of Graduate and Doctoral Studies, and Professor Khong Yuen Foong, former Director of IDSS and now RSIS Senior Research Advisor, who will also serve as Chairman. The purpose of the SEC is to provide a platform for discussion among the Programme Coordinators to debate issues of cross-programme relevance.

The creation of the SEC complements the launch of the RSIS Staff-Student Liaison Committee. This committee acts as a platform to discuss student concerns as well as proposals for improving the learning and social experience of students on RSIS Master's programmes. The Head of Graduate and Doctoral Studies and the GPO Manager, along with two representatives from each of the degree programmes, attend these meetings held every trimester.



### Networking with Other Educational Institutions

2012 witnessed the introduction of three new partnering and exchange programmes with overseas universities and institutions. The first of these was an exchange programme with The Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The memorandum of understanding between the two institutions allows for small numbers of Elliott School students visiting RSIS to participate in Asia studies, with similar numbers of RSIS students engaging in visits to the Elliott School. Fees will be waived for both groups of students. In June 2012, three RSIS students took advantage of this exchange programme to visit the Elliott School, broadening their international educational experience as well as enriching their network of contacts.

Also in June 2012, RSIS partnered with the Singapore-based European Union Centre to run a Summer School study programme that focused on European institutions and policies. The European Union in Singapore generously sponsored 24 students from Southeast Asian countries, including four students from RSIS, to attend the four-week Summer School. The first two weeks of the Summer School were held at RSIS, with the students benefitting from lectures and learning exercises on a broad range of topics associated with European Union history, politics, economics, society and security. The final two weeks were spent in Europe, with the students visiting important European institutions in Germany, Belgium, France and Luxembourg.

Finally, in July 2012, RSIS joined a Japanese Government-sponsored exchange programme comprising numerous universities in Japan, such as those in Osaka, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, along with selected universities in Southeast Asia, including those in Thailand, Indonesia (Aceh), Timor Leste, the Philippines and Singapore (RSIS). The focus of studies among all participating universities was peace and human security. The exchange programme will run for five years, allowing participating universities to send students to RSIS and vice versa. As a result, two RSIS Ph.D. students attended a two-week study school in Okinawa, Japan, on the topic of security in August.

### EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

In AY2012/2013, the first batch of six Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) officers who had enrolled in the M.Sc. in Strategic Studies upon completion of their Command and Staff Course in 2010 under the auspices of the SAF-NTU Strategic Partnership, will graduate. This scheme is part of the SAF's Continuing Education Programme for its serving officers. 2012 is the third year of the SAF-NTU Strategic Partnership. Since 1999, this major initiative has been part of the military education provided by RSIS to the entire spectrum of the SAF Officer Corps, including its Warrant Officer Corps. In particular, RSIS participates in the following two key programmes:

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



**RSIS M.Sc Students of Academic Year 2012/2013**  
**M.Sc Class of 2012/2013 (Strategic Studies)**



**RSIS M.Sc Students of Academic Year 2012/2013**  
**M.Sc Class of 2012/2013 (International Relations)**





**RSIS M.Sc Students of Academic Year 2012/2013**  
**M.Sc Class of 2012/2013 (International Political Economy)**



**RSIS M.Sc Students of Academic Year 2012/2013**  
**M.Sc Class of 2012/2013 (Asian Studies)**





## Master of Science (Strategic Studies)

### Core Courses

- S6005 The Analysis of Defence/Security Policies (Foundation)  
S6007 Research Methods in International Studies

### Primary Field

- S6003 Management of Defence Technology  
S6010 Technology and Military Innovation: A Revolution in Military Affairs, Defence Transformation, or Something Else?  
S6011 Globalisation, Security and The State  
S6014 The Evolution of Strategic Thought  
S6016 The Study of War  
S6019 Terrorism, Intelligence and Homeland Security  
S6020 Chinese Security and Foreign Policy  
S6024 Problems in Combating Insurgency and Terrorism  
S6025 India's Foreign and Security Policy  
S6028 Countering Religiously-Motivated Terrorism in Southeast Asia: Issues and Challenges  
S6029 Nuclear Politics in Asia  
S6031 Globalisation, Maritime Security and Naval Development in the Asia-Pacific  
S6034 Jihadist Strategic Thought and Practice  
S6035 Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in Modern Asia  
S6036 War in the Global Village  
S6037 Selected Issues in Terrorism and Counterterrorism  
S6038 Conflicts in the Digital Age: Information and Cyber Warfare  
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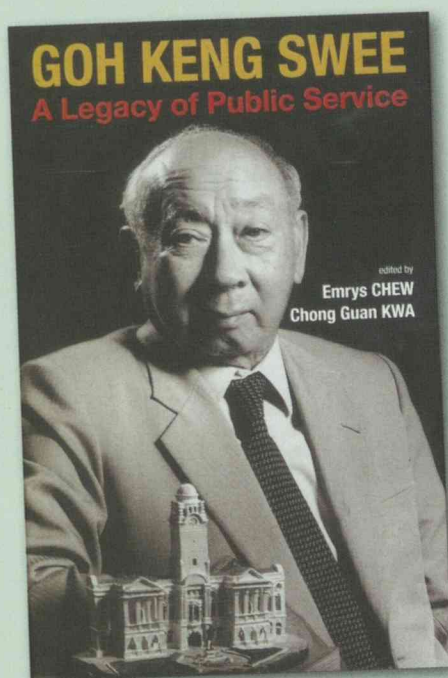


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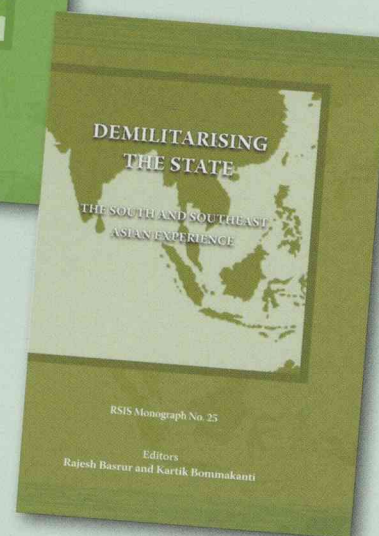
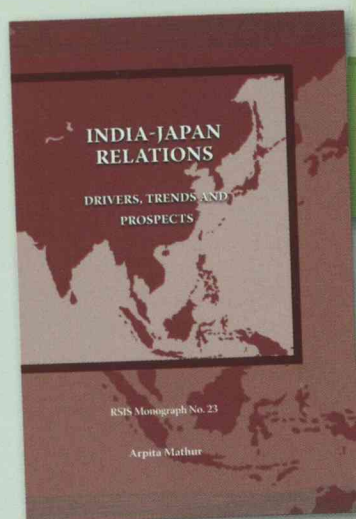
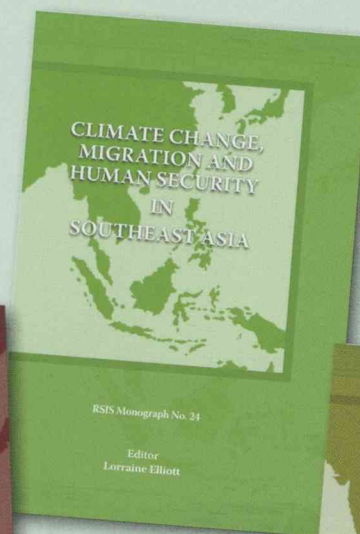
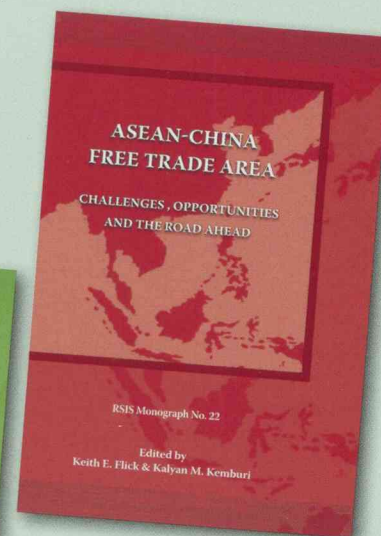
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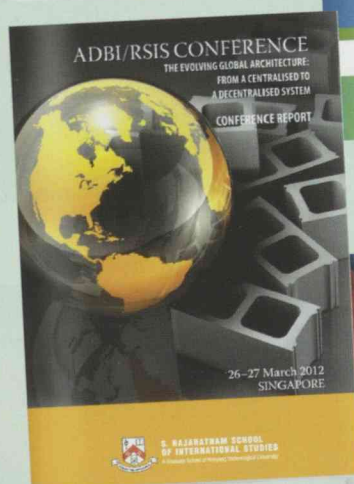
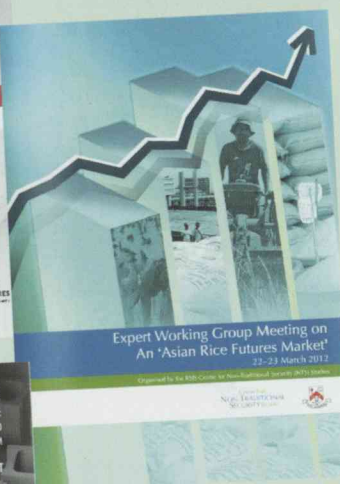
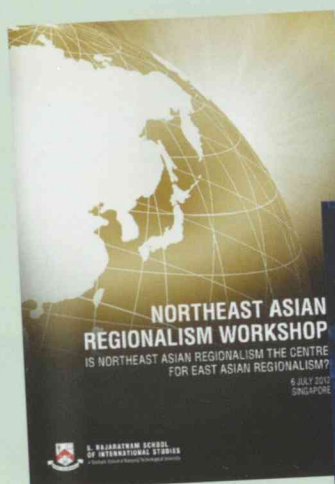
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9. Conference on "The Evolving Global Architecture: From a Centralized to a Decentralized System", jointly organised by RSIS and Asian Development Bank Institute, 26–27 March 2012
10. ASEAN Counter Terrorism Executive Programme, organised by the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, RSIS, 26–30 March 2012
11. Sixth Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 8–13 April 2012
12. Conference on "Reporting People Power: Media and Political Change in Asia and the Middle East", jointly organised by RSIS and Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, with support from Temasek Foundation Asia Journalism Fellowship (TF-AJF), 20 April 2012



*Mr. Lawrence Wong (right), then Minister of State for Defence and Education, delivered the keynote address at the sixth Asia Pacific Security Conference organised by Military Studies Programme, IDSS, and Experia Events Pte Ltd on 12–13 February 2012.*



13. ReCAAP Piracy Conference 2012, organised by ReCAAP with RSIS assistance, 26 April 2012
14. Conference on “Indo-U.S. Track 1.5 Dialogue on Space”, organised by the South Asia Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, in collaboration with the Secure World Foundation (SWF) and the Programme in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security (ACDIS), 10–11 May 2012
15. WTO-TFCTN Parliamentarian Workshop on International Trade 2012, organised by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations, RSIS, 15–17 May 2012
16. Workshop on “New Dynamics of China-US Relations”, organised by the China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 4 June 2012
17. Regional Maritime Practitioner Course (RMPC) 2012, jointly organised by the Republic of Singapore Navy, and Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 11–15 June 2012
18. Workshop on “Custodial Rehabilitation and Prison Management for Indonesia’s Directorate General for Corrections”, organised by International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, RSIS, 12–13 June 2012



*Mr. Kwa Chong Guan receiving a memento from Dr. Renwei Huang, Vice-President and Senior Fellow, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, in Shanghai, on 15 June 2012*

19. Workshop on “New Trends in the World and China’s International Strategy”, organised by the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences and RSIS, in Shanghai, 15–16 June 2012
20. Workshop on “Is Northeast Asian Regionalism the Centre for East Asian Regionalism?”, organised by the Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, 6 July 2012



*Participants of the Sixth Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) organised by CENS, 8–13 April 2012*





*Defence Minister, Dr. Ng Eng Hen, interacting with participants of the 14th Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers organised by IDSS, 7–12 August 2012*

21. Workshop on “The Future of Sovereignty in Cyberspace: Understanding the Challenges of International Cybersecurity”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, and Global Futures Forum, 16–18 July 2012
22. Fourteenth Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO), organised by the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 7–12 August 2012
23. Workshop on “Food Wastage”, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 23–24 August 2012
24. Third Singapore Global Dialogue, organised by RSIS, 20–21 September 2012



*Professor Joseph Liow (right), Associate Dean of RSIS, moderating a panel at the Third Singapore Global Dialogue, 20–21 September 2012*

25. Workshop on “Social Media in a Crisis: Effective Engagement in the Digital Age”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 5 October 2012
26. RSIS-ADBI Workshop on “Sharing Asian Experiences: Promoting FDI Effectively”, organised by the Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, 8–10 October 2012
27. Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College Seminar 2012: “Smart Power: Transforming Militaries for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Missions”, co-organised by the Military Studies Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS; Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College; and SAF-NTU Academy; 18–19 October 2012
28. Workshop on “Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalisation”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 22 October 2012
29. Workshop on “Risk and Resilience: Securing Energy in Insecure Spaces”, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 29–30 October 2012
30. Council of Councils Asia Regional Conference on “Asia at the Crossroads: Regional Priorities for the Twenty-First Century”, organised by RSIS and Council on Foreign Relations, U.S.A., 30–31 October 2012
31. Future Trends Exercise on Militancy in Indonesia over the Next Ten Years, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 5–6 November 2012
32. Workshop on “The Deer and the Dragon: Southeast Asia in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, co-organised by the China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and Stanford University’s Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Centre, 15–16 November 2012
33. Workshop on “The Domestic Sources of China’s Foreign Policy”, organised by the China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 16 November 2012
34. Workshop on “Managing Cross-Border Movements of People in Southeast Asia: Promoting Capacity and Response for Irregular Migration”, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 19–20 November 2012





*Participants at the Second Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College Seminar organised by Military Studies Programme, IDSS; Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College; and SAF-NTU Academy on 18–19 October 2012*

35. Global Value Chain Dialogue 2012, organised by Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations, RSIS, 28–30 November 2012
36. Workshop on “India-ASEAN Defence Relations”, organised by the South Asia Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 29–30 November 2012
37. Workshop on “U.S. Pivot to Asia and Regional Security Situation”, co-organised by the China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, 1 December 2012



*Professor Tommy Koh (centre), Chairman of the Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore, giving the Lunch Keynote Address at the RSIS-CFR Council of Councils' Asia Regional Conference on 31 October 2012*



## RSIS Lectures and Talks

### S. T. LEE DISTINGUISHED ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

1. Professor Aaron L. Friedberg, Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University, on "A Contest for Supremacy: China, America, and the Struggle for Mastery in Asia", 6 January 2012
2. Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, on "The Changing Face of Public Health and the Challenge for Public Policy", 9 April 2012

### STRATEGIC TRENDS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COLLOQUIUM SERIES

1. Professor Geoffrey Till, Visiting Professor, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and



Professor Geoffrey Till (left) with RSIS' Dr. Euan Graham



H.E. Dr. José Ramos-Horta

Professor of Maritime Studies, King's College, London, on "Is a Naval Arms Race in the Asia-Pacific Region Developing? Yes, No or Maybe?", 18 January 2012

2. Professor Iwan Azis, NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, RSIS; Director, Graduate Study for Regional Science, Cornell University, Ithaca; and Head, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank, Philippines; on "Financial Safety Nets: Role of Regional Institutions", 10 August 2012
3. Professor William T. Tow, Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, RSIS; Professor of International Relations in the School of Political, International and Strategic Studies, College of Asia & Pacific at the Australian National University, on "Pivots and Architectures: The Strategic Geometries of Asia-Pacific Order-Building", 5 October 2012

### DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

1. His Excellency Dr. José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste, on "Securing Our Future: Timor-Leste's Role in the Region and Beyond", 3 May 2012
2. Professor Iwan Azis, NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, RSIS; Director, Graduate Study for Regional Science, Cornell University, Ithaca; and Head, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank, Philippines; on "Global Economic Turmoil: How Should Asia Respond?", 2 August 2012
3. Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), on "Climate Change: Why We Need a Multilateral Solution", 18 October 2012
4. Jiemian Yang, Senior Fellow and President, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, Member of Shanghai Committee of People's Political Consultative Conference, on "China's New Diplomatic Efforts: Theory Building and Policy Readjustments", 30 October 2012
5. His Excellency Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway, on "The Arctic – the New Crossroads between Asia and the West", 7 November 2012



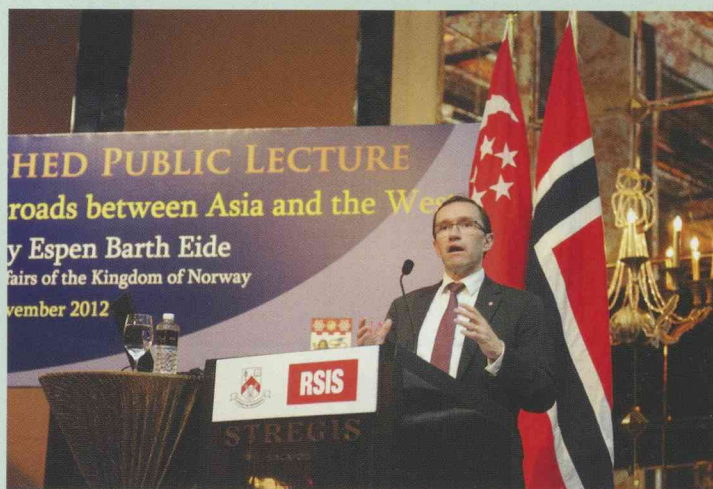
6. Professor William T. Tow, Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, RSIS; Professor of International Relations in the School of Political, International and Strategic Studies, College of Asia & Pacific at the Australian National University; on “The ‘Other’ Australian Perspective: China Is Not Twelve Feet Tall and America Is Not Fatally Declining”, 9 November 2012
7. Ms. Michèle Flournoy, Former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, United States of America, on “U.S. National Security Priorities in President Obama’s Second Term”, 5 December 2012
8. Professor Jean-Pierre Lehmann, Emeritus Professor of International Political Economy, IMD, Lausanne, on “Can Globalisation be Sustained in a Fracturing World?: Implications for Asia (Lessons from Europe)”, 11 December 2012

#### DEVELOPMENTS IN INDONESIA PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

1. Dr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Head of the President’s Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight (UKP4), Government of the Republic of Indonesia, on “Preceding the 2014 Elections: Prospects and Challenges for Government”, 10 February 2012
2. His Excellency Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa, Foreign Minister, Republic of Indonesia, on “The State of Indonesia’s Foreign Affairs: 2012 and Beyond”, 7 March 2012
3. Mr. Prabowo Subianto, Chief Patron of the Great Indonesia Movement Party (Gerindra), on “Indonesia and Singapore: Working Together for the Asian Century”, 1 August 2012
4. Air Chief Marshal (Retd.) Djoko Suyanto, Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs, Republic of Indonesia, on “Reflecting on Indonesia’s Democracy and Its Contribution to Regional Security and Stability”, 10 December 2012



*Professor Jiemian Yang*



*H.E. Espen Barth Eide*



*Air Chief Marshal (Retd.) Djoko Suyanto*



## RSIS Seminars and Roundtables

1. Mr. Ben Rich, doctoral student at Global Terrorist Research Centre (GTReC), Monash University, Australia, on "Kingdom in Crisis: Saudi Arabia, Al Qaeda, and the Battle against Terrorism", 3 January 2012



*Professor Louis Goodman (left) with RSIS' Mr. Mushahid Ali*



*Mr. Bilahari Kausikan (left) with RSIS' A/P Tan See Seng*



*Dr. Michael Brown (left) with RSIS' Professor Joseph Liow*

2. Colonel Behram A. Sahukar, Terrorism and Security Analyst and Adjunct Professor at George C. Marshall Center, on "Can India Prevent or Contain Another 2008 Mumbai-Style Attack", 9 January 2012
3. Professor Pascal Vennesson, Professor of Political Science, Chair "Security on Europe", European University Institute, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, on "Understanding Today's Wars: Is Clausewitz Still Relevant?", 11 January 2012
4. His Excellency Dr. T. C. A. Raghavan, High Commissioner of India to Singapore, on "India's Foreign Policy and Relations with East Asia: Challenges and Prospects for Closer Cooperation", 12 January 2012
5. Mr. Yoichi Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan to Singapore, on "Japan's Engagement and Role in East Asia: Challenges and Prospects for Closer Economic Cooperation in the Coming Decade", 2 February 2012
6. His Excellency Ambassador Raymond Osbourne Wolfe, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations, on "Small States and Global Governance in the 21st Century", 9 February 2012
7. Associate Professor Meredith L. Weiss, Associate Professor of Political Science, University at Albany, State University of New York, on "Civil Society in the 13th Malaysian GE: The Wider Contest and Context", 13 February 2012
8. Jean-Louis Bruguière, Technical Advisor to the President of the French Republic, on "Security Situation in the Sahel Zone in East Africa", 14 February 2012
9. Professor Louis Goodman, Professor and Emeritus Dean of the School of International Service, American University, 14 February 2012
10. Professor C. Raja Mohan, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, on "The Evolution of India's Multilateralism: Beyond Third Worldism and National Exceptionalism", 21 February 2012
11. Mr. Bilahari Kausikan, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, on "Regional Architecture in East Asia: Emerging Challenges and Implications for ASEAN", 8 March 2012
12. Dr. Michael E. Brown, Dean of The Elliott School of International Affairs, and Professor of International Affairs and Political Science at The George Washington University, on "U.S. - Asian Relations: The View From Washington", 12 March 2012



13. Dr. Danielle Wood, Research Scientist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on "International Collaboration to Enable Transfer, Learning and Management of Space Technology in Developing Countries", 5 April 2012
14. YB Datuk Nur Jazlan bin Mohamed, Chief of UMNO Pulau, Johor, and Chairman of Barisan Nasional, Pulau Division, on "Malaysia's 13th General Elections: A View from UMNO", 13 April 2012
15. Professor William Maley, Director of the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, Australian National University, on "Current and Emerging Threats in Afghanistan", 23 April 2012
16. Dr. Hooman Peimani, Principal Fellow and Head, Energy Security Division, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore, on "Energy Security in the 21st Century: Impact of Fukushima and the 'Arab Spring'", 24 April 2012
17. His Excellency Roberto Sarmiento de Oliveira Soares, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the Republic of Singapore and Brunei Darussalam, and Mr. Hugo Fernandes, Programme Manager, Parliamentary and Ministerial Strengthening Programme of TAF Timor-Leste, on "Timor-Leste: State of the Nation 2012", 24 April 2012
18. Dr. Salih Yucel, Senior Lecturer at the School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies, Monash University, Victoria, Australia, on "Muslims in Multi-Cultural Societies: Clash or Merger of Civilizations?", 27 April 2012
19. Captain John R. Wood, United States Defence and Naval Attaché in Singapore, on "A U.S. Navy Perspective on 'Re-Balancing' in Asia", 3 May 2012
20. Professor Heizo Takenaka, Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University; former State Minister for Economic and Fiscal Policy, Japan; Professor Yoichi Funabashi, Journalist; Chairman, Rebuild Japan Initiative Foundation; and Guest Professor, Keio University; and Professor Jun Murai, Dean and Professor, Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, Keio University; and Founder of WIDE Project, on "Lessons from Disaster: Risk Management and the Compound Crisis presented by the Great East Japan Earthquake", 4 May 2012
21. His Excellency Doug Chester, Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore, on "Political and Economic Engagement with East Asia: Australia's Experience, Future Challenges and Prospects", 9 May 2012

22. Ambassador Gregory L. Schulte, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, U.S. Department of Defense, on "Protecting Global Security in Space", 9 May 2012



*H.E. Roberto Sarmiento de Oliveira Soares (right) with RSIS' A/P Leonard Sebastian (centre) and Mr. Hugo Fernandes*



*H.E. Doug Chester (left) with RSIS' A/P Ralf Emmers*



*Ambassador Gregory L. Schulte*



23. Dr. Samarendu Mohanty, Programme 5 Leader and Head of the Social Sciences Division, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Philippines, on "The Global Rice Information Gateway: Implications for Food Security", 10 May 2012
24. Dr. Manzurul Mannan, Assistant Professor at the Department of Social Science and Humanities, School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Independent University, Bangladesh, on "Terrorist Network and Emerging Pattern of Terrorism in South Asia: A View from Bangladesh", 17 May 2012
25. Mr. Christian LeMierre, IISS Research Fellow for Naval Forces and Maritime Security, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), on "U.S. and Chinese Naval Strategy in East Asia", 1 June 2012
26. Mr. Fasihuddin, Founder of Pakistan Society of Criminology and Editor-in-Chief of Pakistan Journal of Criminology on "Causes of Radicalisation in FATA/KP", 11 June 2012
27. Lieutenant General Dato' Pahlawan (Dr.) Hj Abd Razak bin Md Yusoff, Director General of Health Services, Health Services Division, Malaysian Armed Forces, on "Malaysian Experience of Humanitarian Aid in Afghanistan", 18 June 2012
28. Dr. Dan Schueftan, Director, National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa and Senior Lecturer, School of Political Sciences and Israel Defense Forces National Defense College, on "The Middle East in Transition", 2 July 2012
29. Dr. Dan Schueftan, Director, National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa and Senior Lecturer, School of Political Sciences and Israel Defense Forces National Defense College, on "Developing Resilience in a Diverse and Changing Society", 6 July 2012
30. Dr. Dan Schueftan, Director, National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa and Senior Lecturer, School of Political Sciences and Israel Defense Forces National Defense College, on "Net Assessment: Challenges and Response", 11 July 2012
31. Dr. Dan Schueftan, Director, National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa and Senior Lecturer, School of Political Sciences and Israel Defense Forces National Defense College, on "Coping with an Inclement International Environment", 13 July 2012
32. Mr. Subimal Bhattacharjee, Country Head, General Dynamics Corporation India Private Limited, New Delhi, on "Management of Cyberspace in India: A Perspective", 17 July 2012
33. Dr. Ken Jimbo, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University, Japan, on "Japan's New Direction in Engaging Southeast Asia: Community Building or Collective Balancing?", 18 July 2012
34. Mr. Billy Tea, Analyst, Foreign Policy and Security Studies Bureau, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia, on "Handle with Care: Myanmar's Transformation Toward Democracy", 26 July 2012
35. Professor Iwan Azis, NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, RSIS; Director, Graduate Study for Regional Science, Cornell University, Ithaca; and Head, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank, Philippines; on "Asian Economic Integration: Trends, Prospects, and the Next Steps", 6 August 2012
36. Roundtable discussion with Brigadier Gurmeet Kanwal (Retd.) and Professor Rajesh Basrur, on "India-Pakistan Relations: The Indian Military's Perspective", 8 August 2012
37. Dr. Irvin Studin, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Global Brief magazine; Assistant Professor and Programme Director, School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto; and Visiting Senior Fellow, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, on "Canadian and North American Security and Strategy in the 21st Century: Pressures, Opportunities, Decision Points", 13 August 2012



*Mr. Christian LeMierre (right) with RSIS' Dr. Euan Graham*



38. Professor Louay Safi, Director, Qatar Foundation's Center for Governance and Public Policy; Member of the Syrian National Council; and Dr. Ramazan Daurov, Assistant Director, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Science; Executive Vice-Chairman, Moscow's International Center for Strategic and Political Studies; and Visiting Professor, Moscow State University; on "War in Syria: Conflicting Perspectives", 16 August 2012
39. Professor Louay Safi, Director, Qatar Foundation's Center for Governance and Public Policy; Member of the Syrian National Council; and Dr. Ramazan Daurov, Assistant Director, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Science; Executive Vice-Chairman, Moscow's International Center for Strategic and Political Studies; and Visiting Professor, Moscow State University, on "Syria: Conflicting Perspectives", 17 August 2012
40. Mr. P. M. Heblkar, Visiting Fellow, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, on "National Security - University Perspectives", 30 August 2012
41. Mr. Tang Tuck Weng, Senior Director in the National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS) of the Prime Minister's Office, Singapore, on "National Climate Change Strategy 2012: Challenges, Opportunities and Partnerships", 31 August 2012
42. Mr. S. R. Nathan, Distinguished Senior Fellow, RSIS, on "Effective Political Leadership in a Complex and Uncertain International Environment: Personal Observations from a Lifetime of Public Service", 4 September 2012
43. Mr. See Chak Mun, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, on "The Doha Round and the International Trading system: Prospects and Challenges", 11 September 2012
44. Mr. Gregory Dalziel, CENS Visiting Researcher, on "Making Distinctions: A Contextual Approach to the Study of Rumour", 13 September 2012
45. Dr. Rodolfo Severino, Head, ASEAN Studies Institute, ISEAS, on "Building an ASEAN Community: Challenges and Prospects in the Coming Decade", 17 September 2012
46. Mr. Liew Chin Tong, Member of Parliament for Bukit Bendera, Malaysia; and Central Executive Committee member for the Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia; on "Prospects for Regime Change in Malaysia?", 19 September 2012
47. Mr. John Rendon, President and CEO of The Rendon Group, on "What if They are All Black Swans?", 20 September 2012
48. Major General Zhu Chenghu, Professor at the Academic Department of Strategic Studies, National Defence University, China, on "China's Maritime Security Policy: Challenges and Opportunities", 24 September 2012
49. Dr. Gerard Chaliand, Visiting Professor, RSIS, on "The Arab Spring and the Future of Syria", 24 September 2012
50. Roundtable discussion with the U.S. National Intelligence Council on "Global Trends 2030", 24 September 2012
51. Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi, President of the World Organization for Resource Development and Education (WORDE), on "Trends in Counter-Radicalization Efforts in the United States and Beyond", 25 September 2012
52. Mr. Philip Green, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS, on "Foreign Policy Making in the Actuality: A Perspective from an Australian Ministerial Staffer", 26 September 2012



*Mr. See Chak Mun (left) with RSIS' Mr. Tan Seng Chye*



*Dr. Hedieh Mirahmadi (right) with RSIS' Mr. James Dorsey*



53. Seminar cum book launch by Professor Anthony D'Costa, Research Director of the Asia Research Centre at the Copenhagen Business School, with presentations by chapter contributors Associate Professor Alan Chong (RSIS) and Professor Toshiya Ozaki (Rikkyo University), on "Globalisation and Economic Nationalism in Asia", 26 September 2012
54. Professor William T. Tow, Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, RSIS; and Professor of International Relations in the School of Political, International and Strategic Studies (IPS), College of Asia & Pacific at the Australian National University (ANU); on "Reconciling Bilateralism in U.S. Alliance Politics: The Asia-Pacific Dimension", 27 September 2012
55. Mr. Gregory Dalziel, CENS Visiting Researcher, on "Institutional Logics and the Organization of National Security: The UK's Cyber Security Programme", 9 October 2012



*Professor Thomas G. Mahnken*



*Dr. Steven Rood (right) with RSIS' Associate Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony*

56. Associate Professor Sophia Pandya, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the California State University, Long Beach, on "After the 'Arab Spring': The Role of Women in the Middle East", 12 October 2012
57. Professor Thomas G. Mahnken, Jerome E. Levy Chair of Economic Geography and National Security, U.S. Naval War College, on "U.S. Strategy in the Asia-Pacific", 17 October 2012
58. Dr. Steven Rood, Country Representative, Philippines and Pacific Island Nations, The Asia Foundation, on "Peace Process in Southern Philippines: Re-assessing Prospects and Challenges?", 19 October 2012
59. Mr. Nicholas Kralev, author of "America's Other Army" and former Financial Times and Washington Times correspondent, on "The U.S. Foreign Service: Behind the Scenes of American Diplomacy", 25 October 2012
60. Roundtable discussion with Professor Kjell Engelbrekt and Professor Bertil Nygren, Swedish National Defence College; and Professor Masako Ikegami, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, on "Asia and the Geopolitics of Energy", 29 October 2012
61. Seminar cum book launch by Professor Ann Capling, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Murdoch University; Dr. Deborah Kay Elms, Head, Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations, RSIS; Dr. Henry Gao, Associate Professor of Law, Singapore Management University; Mr. Carlos Kuriyama, Senior Analyst, Policy Support Unit, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Secretariat; and Dr. Patrick Low, Chief Economist, World Trade Organization (WTO); on "The Trans-Pacific Partnership: A Quest for a Twenty-first Century Trade Agreement", 30 October 2012
62. Professor Alex Bellamy, Professor of International Security and Director of the Human Protection Hub at the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University, Australia, on "Implementing the Responsibility to Protect: Challenges and Opportunities", 2 November 2012
63. Dr. Sara Davies, Senior Research Fellow, Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University; Programme Convenor, Prevention of Mass Atrocities Workstream, Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, Australia; on "The International Politics of Disease Reporting: A Story of H5N1 Reporting in Asia", 5 November 2012



64. Roundtable discussion with H.E. Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and a delegation from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on Asia Pacific security issues, 7 November 2012
65. Ambassador Dr. Joergen Oerstroem Moeller, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies and former Danish Ambassador to Singapore, on "EU and the Euro Crisis: Challenges and Prospects in the Coming Decade", 8 November 2012
66. Mr. Teo Eng Cheong, Chief Executive Officer, International Enterprise Singapore, on "Driving the External Economy of Singapore", 12 November 2012
67. Dr. Lorraine Elliott, Professor of International Relations, Department of International Relations, School of International, Political & Strategic Studies, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, on "Ethics, International Relations and Global Environmental Governance", 19 November 2012
68. Ambassador Muhammad Noor, Executive Director, APEC Secretariat, Singapore, on "APEC's Role in Regional Development: Challenges and Prospects for Further Economic Cooperation", 21 November 2012
69. Dr. You Ji, Reader at the School of Social Science, University of New South Wales, on "China's Aircraft Carrier Project and Regional Security", 21 November 2012
70. Seminar cum book launch on "Sustainable Development and the Nexus between Energy Security and Climate Change", by Dr. Hans Günter Brauch, Fellow at the Institute on Environment and Human Security of the United Nations University; Adjunct Professor at the Free University of Berlin; and Editor, SpringerBriefs series on Environment, Security, Development and Peace (ESDP), 30 November 2012
71. Mr. Burhanuddin Muhtadi, Director of Public Affairs at the Indonesia Survey Institute (LSI), Jakarta, Indonesia, on "Indonesia's Political Outlook 2013", 4 December 2012
72. Roundtable discussion with Ms. Michèle Flournoy, former Under Secretary for Defense Policy, U.S. Department of Defense, on developments in the South China Sea and the region's views on U.S. rebalancing towards Asia, 4 December 2012
73. His Excellency Oh Joon, Ambassador of Republic of Korea, on "The Republic of Korea's Political and Economic Engagement with East Asia - Challenges and Prospects for East Asian Regional Cooperation and Integration", 6 December 2012
74. Roundtable discussion headed by Dr. Joseph Maila, Director of Policy Planning Staff, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, on "Islam in France and Europe", 13 December 2012



*Roundtable discussion between RSIS (right) and Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (left), 7 November 2012*



## Forthcoming Events

### 6<sup>TH</sup> TERRORISM ANALYST TRAINING COURSE, 14–25 JANUARY 2013

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), RSIS, will organise this course, which is the sixth in the series. The course will bring together analysts and scholars to explore new frontiers in counter-terrorism research, analysis and practice. Covering broad areas including Terrorism Primer, Global and Regional Threat Landscape, Counter-Terrorism Response, and Research and Methodology, the course will provide a holistic perspective aimed at building knowledge and the capacity of counter terrorism analysts.

### TFCTN IN-COUNTRY WORKSHOP, INDONESIA, FEBRUARY 2013

As part of its mission, the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN), RSIS, provides a series of technical assistance to developing countries in Asia known as the TFCTN In-country Workshop. This workshop is usually a three-day training programme aimed at government officers in ministries that deal with trade issues.

### WORKSHOP ON GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES (GATS), 4–8 FEBRUARY 2013

The overall objective of this course being organised by TFCTN is to assist officials in planning and understanding Trade in Services. This will help regional and local officials devise strategies to best meet the challenges of—and benefit from—global trade liberalisation and economic integration. Topics that will be covered include GATS rules on domestic regulation, review of the current services negotiations, regional trade agreement on services and GATS rules on government procurement.

### WORKSHOP ON TRADE FACILITATION, 18–22 FEBRUARY 2013

Trade facilitation looks at how procedures and controls governing the movement of goods across national borders can be improved to reduce associated cost burdens and maximise efficiency while safeguarding legitimate regulatory objectives. The overall objective of this TFCTN course is to assist officials in planning and understanding Trade Facilitation.

### THE GROWTH OF CHINA'S POWER AND THE CHANGING SECURITY DYNAMICS IN ASIA, 22 FEBRUARY 2013

One of the most significant factors in contemporary international relations is China's growing economic, military and political power, which has strongly influenced the political and security dynamics in Asia. The China Programme of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, is organising this workshop against this evolving regional strategic setting. The objective of this workshop is to understand whether the growth of China's power is one of the key factors generating new dynamics in Asian regional security and to evaluate its impact on the regional security order.

### TFCTN IN-COUNTRY WORKSHOP, SRI LANKA, MARCH 2013

As part of its mission, TFCTN provides a series of technical assistance to developing countries in Asia known as the TFCTN In-country Workshop. This workshop is usually a three-day training programme aimed at government officers in ministries that deal with trade issues.

### WORKSHOP ON CHINESE NEW LEADERSHIP, THE PLA AND CHINA'S NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY, 22 MARCH 2013

The China Programme of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, plans to invite prominent scholars from Australia, China, Singapore and the United States to participate in this workshop. The workshop aims to discuss China's leadership transition, the role the PLA plays in national security, and the continuity and change in China's national security policy. Papers presented at the workshop will be published in an edited volume.



## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TERRORIST REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, 26–27 MARCH 2013**

ICPVTR and the Religious Rehabilitation Group (RRG) will jointly organise this conference in Singapore on 26–27 March 2013. This conference will be held in conjunction with the tenth anniversary of the RRG, a voluntary group of Islamic scholars and teachers formed in 2003 to assist in counselling and rehabilitating terrorist detainees in Singapore. It will aim to create a platform for discussions on new issues and developments relating to terrorist rehabilitation and to the strengthening of the global community's resilience to the influence of terrorist ideology and propaganda. The Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, will deliver the keynote address at this two-day event.

## **TFCTN IN-COUNTRY WORKSHOP, MONGOLIA, APRIL 2013**

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## **7<sup>TH</sup> ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS (APPSNO), 7–12 APRIL 2013**

The persistent inability to narrow the gap between the practitioner and academic worlds, especially with regard to national security, can have dire implications. It is essential for practitioners and academics to collaborate more effectively in co-developing responses against contemporary national security threats, since these have become highly complex and require equally complex solutions. This conference, which the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), RSIS, is organising, aims to identify and discuss key areas of national security where practitioners and academics can collaborate more effectively, and in so doing, narrow the theory-practice gap.

## **TFCTN-WTO PARLIAMENTARIAN WORKSHOP, MAY 2013**

This workshop is intended to increase the capacity of regional legislators to engage in international trade negotiations. This includes a deeper understanding of the WTO, current and future negotiating issues in international trade, and a sustained focus on the particular concerns of developing states in the process.

## **WORKSHOP ON “FUNDAMENTALS OF EFFECTIVE CYBER-DETERRENCE IN A DIGITAL AGE”, MAY 2013**

This workshop, which CENS is organising, will analyse evolving thinking in developing comprehensive counter-strategies against a range of malicious cyber-threats to national security. It will have a focus on the potential for developing credible cyber-deterrence across the threat spectrum.

## **3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY CONFERENCE, 15 MAY 2013**

Jointly organised by Maritime Security Programme of IDSS, RSIS, and the Republic of Singapore Navy, the third International Maritime Security Conference will serve as a platform for top maritime leaders and stakeholders to come together for open discourse and to share perspectives on pertinent maritime security issues.

## **WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PRODUCTION NETWORKS AND SUPPLY CHAINS, JUNE 2013**

Linking up with regional and global production networks and supply chains has been an important component of the East Asian strategy to promote regional integration and economic growth. This workshop—the third phase of a partnership between the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and RSIS' Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS)—will review the East Asian experience and recommend policies for other sub-regions in Asia (such as South Asia and Central Asia) to link up with regional and global production networks.



### **15<sup>TH</sup> ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS (APPSMO), AUGUST 2013**

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 organisations in the region, the programme—the fifteenth in the series—will be held in August 2013. It will bring to Singapore an impressive group of senior military officers from the ASEAN Regional Forum, ADMM plus 8 countries as well as from Europe to participate in an extensive series of academic seminars and group discussions, and to visit places of security interest.

### **JOINT CENS-WARWICK INTERNATIONAL SECURITY INITIATIVE WORKSHOP, SEPTEMBER 2013**

This workshop will draw upon European and Asian perspectives on current trends in violent extremism. Themes to be covered, drawing upon cross-cultural examples, include a focus on the possible connections between non-violent and violent extremism, behavioural indicators of radicalisation into violent extremism, and the extent to which comprehensive ideological de-radicalisation of militants is possible.

### **TFCTN IN-COUNTRY WORKSHOP, BHUTAN, OCTOBER 2013**

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### **3<sup>RD</sup> GOH KENG SWEE COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE SEMINAR, OCTOBER 2013**

This flagship event of the Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College will be organised by the Military Studies Programme of IDSS, RSIS, in collaboration with the Nanyang Business School, the SAF-NTU Academy, and the Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College. The third in the annual series, it will focus on Operationalising Smart Power.

### **TFCTN EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME, OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2013**

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

### **SEMINAR ON EAST ASIA SUMMIT, NOVEMBER 2013**

This seminar, organised by CMS, will be a post-meeting assessment of the eighth East Asia Summit (EAS) in 2013. The items include: What were the highlights of the summit? What decisions were adopted? What decisions were not adopted but should have been? What needs to be done if the EAS, and more generally East Asian regionalism, is to progress in the interest of regional peace, prosperity and security in East Asia?



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