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Message from the Executive Deputy Chairman



2017 saw more research programmes, new personnel, additional partners and outstanding visitors at RSIS. Almost every day, our School and scholars were featured in the media and public discourse, both at home and abroad. RSIS is the go-to place for academic and policy decision-makers. As our Dean reported, RSIS faculty and researchers are publishing more and our students are provided with an increasing array of learning and professional opportunities.

We commenced the Science and Technology Studies Programme. We consolidated the National Security Studies Programme which was set up in 2016. We streamlined existing activities and created new avenues for more focussed coverage of non-traditional security and science and technology research. We appointed Dr Shashi Jayakumar as Executive Coordinator for Future Issues and Technology (FIT) to better manage cross-cutting issues and be future ready. (Shashi is concurrently the Head of the Centre of Excellence for National Security.) We reached out to other parts of NTU to explore and initiate more collaborative work.

We convened the CSCAP Retreat, World Agricultural Forum, Regional Conference on International Humanitarian Law in Asia, US-ASEAN Conference on Legal Issues of Regional Importance, and several new workshops with various international bodies and think tanks from other countries.

Our flagship programmes were reviewed and innovative ideas implemented. More importantly, the central services in RSIS were strengthened to cope with the increased mandate and staffing. The physical space constraint is being addressed creatively. We hope the refreshed RSIS website will inspire more connection and pride with the School's mission and vision going forward.

The coming year will be more demanding with the transformation and turmoil from geopolitical developments in the ASEAN and global arenas, and the attendant consequences for policymaking. Singapore is the Chair of ASEAN in 2018. RSIS will continue with its drive for excellence in security and strategic research as we enhance our policy relevance. We count on all students, staff and stakeholders, particularly our alumni, to support RSIS as they have always done over the years.

Ong Keng Yong

Executive Deputy Chairman, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

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Message from the Dean

RSIS continues to strive to provide graduate education in international affairs with a real-world, policy-relevant flavour. We have done this the past year by increasing the opportunities that our students have for interaction with policymakers and thought leaders from all over the world through our public lectures as well as various workshops and symposiums. This dimension to professional education at RSIS continues to be a draw, through which we have become one of the top international affairs schools in the region. We will continue to provide this professional education experience for our current cohort of 239 students spread across our five MSc degree programmes, and 13 PhD students.

But we must guard against complacency, and work to make sure our faculty and research programmes remain at the forefront of the fields and disciplines in which they operate. The senior management has, over the course of the last year, worked to support the effort of our faculty and research staff to publish their research in top book presses as well as academic and policy research journals. The output of the last year has been encouraging, with a number of our faculty scoring publications in several major internationally recognised peer-reviewed outlets. Some have even won major awards, such as Asst Prof Anit Mukherjee, who won the prestigious Amos Perlmutter Prize at the *Journal of Strategic Studies* for the best essay by a junior faculty member for the year. Congratulations, Anit! In addition to the research accomplishments of our staff and faculty, RSIS has also played an important role over the year as a convenor for major events and international conferences to debate challenges that confront decision makers in the field of security studies and international affairs. Some of these events have already been mentioned in the Executive Deputy Chairman's message, while others have been outlined elsewhere in this Annual Review. RSIS faculty and researchers are also increasingly sought after to speak internationally as well, and this demonstrates not just the reach of the RSIS brand but also the ability of my colleagues to contribute to global debates and to shape thinking on policy issues.

In sum, the last year was a rewarding one for RSIS, and the year ahead looks equally promising. Against the backdrop of an increasingly complex geostrategic and geo-economic terrain, RSIS will continue its efforts to be at the forefront of public intellectual discussion of these issues and their impact on Singapore, the region and, indeed, the world.

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ABOUT RSIS



A Brief History of RSIS



The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was officially inaugurated on 1 January 2007. Prior to this, it was known as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established 10 years earlier, on 30 July 1996, by Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence. Dr Tony Tan later became the elected seventh 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 Mr S. Rajaratnam, who was Singapore's first Foreign Minister, the renaming of IDSS reflected the progress of what was originally a modest research institute into a professional graduate school of international affairs. IDSS continues to exist within RSIS as its core component, focusing on security research. Its teaching functions now reside within the School.

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

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

The Founding Director of IDSS was Mr S. R. Nathan, formerly Singapore's Ambassador to the United States of America, and later Ambassador-at-Large in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 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 the sixth President of the Republic of Singapore and was succeeded by his deputy, Prof Khong Yuen Foong. Mr Nathan re-joined RSIS as a Distinguished Senior Fellow on 1 September 2011 after stepping down as President. He passed away on 22 August 2016.

On 1 October 2000, Prof Khong returned to his teaching career at Oxford University. He was succeeded by Amb Barry Desker, who was until then Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Trade Development Board and prior to that, Singapore's Ambassador to Indonesia. Prof Khong remained affiliated to RSIS as Senior Research Adviser and Professor of International Relations until March 2015.

A change of leadership took place on 3 November 2014 when Amb Desker

handed over the leadership of RSIS to Amb Ong Keng Yong, formerly Singapore's High Commissioner to Malaysia. Amb Ong took over as the Executive Deputy Chairman (EDC) of RSIS under a new management structure that also retained a deanship for the School. As EDC, Amb Ong provides overall leadership and strategic directions in professional, academic and administrative matters. He also manages policy research under RSIS' role as a think tank. In this, Amb Ong has been assisted by Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna, the Head of Policy Studies, since 1 April 2015. The Policy Studies team essentially helps Amb Ong to identify and incubate new policy-relevant research programmes.

On the academic side, Amb Ong is assisted by Prof Joseph Liow, who became Dean of RSIS on the same day that he took office as EDC. Before that, Prof Liow had been serving RSIS as Associate Dean from 2008. As Dean, he is the chief academic officer of RSIS, with responsibilities for the conduct, coordination and quality of the School's academic programmes. He also leads in the School's academic development and assists the EDC in the overall management of RSIS.

RSIS comprises five research centres and three research programmes. IDSS conducts research on the sources of strategic stability and security in the Asia Pacific and the means to ensuring a stable and secure region. It is headed by the Director, EDC Ong, who holds the appointment in a concurrent capacity. EDC Ong is assisted by his Deputy, Prof Tan See Seng. IDSS' research is organised into three clusters made up of ten programmes, namely, Regional Security Architecture Programme, China Programme, South Asia Programme, United States Programme, Indonesia Programme, Malaysia Programme, Maritime Security Programme, Military Transformations Programme, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Programme, and Military Studies Programme.

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), which was inaugurated on 20 February 2004, is a leading centre for counter-terrorism and rehabilitation. Headed by Prof Rohan Gunaratna, it produces research and analyses, threat assessments, and policy papers on developments in terrorism in countries and regions around the world. The centre also provides training for officials engaged in combating terrorism and other forms of political violence. It also advises governments on how best to manage the threat. Research at ICPVTR is presently organised under four categories: Databases projects, Capacity-building projects, Strategic Counter-terrorism projects and Counter-terrorism Security projects.

The Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) under Dr Shashi Jayakumar was inaugurated on 29 March 2006 and now hosts programmes in Radicalisation Studies, Social Resilience, Homeland Defence and Cybersecurity. The Cybersecurity Programme became a full-fledged programme in October 2015. The research focus of the programme includes issues such as the nexus between cybersecurity and cybercrime, the positive and negative aspects of public-private collaboration in the cyber sphere, and the possibilities for greater international cooperation to enhance cybersecurity. Increasingly, too, security challenges such as fake news and disinformation have come to the fore, requiring collaboration across all the CENS pillars (and indeed across RSIS).

The Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (NTS



Prof Rohan Gunaratna (right), Head, ICPVTR, briefing Maj. Gen. Delfin Lorenzana, Defence Secretary of the Philippines, on 13 June, following the terrorist siege on Marawi

Centre) under Assoc Prof Mely Caballero-Anthony was launched on 6 May 2008. It conducts research aimed at furthering awareness of and building capacity to address NTS issues and challenges. NTS issues such as climate change, resource scarcity, infectious diseases, natural disasters, irregular migration, food shortages, people and drug trafficking, and transnational crime arise from non-military sources and pose challenges to security of peoples and states. The NTS Centre addresses these issues under the following programmes: Climate Change; Environmental Security; Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR); Energy Security; and Women, Peace and Security. It provides a networking platform for NTS research institutions in the Asia Pacific through the NTS-Asia Consortium.

RSIS' Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS), which is led by the Associate Dean of RSIS, Prof Ralf Emmers, was launched on 14 October 2011. It conducts advanced research, networking, and teaching on multilateralism and regionalism in the Asia Pacific and beyond. Its research agenda covers international expressions of economic multilateralism (World Trade Organization, Group of Twenty, Trans-Pacific Partnership and others) as well as diplomatic and security multilateralism (United Nations Security Council, East Asia Summit, ASEAN Regional Forum and others). CMS also conducts courses and workshops to train regional government officials on trade and negotiations, a role previously performed by the School's erstwhile Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade & Negotiations (TFCTN). Its staff members have a proven record of engaging public and policy debates and they are regular consultants for international organisations and national governments, including that of Singapore.

On 9 June 2014, RSIS inaugurated the Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme. Helmed by Amb Mohammad Alami Musa, it studies models of how communities adapt their religious life and evolve their religious doctrines to cope with the realities of living in plural societies. It also studies and develops expertise in the conduct of inter-religious relations, including conflict resolution mechanisms and models that facilitate de-radicalisation, build peace and strengthen social ties.

The National Security Studies Programme (NSSP), launched in April 2016, aims at fostering and enhancing intellectual capital pertaining to the milestone episodes in Singapore's diplomatic and security history. In particular, the NSSP seeks to promote broad-ranging research into the "Singapore



EDC Ong Keng Yong signing Memorandums of Understanding with six research and academic institutions at the 3rd SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium, 2 February 2017

model” for addressing national security challenges and other insights pertinent to small, globalised, multi-ethnic city-states. Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna, Head of Policy Studies, is concurrently the coordinator of the programme.

Future Issues and Technology (FIT), set up on 1 September 2017, works with relevant RSIS centres, programmes and researchers to better identify emerging issues and technology which have strategic impact on policy as well as potential disruptive national security implications. This cross-cutting coordination will seed more comprehensive policy responses in areas such as digital technologies, artificial intelligence and other aspects of the fourth industrial revolution. For now, FIT is located within the Executive Deputy Chairman’s Office and headed by Dr Shashi Jayakumar as its Executive Coordinator. In this capacity, Dr Jayakumar also assists Amb Ong Keng Yong to mentor the RSIS team in the new Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP). Dr Jayakumar is concurrently Head, Centre of Excellence for National security (CENS).

Research findings of RSIS’ centres and programmes are shared with those involved in security, diplomacy and business through articles in refereed journals and the School’s monograph series, working papers, policy papers, commentaries and other publications. RSIS focuses on accessible analyses for the policy and business communities, in addition to publications for an academic audience.

RSIS runs several well-regarded conference series 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 International Maritime Security Conference organised jointly with the Republic of Singapore Navy.

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

The Track 2 Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI) was established in 2007 as an ASEAN think tank group to support the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) with



Participants of RSIS’ Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO 2017) at the ice-breaker event, 3 August 2017

ideas and ahead-of-the-curve policy recommendations. NADI's members comprise the core defence and security institutions of the defence ministries of ASEAN member states. NADI provides a forum for the ASEAN defence and security institutions to network and to build confidence, to promote cooperation among the militaries of the ASEAN countries, and to enhance their roles in managing non-traditional security issues facing the region. RSIS is the Secretariat for NADI and also hosts and manages the NADI website.

In the area of graduate education, RSIS' Master of Science programmes—in Strategic Studies, International Relations, International Political Economy and Asian Studies—were inaugurated in 1998, 2002, 2004 and 2008, respectively. Managed by Assoc Prof Ang Cheng Guan, Head of Graduate Studies, they lead to the development of well-rounded graduates who go on to become successful professionals in diverse areas including defence and security, civil service, foreign affairs, consulting, finance, media or public relations amongst others. 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, cybersecurity, the study of religions, history and law. To widen the choice for students, a two-year, double-degree programme, the NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme, was introduced in 2010. Students in this programme spend their first year at the University of Warwick and the second year at RSIS.

RSIS has benefited from IDSS' earlier association with King's College, London, and, in particular, the assistance of Prof Sir Lawrence Freedman, its Professor of War Studies. Prof Freedman was IDSS' Consultant and External Examiner until June 2003, during which time he provided sterling service to the Institute and its Masters programmes. Prof 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 Prof Freedman as RSIS' Consultant. Prof Walt relinquished this appointment on 30 June 2012. Prof Sir Steve Smith, 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 Faculty Members during Student Convocation, 31 July 2017



Pehin Lim Jock Seng (left), Second Minister of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Brunei, during his visit to RSIS, 13 October 2017

The RSIS graduate programmes have drawn students from many countries around the world. To date, students have come from 66 countries, including Singapore:

Afghanistan	Czech Republic	Israel	New Zealand	Singapore
Australia	Denmark	Italy	Nigeria	Slovenia
Austria	Egypt	Japan	North Korea	Spain
Bangladesh	France	Kazakhstan	Norway	Sri Lanka
Belarus	Georgia	Korea	Oman	Sweden
Brunei	Germany	Laos	Pakistan	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Ghana	Malaysia	Philippines	Taiwan
Cambodia	Hungary	Maldives	Poland	Thailand
Cameroon	Iceland	Mexico	Portugal	Timor-Leste
Canada	India	Morocco	Qatar	Turkey
China	Indonesia	Myanmar	Romania	United Kingdom
Colombia	Iran	Nepal	Russia	United States
Croatia	Ireland	Netherlands	Saudi Arabia	Uzbekistan
				Vietnam

The success of RSIS' Master of Science programmes is reflected in the increasing student enrolment. From only 10 students in 1998—all Singaporeans—the student enrolment in Academic Year 2017/2018 is 240. This includes four students from the Palestinian National Authority. RSIS' role in teaching was enhanced when IDSS accepted its first doctoral student in 2003/2004. Since then, 20 students have graduated from the doctoral programme. RSIS presently has 13 doctoral students.

RSIS faculty members teach defence and security policy, geopolitics and regional security, and military history in various officer courses at the SAFTI Military Institute. These contractual obligations come under the rubric of the SAF-NTU Strategic Partnership, which came into being in 2008. That

year, faculty involvement in SAFTI's Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College reached a new milestone when courses conducted there became fully accredited towards NTU's Master of Science programmes conducted by the College of Engineering, Nanyang Business School and RSIS. RSIS' ICPVTR has also conducted courses on terrorism for officers of the ministries of Defence and Home Affairs.

RSIS hosts eminent scholars and practitioners under its Visiting Programme. The presence of such luminaries enriches the intellectual milieu of RSIS and provides many opportunities



Visit to RSIS by Chairman and several members of the Council of Presidential Advisers on 15 March 2017. (From left) Mr S. Dhanabalan, Mr J. Y. Pillay (Chairman) and Mr Goh Joon Seng. Mr Lim Chee Onn and Mr Lee Tzu Yang are not in the picture.

through informal seminars for faculty and research staff to acquire additional perspectives and insights. Similarly, faculty and research staff as well as RSIS students and the general public benefit from the talks given by these visitors under the School's lecture and seminar programmes.

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

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RSIS is a non-profit organisation. Besides the sponsors listed above, other major sources of funding include the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Security Coordination Secretariat, which utilise RSIS' research services.

When RSIS was inaugurated on 1 January 2007, a campaign to raise \$40 million (including dollar-for-dollar matching grants from the Singapore Government) for the RSIS Endowment Fund was initiated. Led by Mr S. Chandra Das, Chairman of NUR Investment and Trading Pte Ltd and formerly 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.

RSIS endowment funds include provisions for four professorships. These professorships were established from donations together with matching grants from the government. They are the S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies, the NTUC Professorship in International Economic Relations, the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations and the Peter Lim Professorship in Peace Studies. 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.

As of 1 January 2018, RSIS employs 222 management, faculty, research and support staff.

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Staff of RSIS at the RSIS Alumni Dinner, 28 July 2017



Staff of RSIS celebrating RSIS Day, 28 July 2017

HIGHLIGHTS



Key Events in 2017

(in chronological order)

DIALOGUE WITH PROFESSOR MICHAEL BROWN AND PROFESSOR BATES GILL

On 12 January 2017, two members of RSIS' Board of Governors, Prof Michael Brown and Prof Bates Gill, spoke on the topic "US-Asia Relations: the Next Four Years and Beyond" at a public dialogue organised by RSIS. They gave an assessment of what we could expect from the newly elected President Donald Trump. While both were uncertain about the prospects, they were of the view that the Trump Presidency would not end existing US economic and military arrangements with Asia abruptly, and that the fundamentals undergirding US-Asia relations would continue to endure. Their deliveries were followed by a lively discussion moderated by Prof Joseph Liow, Dean of RSIS.



Prof Michael Brown (left) and Prof Bates Gill (right) at their public dialogue moderated by Dean Joseph Liow, 12 January 2017

3RD SRP DISTINGUISHED LECTURE AND SYMPOSIUM

RSIS' Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme conducted the 3rd SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium on 1–2 February 2017. About 500 people attended the event, which was titled "The Ambivalence of the Sacred in an Uncertain World: A Global Dialogue on Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding". Prof Scott Appleby, Marilyn Keough Dean of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs, delivered the lecture. This was followed by a roundtable and a symposium. Speakers at the roundtable included the Hon. Bob Carr (former Australian Foreign Minister) and Dr Marty Natalegawa (former Indonesian Foreign Minister). As for the symposium, the speakers were Dean Joseph Liow, Dean of RSIS, Prof Yan Kejia of the Shanghai Institute of Religious Studies, and Prof Vali Nasr of the Johns Hopkins University. Memorandums of Understanding were signed between SRP/RSIS and six religious educational institutions at the event in the presence of the guest of honour, Mr Ong Ye Kung, Minister of Education and Defence.



Prof Scott Appleby responding to a question from the floor following his SRP Distinguished Lecture, 1 February 2017

RSIS DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY RETNO L. P. MARSUDI



H.E. Retno L. P. Marsudi (left) meeting Mr Chan Chun Sing before her Distinguished Public Lecture, 10 February 2017

Her Excellency Retno L. P. Marsudi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia, delivered an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture titled “Indonesia’s Foreign Policy under the Jokowi Administration” at the Pan Pacific Singapore on 10 February 2017. The lecture was held as part of her official visit to Singapore for the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and Singapore. In her lecture, H. E. Retno said that Indonesia acknowledged the importance of maintaining good relations with Singapore and that Indonesia had and would always pursue an active role in the region, with ASEAN as the cornerstone of its foreign policy.

COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC (CSCAP) RETREAT

CSCAP-Singapore hosted a retreat on 2–3 March 2017. Held in Singapore, the objective of the retreat was to conduct a review of the regional security order and architecture especially in light of the new Trump Administration in the United States and its foreign policy towards Asia. The discussions also focused on how CSCAP should position itself in the rapidly evolving regional security landscape so as to remain relevant and to continue to add value to Track 1 processes such as the ASEAN Regional Forum. A total of 42 participants from 16 CSCAP member committees from across the Asia Pacific took part in the retreat, which was chaired by CSCAP-Singapore Co-Chairs EDC Ong Keng Yong and Mr Kwa Chong Guan, both from RSIS.



Participants of the CSCAP Retreat, 2 March 2017

NTS-ASIA CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

The NTS-Asia Consortium Conference and Annual Meeting took place on 30–31 March 2017. Twenty consortium members participated in the conference, which had the theme “Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Asia Pacific”. In her keynote address, Dr Noeleen Heyzer, former Undersecretary-General of the United Nations and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at RSIS, stated that the SDGs provided a framework for collaboration to address climate change challenges and aimed to go further by addressing the root causes of poverty. Her address was followed by four panel discussions on non-traditional security issues such as the food, water and energy security nexus; gender inequality; urban sustainability issues; climate-related migration; and ecological degradation in the Southeast Asia region.



Dr Noeleen Heyzer (left) with EDC Ong Keng Yong, at the NTS-Asia Consortium Conference and Annual Meeting, 30 March 2017

11TH ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS

The 11th Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO 2017) was held in Singapore on 3–7 April 2017. It was organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) with the support of the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) in the Prime Minister’s Office. The event brought together senior national security officers from the Asia Pacific and beyond for a week of intensive discussions and networking. More than 40 local participants and more than 25 foreign participants (from 24 foreign countries) took part, with speakers from Australia, Czech Republic, Latvia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States providing expertise and experience on diverse areas such as radicalisation, disinformation operations, strategic communications in crises, and cybersecurity. The event included a dialogue session with the guest of honour, Mr K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law.



Mr Peter Ho, Senior Advisor of the Centre for Strategic Futures, and member of the RSIS Board of Governors, delivering the APPSNO Alumni Distinguished Dinner Lecture, 3 April 2017

WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING MARITIME SAFETY IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION



Brig. Gen. (Ret.) James T. Hirai (left), Deputy Director of DKI APCSS, with Dr Koji Sekimizu, RSIS-MPA Distinguished Visiting Fellow and Secretary-General Emeritus, International Maritime Organization (IMO), at the workshop, 25 April 2017

The IDSS' Maritime Security Programme and the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) co-organised this workshop on 25–27 April 2017. The event involved maritime practitioners and academics from ten Asia Pacific countries in technical discussions and information sharing on how nations implement existing international rules and standards for navigational safety (e.g., the International Collision Regulations) for navy, coastguard or equivalent, and non-government vessels such as fishing boats. Workshop participants exchanged best governance practices in their respective institutions' implementation of rules and standards to ensure maritime safety. In the process, they also identified gaps in their implementation and the potential next steps to address them.

NADI 10TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE WORKSHOP



Mr Eddie Teo (right) unveiling the book commemorating NADI's 10th anniversary with EDC Ong Keng Yong, 3 May 2017

RSIS hosted the Track II Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions' (NADI) 10th Anniversary Commemorative Workshop on 3–4 May 2017. The event marked a significant milestone in the NADI members' efforts to develop a network of ASEAN defence and security institutions that supports the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) with fresh, timely and ahead-of-the curve recommendations. In his keynote speech to the NADI delegates and guests, Mr Eddie Teo, Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors, highlighted NADI's achievement in creating an ASEAN defence and security think tank group that can discuss security issues where none existed before. Mr Teo also launched the

commemorative book entitled *Track II Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI): Commemorating 10 Years of NADI*, which was edited by Mr Tan Seng Chye and Mr Henrick Z. Tsjeng.

JOINT CONFERENCE ON ASEAN AND LEGAL ISSUES



Dr Lynn Kuok (left), Senior Research Fellow, University of Cambridge, and Mr John Brandon, at the conference, 8 May 2017

Held on 8–9 May 2017, the US-ASEAN Conference on Legal Issues of Regional Importance was a collaboration between the US Embassy in Singapore, the Asia Foundation and RSIS. The two-day event analysed the legal dimensions of several issues that are critical to the future of ASEAN, such as transboundary haze, maritime security and cybersecurity. The conference opened with welcome remarks by Mr Walter Douglas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy, and for Regional and Security Policy, US Department of State; Prof Joseph Liow, Dean, RSIS; and Mr John Brandon, Senior Director, International Relations Programmes, The Asia Foundation.

RSIS-WTO PARLIAMENTARIAN WORKSHOP

RSIS' Centre for Multilateralism Studies continued its fruitful partnership with the World Trade Organization (WTO) to hold the eighth Parliamentarian Workshop on 15–17 May 2017. The workshop brought together parliamentarians from across the Asia Pacific as well as Central Asia. The workshop provided its participants with the opportunity to increase their understanding of the world trading system and the future of trade negotiations. H.E. Halimah Yacob, then Speaker of Parliament, and now Singapore's eighth President, gave the opening remarks. Mr Keith Rockwell, Chief Spokesman of the WTO, represented the organisation. The workshop was held as part of the Temasek Foundation International Series on Trade & Negotiations.



H.E. Halimah Yacob (left) delivering the Opening Remarks as the Guest of Honour at the workshop, 15 May 2017

ENVISIONING SAFE AND SECURE SEAS IN THE ASIA PACIFIC

On 16 May 2017, the Republic of Singapore Navy and RSIS co-hosted the International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC) as part of IMDEX Asia 2017. Titled “Safe and Secure Seas: A Vision for a Maritime Region”, two panels discussed the possibilities of increasing safety and security in regional seas. They also addressed current and future maritime challenges, highlighted the importance of cooperation and trust and stressed the importance of a rule-based order at sea. The importance of a rule-based order at sea was seen by all panellists as paramount. Additionally, the benefits and need of extending cooperation to various industry partners, and to keep up-to-date with technological developments in tackling maritime challenges, was emphasised.



Participants of the International Maritime Security Conference, 16 May 2017

RSIS DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE BY SIR JOHN KEY

Sir John Key, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, delivered an RSIS Distinguished Public Lecture titled “Asia: Its Challenges and Opportunities” on 5 June 2017. Sir John noted that the Chinese economy was still growing at a steady pace, and it was only a matter of time before it overtook the United States. India, with similar demographics to China, also had immense potential. While there were disputes in the South China Sea and on the Korean peninsula, Sir John felt that it was highly unlikely that they would escalate into full-scale conflicts.



Sir John Key (centre) interacting with attendees following his Distinguished Public Lecture, 5 June 2017

LAUNCH OF BOOK BY AMBASSADOR BILAHARI KAUSIKAN

RSIS hosted the launch of a book by Amb Bilahari Kausikan on 21 June 2017. The book launch included speeches by Prof S. Jayakumar, former Senior Minister and Deputy Prime Minister; Amb Chan Heng Chee, Chairman, Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology and Design; and Amb Gopinath Pillai, Chairman, Institute of South Asian Studies. The book, *Singapore is Not an Island: Views on Singapore Foreign Policy*, is a compilation of essays and public speeches by Amb Kausikan, who is a former member of RSIS' Board of Governors.



Amb Bilahari Kausikan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, signing his new book following its launch, 21 June 2017

DISTINGUISHED BOOK LAUNCH: A TRIBUTE TO MR S R NATHAN



Guest of Honour, Mr Chan Chun Sing (left) with EDC Ong Keng Yong, at the book launch, 3 July 2017

On 3 July 2017, RSIS launched the book *Remembering S R Nathan: A Mentor for All Seasons* at the National Library Board Building, Singapore, to commemorate the life and achievements of the sixth President of Singapore. Comprising essays written by public servants, policymakers, scholars, and foreign observers who knew or had worked with Mr Nathan, the book gives an account of him as a leader and mentor. In his opening remarks, EDC Ong Keng Yong attributed RSIS' growth as a leading think tank and graduate school to Mr Nathan's vision and determination. Minister Chan Chun Sing, the guest of honour, said that Mr Nathan was a great man who not only achieved many things for himself, his family and country, but had also inspired others to follow his example and to strive for greater heights.

WORLD AGRICULTURAL FORUM (WAF) 2017

The World Agricultural Forum (WAF) 2017 was held on 6–7 July 2017. Co-organised by RSIS' Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies and WAF, the theme for the two-day conference was "Solving the



Guest of Honour, Mr Koh Poh Koon (left), speaking with Rt. Hon. James Bolger, Chairman of the WAF Advisory Board and former Prime Minister of New Zealand, at the dinner of WAF 2017, with EDC Ong Keng Yong (left) and Dr Kenneth Baker, Chairman of WAF, looking on, 6 July 2017

Triple Challenge to Agriculture: Trade, New Technologies and Food Security". The conference enabled people from business and government sectors, international organisations and academia to understand how the changing world order is affecting agriculture and the food trade, and to identify critical technology for sustainable farming and agriculture. Speakers from countries such as China, Japan, Thailand and the United States were present to share their knowledge. At the dinner, Dr Koh Poh Koon, Senior Minister of State for Trade & Industry and National Development, spoke on the agricultural scene in Singapore. Besides the conference, a youth engagement event was co-organised with the Kranji Countryside Association to inspire junior college and tertiary students to play a role in shaping the future of Singapore's agriculture industry.

WORKSHOP ON DISASTER RESPONSE REGIONAL ARCHITECTURES

RSIS and the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, Hawaii, co-hosted a workshop titled “Disaster Response Regional Architectures: Assessing Future Possibilities” on 18–20 July 2017. Held in Bangkok, the workshop was to facilitate analysis among relevant stakeholders and subject-matter experts to achieve a common understanding of challenges and opportunities associated with regional disaster response coordination in four distinct Asia Pacific regions; identify current and emerging response-related issues, trends and strategic implications; and make recommendations for improved and collaborative regional disaster response architectures. The findings of the workshop are jointly published by RSIS and DKI APCSS in a policy report for public distribution. A total of 43 participants from 14 Indo-Asia-Pacific states and Taiwan attended the workshop.



A panel session at the workshop, 18 July 2017

3RD KOREA-SINGAPORE FORUM

The 3rd Korea-Singapore Forum was held in Singapore on 19 July 2017 with the theme “A New-Age Partnership for a World in Transition”. The forum involved government officials and scholars as well as media and business representatives from both countries and was co-organised by RSIS, the Korea Foundation and the Korean Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. The objective of the biennial series is to enhance Korea-Singapore ties. This year, participants discussed the evolving dynamics in the Asia Pacific region as well as the prospects for regional and bilateral cooperation, particularly in the area of the digital economy. They agreed that there was potential for Korea and Singapore to work together on a wide range of issues, including the challenge of climate change and the championing of free trade in an increasingly protectionist world.



Participants of the 3rd Korea-Singapore Forum, 19 July 2017

19TH ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS (APPSMO 2017)



Guest of Honour, Dr Mohamad Maliki Osman (right), Senior Minister of State for Defence, with EDC Ong Keng Yong, at APPSMO 2017, 4 August 2017

APPSMO 2017 was held on 4–10 August 2017. One of RSIS' flagship events, the conference was organised by the Military Studies Programme of IDSS and attended by more than 50 senior military officers from over 20 countries. This year's conference addressed some of the region's most pressing security concerns, as well as how civil and military institutions hope to build sustainable peace in the region. The panel sessions, which were led by speakers from countries like Australia, China, Israel, Indonesia, the United States and Singapore, discussed topics like terrorism, information and cyber warfare, crisis management, defence diplomacy and the future of conflicts. Dr

Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, delivered the keynote address, while Singapore's Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant-General Perry Lim, was the guest of honour at the opening dinner, where he interacted actively with the APPSMO participants.

RSIS DELEGATION VISITS BEIJING

Dean Joseph Liow led a delegation to Beijing on 27–30 August 2017. During the visit, RSIS co-organised a workshop, "China-Singapore Think Tank Forum 2017: New Challenges in Asia Pacific Security", with China's Pangoal Institution, which involved 21 researchers based in China, the United States, Japan, New

Zealand and the Republic of Korea. The RSIS delegation also had roundtables with the People's Liberation Army National Defense University and the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations. The main topics discussed included Korean peninsula security, maritime security and counter-terrorism in Asia, China's Belt and Road Initiative, and China's relations with the United States, ASEAN and Singapore. As part of the effort to maintain a strong RSIS global community, Dean Liow also hosted a dinner for alumni based in Beijing.



The RSIS delegation and staff members of the Pangoal Institution, including Dean Joseph Liow (front row, fourth from left), with Dr Wang Dong (second from left), Secretary-General of the Pangoal Institution, 30 August 2017

2ND INDIAN OCEAN CONFERENCE



Dr Vivian Balakrishnan (right) receiving a memento from Hon. Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, at the 2nd Indian Ocean Conference, 1 September 2017

The 2nd Indian Ocean Conference, co-organised by RSIS, was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 31 August and 1 September 2017. India Foundation of New Delhi was the main mover of this conference. The other co-organiser was the National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Sri Lanka. Focused on the themes of peace, progress and prosperity, the event saw the participation of leaders from countries on the Indian Ocean rim as well as scholars from the region and beyond. Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore, emphasised that continued peace constituted an “existential issue” for small trading nations like Singapore. In his keynote address, Mr S. Jaishankar, Foreign Secretary of India, stressed on the need for people-centric initiatives in the region. Concluding the event with a valedictory address, President Maithripala Sirisena of Sri Lanka reiterated the need for sustained cooperation and collaboration among all littoral countries.

RSIS DELEGATION VISITS MYANMAR

EDC Ong Keng Yong led a delegation to Myanmar on 12–15 September 2017. During the visit, RSIS co-organised a research seminar, “Contemporary Security Challenges: Insights from Asia”, with the Myanmar Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, which involved over 50 participants from across government ministries, the military and Myanmar Red Cross Society. The RSIS delegation also held roundtable discussions with Myanmar think tanks and visited the National Defence College in Naypyidaw. An informal alumni gathering was held in Yangon for the RSIS alumni community.



Dr Win Myat Aye (right), Myanmar’s Minister of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, receiving a token of appreciation from EDC Ong Keng Yong, 15 September 2017

7TH GOH KENG SWEE COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE SEMINAR

The 7th Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College (GKS CSC) Seminar, co-organised by the GKS CSC, SAF-NTU Academy (SNA), and RSIS, was held on 5–6 October 2017. The event drew 356 participants, including military and industry practitioners as well as academics. Based on the theme “Challenges and the Impact of Cyber Threats and Terrorism on National Security and the Role of the Military”, the seminar sought to create a platform for the students of the Command and Staff Course and invited guests to break their mental horizons on the perceived roles of military and security professionals in the face of cyber threats and terrorism.



A foreign student of the Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College making a comment at the GKS CSC Seminar, 5 October 2017

4TH SINGAPORE-WTO POLICY DIALOGUE ON THE WORLD TRADING SYSTEM

A preparatory workshop for the upcoming 11th World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference was held in Singapore on 5–6 October 2017. Targeted at senior trade officials from the Asia Pacific region, the workshop was jointly organised by RSIS’ Centre for Multilateralism Studies, the Ministry

of Trade and Industry, the Singapore Cooperation Programme, and WTO. The discussions centred on how WTO member states could navigate the multi-lateral trading system, with emphasis on how trade could become more inclusive. Mr Evan Rogerson, Distinguished Visiting Fellow at RSIS, and other speakers highlighted WTO’s role in reducing trade tariffs and settling trade disputes; the challenges faced by global trade in addressing the digital divide between developing and developed countries; the need to further strengthen the rules governing the trade system and their transparency; and the participation of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises in international trade.



Mr Evan Rogerson (left) with Ms Ng Bee Kim, Director-General (Trade), Ministry of Trade and Industry, who gave the opening remarks at the policy dialogue, 5 October 2017

LAUNCH OF BOOK COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF ASEAN

To commemorate 50 years of ASEAN, Mr Eddie Lim, Senior Fellow and Head of IDSS' Military Studies Programme, and Dr Daniel Chua, Asst Prof and RSIS' Deputy Head of Graduate Studies, co-wrote a book on the regional organisation's role in the development of the region's security cooperation. Titled *ASEAN 50: Regional Security Cooperation through Selected Documents*, the book was launched at the National Library Board building, on 3 November 2017 before an audience comprising academics, diplomats and members of local and foreign media. EDC Ong Keng Yong, delivered the opening remarks while Dr Tang Siew Mun, Head of the ASEAN Studies Centre at ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, was the discussant.



The editors, Mr Eddie Lim (left) and Asst Prof Daniel Chua, with EDC Ong Keng Yong at the launch of their book, 3 November 2017

JOINT BOOK LAUNCH BY RSIS AND SAF-NTU ACADEMY

On 8 November 2017, EDC Ong Keng Yong and Brigadier General Chua Boon Keat, Commandant of SAFTI Military Institute, officiated at the launch of a book titled *International Security in the Asia Pacific: Transcending ASEAN towards Transitional Polycentrism*. This volume of 18 chapters and 17 authors, edited by CMS' Assoc Prof Alan Chong, deals with polycentrism, which either implies a loosening of state control and the emergence of a host of sub-state authorities, or the return to a neo-realist oriented international order where great powers ignore ASEAN in steering regional order according to their perceived interests and relative military superiority.



Brig. Gen. Chua Boon Keat (second from left) with EDC Ong Keng Yong (third from left), at the book launch jointly organised by RSIS and SAF-NTU Academy, 8 November 2017

Honours and Awards for RSIS Staff and Students

AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

In Academic Year 2016/2017, the four students who won awards in their respective Master of Science programmes are as follows:

Mr Charles Julian Oliver Ardy
(Singapore)
The United Overseas Bank Gold Medal for Master of Science in Strategic Studies



Mr Prashant Deepak Waikar
(India)
The Singapore Technologies Engineering Gold Medal for Master of Science in International Relations



Mr Pang Khin Yang Magnus (Singapore)
The Lion Group Gold Medal for Master of Science in International Political Economy



Ms Lim Hui Yi Cheryl (Singapore)
The Rajabali Jumabhoy Foundation Gold Medal for Master of Science in Asian Studies



Besides these top students, Mr Ahmed Nazwan (Maldives) was awarded the Tay Seow Huah Book Prize for writing the best dissertation.



Mr Ahmed Nazwan

AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The RSIS Teaching Awards for Academic Year 2016/2017 were won by Dr Rajesh Basrur, Professor of International Relations and Coordinator of IDSS' South Asia Programme, and Dr Farish Noor, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the PhD Programme. They received their awards from Dean Joseph Liow at the 14th RSIS Alumni Dinner held on 28 July 2017. These awards recognise teaching excellence and outstanding contributions to the enhancement of teaching and learning at RSIS. The recipients of the awards were decided on the basis of student evaluations made at the end of the academic year, amongst other selection criteria.



Prof Rajesh Basrur (left) and Assoc Prof Farish A. Noor at the RSIS Alumni Dinner, 28 July 2017

APPOINTMENT TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ADVISORY BOARD ON MEDIATION

Distinguished Visiting Fellow Dr Noeleen Heyzer was appointed to a high-level Advisory Board on Mediation established at the United Nations in September 2017. The establishment of the Board was part of the “surge in diplomacy for peace” that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has committed himself to adopting in the face of the spiralling complexity and human cost of conflicts. Its role is to provide the Secretary-General with advice on mediation initiatives and to back specific mediation efforts around the world. Dr Heyzer, a Singaporean, joined 17 other current and former global leaders, senior officials and renowned experts on the Board. They bring together a wide range of experience, skills, knowledge and networks. Dr Heyzer was formerly Undersecretary-General of the UN, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and Executive Director of the UN Development Fund for Women.



Dr Noeleen Heyzer

APPOINTMENT TO THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE

Dr Farish A. Noor, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the PhD Programme, was appointed to the Management Board of the Middle East Institute (MEI), National University of Singapore, in September 2017. Over the coming year, he and other members of the MEI Management Board will help to manage the work of MEI, and direct the focus of the institute's research closer to Singapore and Southeast Asia. The appointment is for a period of one year, from September 2017 to September 2018.



Assoc Prof Farish A. Noor

INTER-DISCIPLINARY PROJECT AWARDED MOE TIER 2 RESEARCH GRANT



(From left) Mr Christopher Chen, Assoc Prof Mely Caballero-Anthony and Dr Alistair D. B. Cook

RSIS' Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (NTS Centre) collaborated with NTU's Nanyang Business School and School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering on an inter-disciplinary project. The project on "Enhancing Coordination in Humanitarian Operations in Asia" was awarded a Ministry of Education (MOE) Academic Tier 2 Research Grant of \$438,329. Scheduled for completion by mid-2019, it consists of seven research projects covering the broad scope of humanitarian operations, of which two—Mapping and Analysis of the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Landscape and Knowledge Management for Humanitarian Continuity—are led by the NTS Centre, with

Centre Head, Assoc Prof Mely Caballero-Anthony, as the co-principal investigator; Dr Alistair D. B. Cook, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Programme Coordinator, as Research Collaborator; and Christopher Chen as Research Associate. The Graduate University of the Chinese Academy of Science and the Singapore Red Cross are involved as knowledge partners.

RESEARCH GRANT FOR STUDY OF FTAs AND MEGA-FTAs



Assoc Prof Pradumna B. Rana

Assoc Prof Pradumna B. Rana, Coordinator of CMS' International Political Economy Programme, and Assoc Prof Chia Wai Mun at NTU's School of Social Sciences, were awarded an MOE Academic Research Fund Tier 1 grant of \$67,000 for a 24-month study of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Mega-FTAs. The study will analyse the benefits and costs of FTAs and mega-FTAs available to regional countries through two methodologies: computable general equilibrium (CGE) analysis and a perception survey of Asian opinion leaders on the strategic and political rationales of mega-FTAs. The study will also analyse the impact of FTAs and Mega-FTAs on the "centrality" of the World Trade Organization in the international trade architecture. The findings of the study will have

important implications for countries in designing their trade policies especially in the context of the US withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the pronouncement of an "America First" trade policy by the Trump administration.

RESEARCH GRANT FOR COUNTER-INSURGENCY PROJECT

Asst Prof Ong Weichong of IDSS' Military Studies Programme was awarded a three-year Academic Research Fund Tier 1 grant of \$30,825 by MOE to conduct a research project on "The Malaysian Approach to Counter-insurgency (1963–1990)". This project is a historical study of Malaysian counter-insurgency (COIN) strategy and practice employed against the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM) and the North Kalimantan Communist Party during the 1963–1990 period. The study's objectives are to examine: (i) why there were two distinct communist insurgencies in Malaysia; (ii) how Malaysia defeated the communist insurgencies in the two different geographical locations of Peninsular Malaysia and Borneo; and (iii) the COIN response and strategy of Malaysia; and to a lesser extent the counter-subversion strategy of Singapore against the CPM threat. The results of the research project will be published in a sole-authored book.



Asst Prof Ong Weichong

RESEARCH GRANT FOR PROJECT ON EXTREMIST AGENCY IN ASIA

Asst Prof Mohamed Nawab bin Mohamed Osman, IDSS' Malaysia Programme Coordinator, was awarded a research grant of \$30,000 for his project on "The Genealogy of Extremist Agency in Asia: A Comparative Perspective". An MOE Academic Tier 1 Research Grant, the project will study the justifications for violence in Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism. It will examine the structural and cultural factors that trigger the emergence and articulation of religiously inspired extremism from a comparative perspective in three different national settings. Asst Prof Nawab will be conducting fieldwork in India, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Indonesia for this research.



Asst Prof Mohamed Nawab bin Mohamed Osman

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY RESEARCH GRANT FOR RSIS PROFESSOR

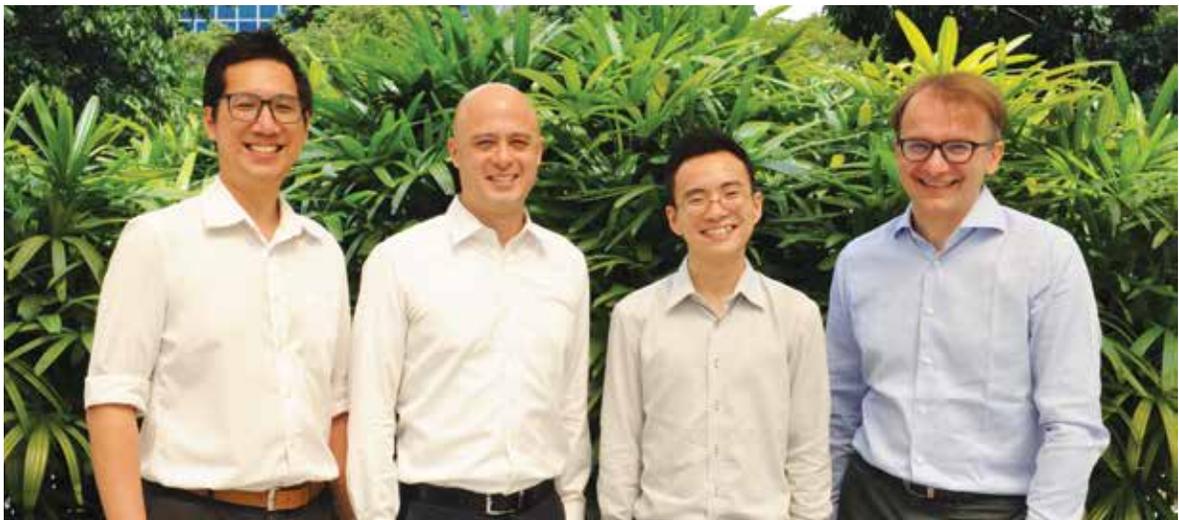
Assoc Prof Wu Fengshi from IDSS' China Programme received a research grant (as Co-Investigator) of USD17,625 from the National Geographic Society to examine environmental governance and policies relating to the shale gas industry in China. Titled "Repair the Roof Before it Rains – Regulating Water Consumption and Pollution for Shale Gas Development in Xinjiang," Assoc Prof Wu and Assoc Prof Xu Yuan of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and their research team evaluated the current environmental regulatory frameworks and institutions in Xinjiang relating to shale gas development. They also applied the public administration concept of MRV (monitoring, reporting and verification) and the analytical framework of cost and incentive in their research.



Assoc Prof Wu Fengshi

RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED BY SAF-NTU ACADEMY

Several staff members of RSIS were awarded research grants worth \$5,000 each (some jointly) by the SAF-NTU Academy. They were Prof Pascal Vennesson, Dr Graham Ong-Webb, Mr Eugene Mark and Mr Ho Shu Huang. Prof Vennesson will do a case study to examine the key command decisions made by both the US and Iraqi political and military leaders in the 1990–1991 Gulf War. Dr Ong-Webb’s project, which uses Southeast Asia as a case study, aims to fill a gap in post-Cold War analyses of “military balances”, where the term is often used loosely, bringing about a difference between “perception” and “reality”, which can distort foreign policies and realise security dilemmas. Mr Mark will partner Dr Ong-Webb on a two-year project to research the conflict resolution processes in southern Thailand and southern Philippines. Mr Ho and Dr Samuel Chan (formerly from RSIS) will work on a digital library project, which seeks to compile an annotated bibliography on defence and security issues focused on Singapore.



(From left) Mr Ho Shu Huang, Dr Graham Ong-Webb, Mr Eugene Mark and Prof Pascal Vennesson

A TEDx INVITATION

On 7 October 2017, Dr Irm Haleem, Assistant Professor in the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, spoke at the annual TEDxNTU 2017 event held at the University’s Nanyang Auditorium. TEDx is a TED-style event that is licensed under the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) brand, and is intended to bring ideas worth sharing to a community, free from political, religious or corporate promotions. Dr Haleem was first nominated to speak, and then shortlisted and selected as one of eight people to speak under the theme “Here’s to the Game Changers”. She spoke on “Love, Hope and Human Agency”, in which she argued that love and hope are manifestations of human agency capable of rewriting the story of our world. Her idea was derived from her latest book, *Death as Existence*, which is premised on the contention that human agency is critical for a person to feel “fully alive” and to live an “authentic existence”. This contention, Dr Haleem argues, offers important insights into political resistance movements and self-sacrifice of all sorts.

RSIS PROFESSOR SELECTED AS DISTINGUISHED ALUM OF ASU

Prof Tan See Seng was selected by the Arizona State University's School of Politics and Global Studies (ASU-SPGS) as its Distinguished Alum 2018. See Seng graduated from the ASU Department of Political Science, the precursor to the SPGS, in 1999 with a PhD. His responsibilities as ASU Distinguished Alum will include participating in the SPGS Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series, which seeks to honour outstanding alumni for their accomplishments and raise the visibility of SPGS to both internal and external audiences. In the spring of 2018, See Seng will give a number of public talks at ASU and meet with SPGS faculty and students.



Prof Tan See Seng

RSIS PROFESSOR WINS AMOS PERLMUTTER PRIZE

Asst Prof Anit Mukherjee of IDSS' South Asia Programme was awarded the prestigious 2017 Amos Perlmutter Prize from the Journal of Strategic Studies. The prize, named in memory of the journal's founding editor, recognises the most outstanding essay submitted for publication by junior faculty members. Asst Prof Mukherjee's essay titled "Fighting Separately: Jointness and Civil-Military Relations in India" relied on a combination of archival research and interviews, and critically examined the Indian military's, as yet, incomplete transition to joint operations. Amongst other things, Asst Prof Mukherjee argued that civil-military relations, more specifically, assertive civilian intervention, is a key determinant of jointness in most militaries.



Asst Prof Anit Mukherjee



Asst Prof Irm Haleem

Books Published by RSIS Staff

In 2017, RSIS staff members published 37 books. The titles and their respective authors are as follows:

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The Annotated Song Ong Siang: One Hundred Years of the Chinese in Singapore

- Kevin Y. L. Tan (Ed.). Singapore: National Library Board, 2017

Arming Asia: Technonationalism and Its Impact on Local Defense Industries

- Richard A. Bitzinger. Routledge, 2017

ASEAN 50: Regional Security Cooperation through Selected Documents

- Daniel Chua and Eddie Lim. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Company, 2017

Asia's Southern Tier

- Joseph Chinyong Liow and Gilbert Rozman (Eds.). New York: Springer, 2017

The Caliphate at War: Operational Realities and Innovations of the Islamic State

- Ahmed Salah Hashim. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017

China and Transboundary Water Politics in Asia

- Zhang Hongzhou and Li Mingjiang (Eds.). New York: Routledge, 2017

China's Economic Statecraft: Cooperation, Cooptation, and Coercion

- Li Mingjiang (Ed.). Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Company, 2017

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- Hoo Tiang Boon (Ed.). London & New York: Routledge, 2017

Civil Disobedience in Islam: A Contemporary Debate

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Hindraf and the Malaysian Indians

- Arunajeet Kaur. Kuala Lumpur: Silverfish, 2017

International Security in the Asia Pacific: Transcending ASEAN towards Transitional Polycentrism

- Alan Chong (Ed.). Basingstoke & New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017

Islam and Peacebuilding in the Asia Pacific

- Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman (Ed.). Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Company, 2017

Jumpstarting South Asia: Revisiting Economic Reforms and Look East Policies

- Pradumna B. Rana and Wai-Mun Chia. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2017

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- Sinderpal Singh (Ed.). Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2017

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- Kevin YL Tan. Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2017

Remembering S R Nathan: A Mentor for All Seasons

- Mushahid Ali and Kumar Ramakrishna (Eds.). Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Company, 2017

Rising India: Status and Power

- Rajesh Basrur and Kate Sullivan de Estrada. New York and Oxford: Routledge, 2017

The Routledge Handbook of Asian Security Studies, Second Edition

- Joseph Chinyong Liow, Sumit Ganguly, and Andrew Scobell (Eds.). London: Routledge, 2017

Security, Economics and Nuclear Non-Proliferation Morality: Keeping or Surrendering the Bomb

- Liang Tuang Nah. Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, Springer International Publishing AG, 2017

Shifting Sands: Essays on Sports and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa

- James M. Dorsey. World Scientific Publishing Company, 2017

Singapore Chronicles: Pre-Colonial Singapore

- Kwa Chong Guan. Singapore: Institute of Policy Studies and Straits Times Press, 2017

Singapore Economic Review Special Issue on ASEAN's Long-term Economic Potential and Vision

- Pradumna B. Rana (Guest Editor). World Scientific Publishing Company, Vol. 62, No. 3, June 2017

The South China Sea Disputes: Flashpoints, Turning Points and Trajectories

- Yang Razali Kassim (Ed.). Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Company, 2017

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- Tan Seng Chye and Henrick Z. Tsjeng (Eds.). Singapore: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, 2017

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- Daniel Chua Wei Boon. Singapore: NUS Press, 2017

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RESEARCH



Endowed Professorships at RSIS

RSIS has four endowed professorships that were established to enable the School to engage renowned scholars in their respective fields to participate in its research and teaching activities and to share their knowledge with the wider community through public lectures and seminars. The professorships are as follows:

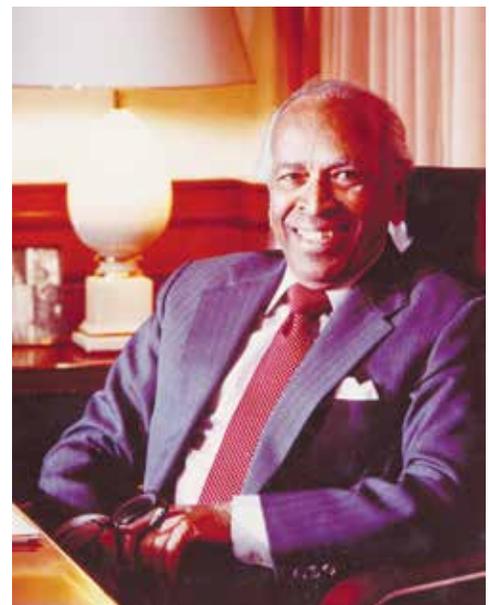
- S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies
- National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) Professorship in International Economic Relations
- Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations
- Peter Lim Professorship in Peace Studies

S. RAJARATNAM PROFESSORSHIP IN STRATEGIC STUDIES

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

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

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



Mr S. Rajaratnam



Dr Richard Bush (left) with Dean Joseph Liow at his seminar, 2 November 2017

invested endowment funds is used to invite internationally renowned scholars to teach and research at the School. The S. Rajaratnam Professorship thus enables RSIS to increase its international linkages as well as benefit from the knowledge, experience and wisdom of eminent scholars appointed to the chair.

The scholar appointed to the prestigious S. Rajaratnam Chair in the period reviewed was Dr Richard Bush, Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies; and Chen-Fu and Cecilia Yen Koo Chair in Taiwan Studies, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., from 30 October to 20 November 2017.

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

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

Income from the endowment enables RSIS to appoint an NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations to provide leadership for the School's International Political Economy Programme. As such, besides possessing strong academic credentials, the holder of the chair will have policy experience working in multilateral institutions, such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the

Asian Development Bank and the World Trade Organisation, as well as in government ministries responsible for policy formulation in international trade, investments and finance. He or she will also be familiar with increasingly important entities, such as hedge funds, private equities, petrodollars and sovereign wealth funds.

The scholar who held this prestigious NTUC Chair in 2017 was Prof Parkash Chander, Professor and Executive director, Centre for Environmental Economics and Climate Change, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy, Delhi, from 5 January to 5 February 2017.



Prof Parkash Chander, at his Distinguished Public Lecture, 25 January 2017

NGEE ANN KONGSI PROFESSORSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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

Ngee Ann Kongsi has a long history of promoting education in Singapore and Nanyang Technological University has benefited from

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

The scholar appointed to this chair in 2017 was Amb Oh Joon, Professor of United Nations Studies, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, from 30 July to 26 August 2017.



Amb Oh Joon (second from left) with Dean Joseph Liow (left), speaking with members of the Ngee Ann Kongsi Management Committee before his Distinguished Public Lecture, 21 August 2017

PETER LIM PROFESSORSHIP IN PEACE STUDIES

The Peter Lim Professorship in Peace Studies was launched on 9 June 2014 during the inauguration of RSIS' Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme.

The professorship was established through a generous gift of \$3 million from Mr Peter Lim and a matching grant from the Singapore Government.

Mr Lim, a well-known Singaporean philanthropist, hopes that his donation can bring together distinguished scholars and thought leaders to study how Singapore can further preserve and promote the existing harmonious relations amongst its different communities, so that the nation will continue to enjoy peace and harmony. The endowment will enable the SRP to appoint a professor who can lead the programme in researching and in teaching Peace Studies.

The first scholar to hold this endowed chair is Prof Abdullah Saeed. Appointed on 15 October 2015, he will hold this chair for five years as Adviser to the SRP.



Prof Abdullah Saeed speaking at the SRP Executive Programme, 6 November 2017

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 varying periods of up 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 2017

Baroness Valerie AMOS CH
*Director, SOAS University of London; and
 Former Undersecretary General for Humanitarian
 Affairs & Emergency Relief Coordinator, United Nations
 S. T. Lee Distinguished Speaker, RSIS
 25–28 October 2017*

Professor Dewi Fortuna ANWAR
*Deputy Secretary for Political Affairs to the Vice
 President of Indonesia; and
 Research Professor, Centre for Politics, Indonesian
 Institute of Sciences
 Distinguished Visiting Professor, RSIS
 2 August 2017 – 1 August 2018*

Dr Alessandro ARDUINO
*Co-Director, Security and Crisis Management
 Programme, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences
 (SASS, China) and Centre for Advanced Studies on
 Contemporary China (CASCC, Italy)
 Visiting Senior Fellow, China Programme
 2 March – 1 June 2017*

Ms Gil BARAM
*Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National
 Security
 17 July – 25 August 2017*



Baroness Valerie Amos CH



Prof Dewi Fortuna Anwar

Dr Sanjaya BARU
Distinguished Fellow, United Service Institute of India
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
13–25 February 2017, 3–19 August 2017

Dr Richard BUSH
Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, and
Chen-Fu and Cecilia Yen Koo Chair in Taiwan Studies, Brookings Institution
S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, RSIS
30 October – 20 November 2017

Ms Tracy CHAN Su Yin
Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister-Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Visiting Fellow, RSIS
3 January – 31 March 2017

Professor Parkash CHANDER
Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Environmental Economics and Climate Change, Jindal School of Government and Public Policy
NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, RSIS
5 January – 5 February 2017

Professor Alan COLLINS
Professor of International Relations, College of Arts and Humanities, Swansea University
Visiting Professor, Centre for Multilateralism Studies
11–27 October 2017

Professor Yong DENG
Professor, Department of Political Science, United States Naval Academy
Visiting Senior Fellow, China Programme
2 June – 30 July 2017



Dr Sanjaya Baru

Ms DU Lan
Visiting Fellow, China Programme
27 June – 25 August 2017

Mr David Frederick HEYMAN
President and CEO Tektonics Global LLC
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
31 July – 8 August 2017

Dr Noeleen HEYZER
Former Undersecretary General, United Nations
Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS
1 March 2016 – 28 February 2019
Lieutenant-Colonel Harry HUNG
Fellow, US Army War College
Visiting Fellow, RSIS
1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017



Prof Yong Deng



Mr David Frederick Heyman

Dr Arunajeet KAUR
Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies
1 July 2016 – 30 June 2018

Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Silvestre LAWRENCE
Fellow, US Army War College
Visiting Fellow, RSIS
24 July 2017 – 23 July 2018

Ms Janet Yuen Kheng LIM
Former Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Visiting Senior Fellow, Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies
1 September – 17 November 2017



Prof Peter Rutland



Mr Koji Sekimizu

Professor Julius Joseph LIPNER
Emeritus Professor of Hinduism and the Comparative Study of Religion, University of Cambridge
Visiting Professor, Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme
17 January – 10 February 2017, 6 November – 1 December 2017

Ms Vijayalakshmi MENON
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
8 November 2017 – 7 November 2018

Mr Andar NUBOWO
Visiting Associate, Indonesia Programme
2 February – 30 June 2017, 23 October 2017 – 22 April 2018

Ambassador OH Joon
Professor of United Nations Studies, Kyung Hee University, Seoul
Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, RSIS
30 July – 26 August 2017

Mr Gotabaya RAJAPAKSA
Former Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and Urban Development of Sri Lanka
Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS
31 March – 30 April 2017

Mr Evan ROGERSON
Former Director, Agriculture and Commodities Division, World Trade Organization
Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS
1–14 May 2017, 4–17 October 2017

Professor Peter RUTLAND
Professor of Government, Wesleyan University, Connecticut, USA
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
8–20 July 2017

Professor Abdullah SAEED
Sultan of Oman Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Melbourne
Peter Lim Professor of Peace Studies, RSIS
3 November 2017 – 5 February 2018

Mr Victor Roger SAVAGE
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
7 February 2017 to 6 February 2018

Mr Koji SEKIMIZU
Former Secretary-General, International Maritime Organization (IMO)
RSIS-MPA Distinguished Visiting Fellow
1 May 2016 – 30 April 2018

Dr Özgehan ŞENYUVA
*Associate Professor in the International Relations Department,
Middle East Technical University, Ankara
Visiting Fellow, RSIS
21–27 May 2017*

Professor David Leigh SHAMBAUGH
*Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University; and
Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution
Distinguished Visiting Professor, RSIS
9 January – 6 June 2017*

Ms Zoe Elizabeth STANLEY-LOCKMAN
*Visiting Fellow, Military Transformations Programme
21 August – 22 September 2017*

Mr Hitoshi TANAKA
*Chairman, Institute for International Strategy, Japan Research Institute, Ltd;
Senior Fellow, Japan Center for International Exchange; and
Former Deputy Foreign Minister, Japan
S. T. Lee Distinguished Speaker, RSIS
5–8 February 2017*

Professor Geoffrey TILL
*Director, Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies, King's College London
Visiting Senior Fellow, Maritime Security Programme
4 November 2016 – 8 March 2017*

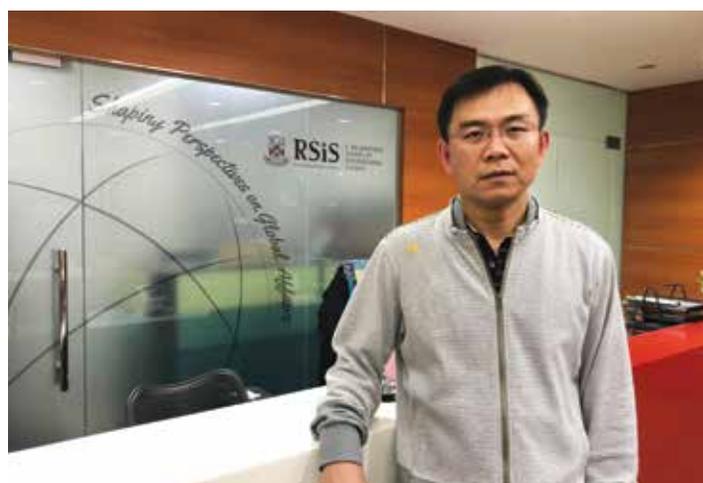
Dr Frank UMBACH
*Research Director, European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS), King's College, London; and
Senior Associate, Centre for European Security Strategies (CESS GmbH), Munich
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
26 March – 1 April 2017*

Professor Maarten Martinus VAN BRUINESSEN
*Emeritus Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Utrecht University
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
7 November 2016 – 31 May 2017*

Mr Kamal VASWANI
*Director-General, Europe Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
1 August – 31 October 2017*



Mr Hitoshi Tanaka



Mr Zang Jianguo

Dr Cung VU
*Associate Director, Office of Naval Research Global
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
15–26 May 2017, 20 November – 1 December 2017*

Mr ZANG Jianguo
*Professor of Security Studies and Director of Anti-Terrorism Research Centre, Nanjing Forest Police College, China
Visiting Associate, RSIS
9 November 2017 – 8 November 2018*

Research at RSIS

RSIS faculty and researchers conduct both academic and policy-oriented research on international security issues affecting Southeast Asia and the Asia Pacific regions, in the context of major developments and shifts in the international system. This report covers research conducted by the following centres and programmes of RSIS in 2017:

- 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
- Centre for Multilateralism Studies
- Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme
- National Security Studies Programme
- Science and Technology Studies Programme
- Policy Studies in the Office of the Executive Deputy Chairman

INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) has been and remains the key constitutive element of RSIS. Its remit, since its inception in 1996, has been to conduct cutting-edge research on defence and security issues of concern not just globally and regionally, but crucially to Singapore.

Structure

IDSS is made up of three research clusters or hubs, namely, (i) Asia Pacific, (ii) Malaysia-Indonesia, and (iii) Military & Security, with the purpose to synergise research across the research programmes that come under each respective hub. The Asia Pacific hub comprises the China, South Asia, United States, and Regional Security Architecture programmes. The eponymously named Malaysia-Indonesia hub comprises the Indonesia and Malaysia programmes. Finally, the Military & Security hub comprises the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), Maritime Security, and Military Transformations programmes. Beyond these three research hubs, IDSS also houses the Military Studies Programme, the military education arm of RSIS.

The Year in Retrospect

2017 began with an unexpected twist in world affairs. With the arrival of Donald Trump as the 45th president of the United States and his threat to fundamentally transform American foreign and economic policy, China found itself in the unusual position as the defender of globalisation. However, the determination of Kim Jong-un to establish North Korea as a nuclear weapons power appears to have tempered the China-US strategic rivalry, if only temporarily, as both major powers sought to work together to dial down tensions on the Korean Peninsula. In Southeast Asia, the rise of nationalist lead-

ers in and diverging domestic priorities among ASEAN member countries, coupled with the readiness of great powers to exploit those differences, threatened ASEAN consensus and centrality. On the other hand, urgent challenges posed by nonconventional security threats brought regional countries together in collective action to address those threats.

The work of the three research hubs of IDSS in 2017 constituted a broad effort to survey, assess and explain those myriad issues and developments. The related themes of competition, conflict and cooperation defined and characterised the institute's research agenda. The respective sub-units of the Asia Pacific hub, comprising the Regional Security Architecture, China, South Asia and the US programmes, critically explored great and regional powers' competition (e.g., China-India, China-Japan, China-US) over interests, ideas and visions, and the efforts by regional countries to mutually collaborate (e.g., China-US, India-US) despite their rivalries.

The sub-units of the Military & Security hub, comprising the Maritime Security, Military Transformations and HADR programmes, conducted research not only on the transnational security challenges that affect their respective domains of interest, but also on how those domains themselves are shaped by interstate competition and collaboration. Both the Maritime Security and HADR programmes partnered with the Honolulu-based Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKIAPCSS) and co-hosted workshops on maritime safety and regional architectures for responding to disasters in the Asia Pacific respectively. The sub-units of the Malaysia-Indonesia hub focused on electoral politics and religious developments in Malaysia and Indonesia, as well as the foreign relations of those two countries with major powers such as China and the US.

Research Awards and Outputs

IDSS faculty members and researchers successfully garnered at least four research grants to conduct different areas of research. Asst Prof Ong Wei Chong received an MOE Tier 1 grant in support of his work on the Malaysian approach to counter-insurgency (1963–1990). SAF-NTU Academy (SNA) research grants were awarded to Eugene Mark and Graham Ong-Webb to conduct a comparative study of peace processes in southern Thailand and southern Philippines, and to Ho Shu Huang and Samuel Chan to study defence and security in Singapore.

In terms of scholarship and research outputs, IDSS researchers published a total of 5 authored books, 5 edited anthologies, 2 special issues of peer reviewed journals, 25 peer reviewed journal articles, 4 book chapters, 49 op-ed articles and 3 policy reports. Especially noteworthy among the book



Dr Haedar Nashir (second from left), General Chairman of Muhammadiyah, Indonesia, arriving at RSIS for a roundtable organised by IDSS' Indonesia Programme, 25 October 2017



Assoc Dean Ralf Emmers (left) with Prof T. V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, McGill University, at the IDSS' South Asia Programme Workshop on "India-China Maritime Competition", 20 January 2017



Ms Sarah Teo (left), Associate Research Fellow, RSIS, speaking at the RSIS-Asan Institute Expert Workshop on "Rebuilding Peace in the Korean Peninsula and ASEAN", 25 July 2017

publications are: *The Caliphate at War: Operational Realities and Innovations of the Islamic State* by Ahmed S. Hashim, published by Oxford University Press; *US-Singapore Relations, 1965-1975: Strategic Non-Alignment in the Cold War* by Daniel Chua Wei Boon, published by NUS (National University of Singapore) Press; *Arming Asia: Technonationalism and Its Impact on Local Defence Industries* by Richard A. Bitzinger, published by Routledge; and *Security, Economics and Nuclear Non-Proliferation Morality: Keeping or Surrendering the Bomb* by Nah Liang Tuang, published by Palgrave Macmillan. Among the edited volumes published by IDSS are *International Security in the Asia Pacific : Transcending ASEAN towards Transitional Polycentrism* edited by Alan Chong and based on the proceedings of a Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College Seminar, published by Palgrave Macmillan, and *China's Economic Statecraft* edited by Li Mingjiang, published by World Scientific Publishing Company.

In terms of contributions to peer reviewed journals, IDSS researchers successfully placed articles in *Armed Forces & Society*, *Asian Politics & Policy*, *Asian Security*, *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, *International Affairs*, *Kajian Malaysia*, *Journal of Contemporary China*, *Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Singapore Economic Review*, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *The Pacific Review*, and *The Washington Quarterly*.

Finally, a policy report stemming from a policy discussion jointly hosted by IDSS and the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) on the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) 2016, entitled *World Humanitarian Summit: Implications for the Asia Pacific* edited by Alistair Cook was published by RSIS.

External Outreach

The institute's military education arm, the Military Studies Programme, continued its cardinal role as a provider of professional education to the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) through the SAFTI Military



Dr Richard Bush (second from left), Director, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, The Brookings Institution, and RSIS' S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, speaking at IDSS' China Programme workshop on "China and Global Norms", 17 November 2017

Institute. Besides hosting numerous colloquia and seminars, IDSS organised 11 international conferences and workshops on various themes, in addition to its flagship conferences, the Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO) and the GKSCSC Seminar. In partnership with the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), the institute co-convened the International Maritime Security Conference 2017.

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM RESEARCH

Overview

The year 2017 marked the 15th year since the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) was established. It assists governments and partners in managing current and emerging challenges of politically motivated violence through research, training and outreach programmes. These focus on analyses of terrorist, guerrilla, militia, and extremist political groups and movements, as well as their support bases. With the global expansion of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), the centre's threat specialists have continued to provide timely assessments for the region's policy and decision makers as well as helped governments to build capacities to address the challenges of terrorism, extremism and exclusivism.

To do these, ICPVTR, which has been headed by Prof Rohan Gunaratna since its establishment, provides high-quality workshops such as the annual *Terrorism Analyst Training Course* (TATC); *Strategic Assessments of Regional Trends* workshop; and several ad hoc workshops aimed at training international academics and government officials. The 2017 TATC attracted 60 analysts, scholars and government officials from countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Kenya, India and Pakistan.

To build capacity within military, law enforcement and national security agencies, the centre also offers strategic training courses and lectures geared at countering radical ideologies, violence and terrorism through the provision of: strategies for promoting moderation; tactics for terrorist rehabilitation; methods for community engagement; and strategies for countering terrorist financing. With the emergence of an IS-centric threat landscape, the centre's staff members play a key role in influencing and shaping the counter narrative. With its capacity to communicate in 15 languages, ICPVTR staff members engage communities—especially the youth—who are vulnerable to extremist ideologies. The centre also engages in regular cyber monitoring.

An important function of ICPVTR is its engagement with local, regional and international media. In 2017, researchers at the centre had over 100 media engagements, notably with *CNN*, *Bloomberg*, *Channel NewsAsia*, *Manila Bulletin*, *Newsweek*, *The Financial Express*, *Sputnik*, *Reuters*, *National Public Radio*, and *The New York Times*.

Research and Publications

In 2017, the centre's flagship publication, *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis* (CTTA) journal was invited by JSTOR—a New York based digital library source archiving academic journals, books and primary sources—to be part of its collections. In 2018, JSTOR will be introducing *Open Access* journals in its archives for the first time, and CTTA will be one of the first *Open Access* journals to join the archive, thereby allowing CTTA access to the many eminent scholars and analysts who use JSTOR. Along with its in-house contributors, CTTA attracts analytical articles from scholars and practitioners worldwide. Since its launch in 2009, the journal has garnered more than 11,000 subscribers.

In 2017, researchers at ICPVTR published in many journals, including notable articles by Abdul



The Rt. Hon. Ben Wallace, Minister of State for Security, United Kingdom, at a meeting hosted by ICPVTR, 22 September 2017



Ms Sim Ann (right), Senior Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth, and Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry, being briefed during her visit to ICPVTR, 18 September 2017

Basit in *The National Interest* (US journal); Iftekharul Bashir in *East Asia Forum* (Australian National University); and Amira Jadoon and Sara Mahmood in *Combating Terrorism Centre* (West Point, US Military Academy).

Three single-authored books were published in 2017, including Muhammad Haniff Hassan's notable *Civil Disobedience in Islam: A Contemporary Debate* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan). Book chapters published in edited volumes, included Rohan Gunaratna's "Securing the Lion City: Fighting Back", in *Forward Engagement: RSIS as a Think Tank of International Studies and Security in the Asia Pacific*, in Alan Chong, editor (Singapore: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU, 2017); and Stefanie Kam, "China and the Threat of Terrorism", in *Chinese Foreign Policy Under Xi*,

in Hoo Tiang Boon, editor (London: Routledge, 2017).

ICPVTR researchers delivered a total of 75 conference papers at local, regional and international venues. These included Irm Haleem's presentation on "Violence as Recognition", at the 12th International Conference of the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, in Hiroshima, Japan, on 26 July; Mohammed Sinan Siyech's presentation on "Examining Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula", at the First International Conference on Current Trends in the Middle East, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 2 April; Muhammad Saiful Alam Shah Bin Sudiman's presentation on "Singapore PVE Strategies", at the Prevention of Violent Extremism in Southeast Asia Conference, in Manila, Philippines, on 23 September; Siyech Mohammed Sinan's presentation on "Engaging the DC Foreign Policy Community on CVE", at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), in Washington, D.C., United States, on 24 July; and Sara Mahmood's presentation on "Women's Roles and Agency in IS: A Discourse Analysis of Dabiq", at the Nordic Conference on Research on Violent Extremism, in Sweden, on 25 April.



General (Ret.) Ryamizard Ryacudu (centre), Minister of Defence, Indonesia, on a visit to RSIS on 10 July 2017. Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Mr K Shanmugam (left), hosted the visit.

The centre has shared its research findings with policymakers from law enforcement, military and national security agencies. In 2017, Prof Gunaratna and Dr Jolene Jerard, the Deputy Head of ICPVTR, gave briefings at the White House in Washington, D.C., and to regional leaders including the ministers of defence of Indonesia and the Philippines. Presentations were also given at universities and other venues, including Gunaratna's presentation on "The CBRN Terrorist Threat" at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs in the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, on 26 April 2017; and Dr Irm Haleem's presentation on "Love, Hope and Human Agency" at the prestigious annual TEDxNTU event, to which she was specially invited to speak, on 7 October.

Ongoing and Forthcoming Research Projects

ICPVTR currently has ten ongoing research projects. Forthcoming publications include Irm Haleem's *Death as Existence*, which is the outcome of a research grant from the United States Air Force, and her *Normalization of Violence*, which is ongoing. Edited volumes in the pipeline include Rohan Gunaratna and Sabariah Mohamed Hussin's *Rehabilitation: A Game Changer in Fighting Terrorism*; Rohan Gunaratna and Sara Mahmood's *Women and Terrorism: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*; and Irm Haleem's *Normalization of Violence: Case Studies*. These three volumes include chapters from the editors.

Forthcoming book chapters in various publications include Md Saiful Alam Shah's "Alternative Approaches to Terrorist Rehabilitation"; Mohammed Sinan Siyech's, "Examining the Rise of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula"; Md Saiful Alam Shah and Nur Irfani Saripi's, "Family and Social Rehabilitation"; and Sabariah Mohamed Hussin's, "Preserving Our Family and Countering Radical Ideology: Key Role of Female Volunteers".

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

The Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) conducts rigorous policy-relevant research and analysis across a range of national security issues, aimed at raising the intellectual capital invested in strategising national security. CENS boosts its research capacity and keeps abreast of cutting edge global trends in national security research through publications and activities conducted within the purview of the centre's four main research domains: Radicalisation Studies, Social Resilience, Cybersecurity, and Homeland Defence. CENS continuously maintains and encourages a steady stream of prominent international visiting fellows. Notable visiting fellows have comprised of esteemed individuals including Sir Jonathan Evans (2014), Lord Bhikhu Parekh (2015), Prof Scott Atran (2015) and Sean Kanuck (2016).

2017 has been a productive year for CENS as the centre released key notable publications, hosted and participated in significant conferences at the local, regional and international levels, and provided expert opinions to various media outlets across the centre's four main research domains. The work of the four research programmes of CENS for 2017 centred on the main overarching theme of innovation, change and national security of a world in flux.

The theme definitively shaped and underscored



Dr Gulizar Haciyakupoglu (right), Research Fellow, CENS, introducing Prof Peter Bergen, CENS' Distinguished Visiting Fellow and Co-Director of the Centre on the Future of War, ASU, at the CENS Seminar on "The Rise of Fake News and What Can Be Done About It", 6 October 2017



Prof Christian Joppke (left), CENS' Distinguished Visiting Fellow and Professor of Sociology, University of Bern, with CENS' Research Fellow Dr Terri-Anne Teo at the CENS Seminar on "Is the Project of Multiculturalism Dead?"; 24 February 2017

the research conducted by CENS for 2017, as CENS has published a wide array of material including books, journal articles, book chapters and commentaries in various newspapers and news outlets. The Radicalisation Studies programme intensified its research on the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, conducting in-depth research on the aftermath of the terror group and its implications for national security both domestically in Singapore and abroad. Prominent publications include Shashi Jayakumar's article "The Islamic State Looks East: The Growing Threat in Southeast Asia", published in *CTC Sentinel* and Joseph Franco's book chapter on "Uncertainty in Duterte's Muslim Mindanao" in *Southeast Asian Affairs 2017*.

Multiculturalism and immigration were prominent research areas for the Social Resilience programme. Pravin Prakash and Norman Vasu published a book chapter on "What if We Ignore Race and Religion" in *Singapore Perspectives 2017: What If?* Both the Cybersecurity and Homeland Defence programmes conducted research into the areas of disinformation, strategic communications and cyber norms. Prominent publications pertaining to homeland defence include Benjamin Ang's *Criminal Procedure in Singapore*. Interdisciplinary research was also conducted across multiple research programmes, fostering and strengthening close collaborations within CENS and RSIS.

The work of CENS researchers have also been published in peer-reviewed academic journals. Muhammad Faizal Bin Abdul Rahman's article "Protecting the Vertical Space of Cities: Perspectives for Singapore" and Jennifer Yang Hui and Dymples Leong's article "The Era of Ubiquitous Listening: Living in a World of Speech-Activated Devices" were published in the *Asian Journal of Public Affairs*. Cameron Sumpter's article "Countering Violent Extremism in Indonesia: Priorities, Practice and the Role of Civil Society" was published in the *Journal for Deradicalization*.

Newspapers and commentaries by CENS researchers include Muhammad Faizal Bin Abdul Rahman and V. S. Suguna's "Chatbots: Friend or Fiend?" and Juhi Ahuja and Pravin Prakash's "Cow Protection: Threat to Modi Legitimacy" in the *New Straits Times*, Romain Quivoij's "Islamic State and Counter-Terrorist Strategies in Southeast Asia" in *Asia Trends*, Eugene E. G. Tan's article "Recent Developments in Singapore's Cyber Landscape" in *IAPS Dialogue* and Nur Diyanah Binte Anwar's "Secularism in Managing Religious Diversity" in *The Karyawan: Professionals for the Community*.

In April 2017, CENS hosted the eleventh edition of the Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) with the theme of "Innovation and National Security". As the annual flagship event of CENS, APPSNO is a highly established international programme where policymakers, practitioners, experts and academics participate in a frank exchange of ideas and in networking. APPSNO 2017 saw a total of 42 Singaporean and 29 international participants from countries such as Bahrain, Norway and Cambodia. CENS also organised workshops such as the two-day workshop "Distortions, Rumours, Untruths. Misinformation & Smears (DRUMS)" in July 2017 and the two-day "Countering Extremism Workshop: ISIS and its Afterlives" in September 2017.

CENS continues to host internationally prominent scholars, practitioners and thinkers in 2017 as part of its Distinguished Visiting Fellows programme. Distinguished Visiting Fellows include Tim



Guest of Honour Mr K. Shanmugam (centre), Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, with Mr Eddie Teo, Chairman of RSIS Board of Governors, at the 11th Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), 3 April 2017

Godwin (16-20 January), Christian Joppke (20-24 February), Peter Bergen (2-6 October) and Richard Danzig (23-27 October). In their lectures, Tim Godwin spoke on “Smart CCTV and National Security Threats: Surveillance, Privacy and Public Trust”, “AI and National Security: What is over the Horizon and How do we Prepare for it?” and “Intelligent Missions Require Intelligent Analysis: The State of Play and their Policy Implications”. Christian Joppke spoke on “The Christian Right and its Impact on the Secular State”, “The Role of the State in the Integration of Immigrants” and “Is the Project of Multiculturalism Dead?” Peter Bergen spoke on “The Future of Jihadist Terrorism”, “The Trump National Security Team and Their Approaches to National Security Policy” and “The Rise of Fake News and What Can Be Done about It”, while Richard Danzig spoke on “The Technology Tsunami That is Eroding the Premises of American International Security Dominance: Causes and Responses” and “How We May Maintain Technical Superiority”.

CENS continues to nurture and build relationships with an international network of think tanks and research partners around the globe. Benjamin Ang and Eugene E. G. Tan, together with a delegation from RSIS, engaged with academic partners in Washington, D.C., and Boston, Massachusetts, including counterparts from the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in September this year.

NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY STUDIES CENTRE

2017 has been a very active year for the NTS Centre both in terms of research output and research activities. The centre organised about 15 international conferences, workshops and seminars in Singapore and overseas. The following are highlights of the centre’s research output and activities, grouped according to research areas:

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief

This year, the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Programme entered its second full year. The programme contributes to the development of Singapore as a global thought leader in the field by building capacities and innovative approaches for more effective HADR in the region. In February, the HADR Programme hosted a workshop on the technological turn in humanitarian action,



Ms Janet Lim (centre), Former UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, at the RSIS Seminar on “Mass Movement of Refugees and Migrants: How is the World Community Dealing With One of the Biggest Problems of Our Time?”, with (amongst others) Assoc Prof Mely Caballero-Anthony (third from left), Head of NTS Centre, 17 October 2017

mid-year it co-hosted with the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies a workshop on “Disaster Response Regional Architectures: Assessing Future Possibilities” in Bangkok, and commemorated its third annual World Humanitarian Day, bringing together both civilian and military responders. The HADR research team conducted research and fieldwork in Bangladesh, Timor Leste and Myanmar on emerging humanitarian challenges and capacities in those countries. The HADR Programme’s engagement in Myanmar culminated in meetings with Myanmar think tanks and co-hosting with the Myanmar Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement a research seminar titled “Contemporary Security Challenges: Insights from Asia”. It also drew on the knowledge and experience of RSIS’ Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies.

The HADR Programme encompasses research on future HADR landscapes: structures and mechanisms, community protection and assistance, and humanitarian technology. The programme published a series of policy reports on regional HADR mechanisms, surveyed the use of humanitarian technology, and assessed the opportunities and challenges new technologies pose for humanitarian action. In an effort to build a local network of humanitarian policy professionals and academics, it hosted a second HADR research meeting in Singapore to share findings and initiate collaborative transdisciplinary research. In its commitment to inform global humanitarian debates, the programme hosted a consultation on the revised Sphere Handbook to provide feedback from a regional perspective. This builds on its Ministry of Education Academic Research Fund Tier 2 Grant project led by Nanyang Business School on “Enhancing Coordination in Humanitarian Operations in Asia”.

Climate Change

The NTS Centre’s Climate Change Programme released a study on “Towards Policy Integration of Disaster Risk, Climate Adaptation, and Development in ASEAN: A Baseline Assessment”. A follow-up study on “Measuring Political Commitment for Disaster Risk Reduction: An Index” will be released in 2018.



Participants of the World Agricultural Forum, 7 July 2017

Food Security, one of the hallmark programmes of the NTS Centre, now falls under the Climate Change Programme. Ongoing research includes an assessment of the potential to scale commercial urban agriculture in Singapore; identifying gaps to address in improving food borne disease (FBD) management in the ASEAN region (in collaboration with the NTU Food Technology Centre); and assessing potential contributions of food and agriculture technologies in addressing the region's haze issue. Besides research, the NTS Centre played an active role in organising World Agricultural Forum 2017 (WAF 2017), which RSIS co-hosted on 6-7 July together with the not-for-profit corporation, World Agricultural Forum. This event contributed significantly to RSIS' outreach, as it also involved a Youth Engagement Event, which RSIS co-organised with the Kranji Countryside Association (KCA).

Marine Environmental Protection

The NTS Centre established the Marine Environmental Protection research project under the Environmental Security Programme in June 2017. The project was inspired by the growing international recognition of the importance of the seas for national and human security, and the unbalanced attention to maritime disputes over marine environments in Southeast Asia. It aims to engage in the debate on the South China Sea and the broader maritime security discourse from the NTS perspective. The project has culminated in the publication of several RSIS commentaries that examine the marine environment in Asia from different angles.

Nuclear Energy

The NTS Centre's Energy Security Programme focused on the theme of nuclear safety-security culture in East Asia in 2017. Several events were organised along this theme. On 27-28 February, the NTS Centre co-organised the 6th meeting of the Nuclear Energy Experts Group of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific on nuclear power development and nuclear governance in the Asia Pacific; physical protection of nuclear facilities; cyber nuclear security threats; radioactive sources management; and public opinion, education and training.

The NTS Centre also played a prominent role in the 10th Singapore International Energy Week by organising the RSIS Roundtable on “Nuclear Safety-Security Culture: Powering Nuclear Governance in East Asia” on 27 October. It brought together nuclear experts from Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea and France.

Women, Peace and Security

The NTS Centre and the Embassy of the Philippines jointly organised a panel discussion on “Women, Peace and Security in Southeast Asia” in July 2017, which highlighted the achievements of ASEAN in promoting and protecting women’s rights in recent years. The discussion underlined the relevance of the WPS agenda in the region where women are among the vulnerable groups in both conflict and natural disaster settings. The open forum discussions explored several mechanisms that can mainstream the WPS agenda at various levels, from ASEAN, to national governments, the business sector and local communities.

NTS-Asia Consortium

Finally, following the relaunch of the NTS-Asia Consortium in 2016, the NTS Centre hosted the NTS-Asia Consortium Annual Conference “Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals in the

Asia Pacific” in Singapore on 30-31 March 2017. The conference brought together 11 members of the consortium and guests from a further eight non-member institutions from across Asia. Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Former Undersecretary General of the United Nations (2007-2015) and Distinguished Visiting Fellow at RSIS, delivered the Keynote Address at the opening of the conference. Dr Heyzer called for shared responsibilities and collective leadership, and proposed a Public-Private-People Partnership model as a way to tackle climate change and its potentially debilitating impacts on human civilisation, which are under investigation by consortium members.



Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Dipankar Banerjee (left), Member, Board of Governors, Forum for Strategic Initiatives, India, speaking at the NTS-Asia Consortium Conference on “Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals in the Asia Pacific”, 31 March 2017

CENTRE FOR MULTILATERALISM STUDIES

The Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS) conducts cutting-edge research, education and training, and networking on cooperative multilateralism in the Asia Pacific region. The centre aims to contribute to international academic and public discourses on regional architecture and order in the Asia Pacific. It aspires to be an international knowledge hub for multilateral and regional cooperation studies.

CMS’ research focuses on the development of global and regional economic and security architectures. Our research consists of two strands: (i) Economic Multilateralism, and (ii) Diplomatic and Security Multilateralism. The Economic Multilateralism strand examines trade, monetary, and financial integration in ASEAN, ASEAN+3, South Asia, and Central Asia; global economic architectures (e.g., the Group of Twenty); and evolving linkages between regional and global economic structures (e.g.,

between Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and World Trade Organization (WTO)). The Diplomatic and Multilateralism strand studies inter-governmental and non-official arrangements in the security and defence diplomacy area, such as ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), East Asia Summit, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) and ADMM Plus, the Shangri-La Dialogue, and alliances.

CMS' 2017 research outputs reflected the centre's commitment to remain a relevant knowledge hub for multilateral and regional cooperation studies. Our research assessed the implications of key phenomena (e.g., US foreign and economic policies under the Trump Presidency, and China's increasing clout in both security and economic realms) on the development of global and regional architectures. Illustratively, our studies examined the effects of Trump's "America First" policy on trade architectures in the Asia Pacific (e.g., TPP and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)); the impacts of China's Belt Road Initiative on land and maritime connectivity in South Asia and Southeast Asia; and dynamics between China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and other infrastructure financing institutions namely World Bank and Asian Development Bank. Moreover, our staff took into account the changing global and regional dynamics to craft recommendations for the future of East Asia Summit and strategies for Singapore's 2018 ASEAN Chairmanship.



Prof Alan Collins giving a seminar on "From Commitment to Compliance: ASEAN's Human Rights' Regression?", 12 October 2017



Prof T. J. Pempel (right) speaking with Asst Prof Lee Su-Hyun (left) and Dr Jeffrey Wilson at the conference on "Trump Era and the Trade Architecture in the Asia Pacific", 7 February 2017



Participants at the 4th Singapore-WTO Policy Dialogue, 5 October 2017

A major highlight of CMS' work in 2017 was the eighth edition of the RSIS-WTO Parliamentary Workshop held from 15 to 17 May at the Pan Pacific, Singapore. This reflected the continued capacity-building collaboration between the Temasek Foundation International (TFI) and CMS under the Temasek Foundation Series on Trade & Negotiations (TFSTN). Industry experts and representatives from the WTO shared their views and ideas, which helped the parliamentarian participants learn more about how their respective nations could benefit from greater free trade and how the multilateral trading system can work for them and their constituents. The three-day event also included a tour of Singapore's Parliament building and a field trip to PSA International Pte Ltd—one of the world's biggest port operators—to learn how Singapore organises its port logistically to facilitate trade.

CMS and TFI also continued to organise in-country capacity-training workshops in Asian nations. In April, the programme was held at the Hotel Borobudur, Jakarta, Indonesia. This workshop trained 40 Indonesian government officers on the topics "Formulating Trade Policies" and "Trade Remedies". In November, another in-country training programme was launched at Laos Plaza Hotel, Vientiane, Laos, for 40 Laotian Public Trade Officials on "Trade Policy Review" and "Trade Remedies". In addition, another in-country workshop was organised in Naypyidaw, Myanmar, in November for 40 Myanmar Public Trade Officials on "E-Commerce" and "Trade in Services".

CMS partnered with other international institutions to conduct capacity-building activities. On 23–25 August, CMS together with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), and the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP) organised a joint workshop on "Economic Corridor Development" in Oasia Hotel (Novena), Singapore. The participants from ASEAN, South Asia and China discussed the subject of "Economic Corridor Development for a Competitive and Inclusive Asia", including the core features and the different types of economic corridors and areas where future development opportunities could occur.

CMS worked with WTO, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Trade and Industry to organise the 4th Singapore-WTO Policy Dialogue on the World Trading System for Senior Government

Officials from Asia and the Pacific: Preparatory Workshop for the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference on 5-6 October. The dialogue was an opportunity for senior government officials to exchange views on issues and challenges confronting the Multilateral Trading System. The dialogue gave an overview of the current state of play on key issues being discussed in the WTO, including the possible deliverables for 11th WTO Ministerial Conference, and encouraged discussions among the participants on how to achieve tangible outcomes and actions.

To further enrich our research and generate policy-relevant dialogues among academics, practitioners and the general public, CMS in 2017 organised and participated in various seminars and workshops concerning global and regional governance architectures. For example, our staff took part in Council of Councils (CoC) and Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) which are Track 2 networks that feed policy ideas to the G-20 and ARF respectively. To deepen discussions regarding global and regional developments on both economic and security fronts, CMS launched the workshop titled “The Trump Era and the Trade Architecture in Asia Pacific” on 7 February 2017 which assessed the changing nature of the trade architecture in the Asia Pacific region amid the uncertainty brought on by Donald Trump’s election as US president, and hosted three talks under the RSIS Seminar Series on Multilateralism, which were:

- “Philippine Economic Outlook for 2017 and Beyond” by Dr Aekapol Chongvilaivan, Country Economist for the Philippines, Asian Development Bank (ADB), on 29 June 2017;
- “From commitment to compliance: ASEAN’s human rights’ regression?” by Prof Alan Collins, Professor, Swansea University, on 12 October 2017; and
- “Stepping up: How smaller economies can help to keep multilateralism alive” by Mr Evan Rogerson, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS, on 16 October 2017.

On 1-2 November, CMS together with, ASEAN-US Partnership for Good Governance, Equitable and Sustainable Development (PROGRESS) and ASEAN Secretariat organised the “Consultation on a Rules-Based ASEAN: Legal Instruments and their Implementation”. The event is a small but important step in continuing to build and institutionalise a rules-based system for ASEAN, in particular, on monitoring the implementation of legal instruments in ASEAN. The event is designed for international law experts from member states who deal with treaty law and practice as well as representatives from relevant ASEAN sectoral bodies to contribute their ideas and expertise on how the practical reporting system on the implementation of ASEAN legal instruments could be better managed and operated, taking into account the role and responsibility of ASEAN member states, ASEAN sectoral bodies and the ASEAN Secretariat.

STUDIES IN INTER-RELIGIOUS RELATIONS IN PLURAL SOCIETIES

The Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme made good progress during the year under review. In teaching, it had developed another academic module, bringing the total number of modules offered to students pursuing the MSc (Asian Studies) Programme to nine. The number of students opting for SRP modules has also been increasing steadily. Besides these, the SRP Programme also conducted its third run of the five-day Executive Programme. As for research, it completed two studies, partially completed one, and launched a new one.

The first phase of the research project on the framework and resources for understanding inter-religious relations in Singapore through interviews with top religious leaders was completed during the year, and the study shared with several organisations. The research project on *Al-Wala’ wal Bara’*



Participants at the 3rd SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium, 1 February 2017

(Loyalty and Disavowal) sentiments in the Muslim community in Singapore was also completed, and the findings submitted as an article to the *Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies*. A third research project on Singapore's management of religious issues and social tensions in the 1980s was also completed, and its findings published as a working paper under the RSIS Working Paper series.

Ongoing research projects comprise phase two of the study on the framework and resources for understanding inter-religious relations in Singapore, and a new study on "Islam and Secularism in Singapore." The former continues to map the current territory of inter-religious encounters within Singapore, as well as to provide a framework, or a set of frameworks/models, to potentially guide future directions for the maintenance of religious cohesion and harmony in Singapore and the region. Moving on from phase one, it focuses both on mid-level leaders as well as grassroots and lay people within the religious traditions covered. The move to mid-level and grassroots sources will complement the completed research involving top religious leaders. Some themes that arose from the research in phase one will also be pursued in phase two. These will include but not be restricted to issues around interfaith marriages, the dialogue of life, tradition-specific resources to inform inter-religious and inter-cultural living/citizenship, secularism, attending other places of worship, syncretic practice and funerals.

The objective of the study on "Islam and Secularism in Singapore" is to investigate if there exists a cognitive dissonance between the Muslim community's embrace of secularism, lived experience in a secular state and their acceptance of secularism as an ideology. The study will also attempt to examine the absence or extent of reconcilability (if it exists) between secularism and Islam in the Singapore context. It will involve interviews with about 55 Muslim clerics and religious leaders to inquire if they have reconciled secular state ideology with Islam, and if so, how this reconciliation was achieved. A field survey involving about 1,000 Singaporean Muslims to gather views for and against the secular state ideology will also be carried out. The findings will be useful to investigate if the community shares the thinking and position of the clerics. Finally, a series of focus group discussions will be organised

to understand further the findings from the earlier parts of the study.

The SRP Programme organised its annual Distinguished Lecture and Symposium on 1 and 2 February. In his lecture, Prof Scott Appleby spoke on the topic “The Ambivalence of the Sacred: Religion as Cause for Peace and Violence?” This was followed by a roundtable moderated by Amb Barry Desker and involving Prof Appleby, the Hon. Bob Carr (former Australian Foreign Minister) and Dr Marty Natalegawa (former Indonesian Foreign Minister) to further discuss the theme of the lecture. As for the symposium, the speakers comprised Prof Joseph Liow, Dean of RSIS; Prof Vali Nasr from Johns Hopkins University and Prof Yan Kejia from the Institute of Religious Studies, Shanghai.

In July 2017, the SRP collaborated with MUIS Academy (MA), under the scope of the RSIS-MA Memorandum of Understanding, to organise a ten-day certification workshop held in Singapore for students studying in overseas Islamic universities during their university recess. The workshop titled “Islamic Thought in Contemporary Plural Societies” aimed to familiarise the 37 students with the need to contextualise what they had been taught during their undergraduate studies for plural societies. They were encouraged to reflect on the need to re-interpret text and traditions in dealing with important issues in today’s context. The lecturers in the workshop were Prof Abdullah Saeed, Prof Jonathan Brown, Prof Ebrahim Moosa, Dr Paul Hedges, Amb Mohd Alami Musa, Dr Mohamed Bin Ali and faculty members of MUIS Academy.

SRP conducted its third Executive Programme from 6 to 10 November 2017. The five-day programme aimed to provide foundational yet incisive knowledge on the crucial role of religion in society and in relation to communal conflict and cohesion against the backdrop of rising ethno-nationalism and populism. Thirty-six people including religious leaders and those in community development, education, business, and security participated in the programme. The participants engaged members of the SRP faculty and other scholars on issues of secularism, interreligious encounters, conflict resolution and the impact of rising ethno-nationalism and religio-political trends in the United States and Europe on Singapore and the region.

Finally, the SRP Programme and Buddhist College Singapore (BCS) co-organised a workshop titled “Buddhism and Religion in Society: Conflict and Peace” on 11 November. This was initiated under the RSIS-BCS MOU signed earlier in the year. Prof Julius Lipner, SRP’s Visiting Professor was



(From left) Amb Mohammad Alami Musa, Head of SRP; Prof Vali Nasr, Dean, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies; and Dr Marty Natalegawa, former Foreign Minister of Indonesia; at the 3rd SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium, 1 February 2017



Asst Prof Mohamed Bin Ali, SRP, speaking at the SRP 3rd Executive Programme, 9 November 2017

the keynote speaker. Other speakers were SRP faculty Assoc Prof Paul Hedges, Dr Mohamed Bin Ali, Mr Simon Cheng from the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore and BCS faculty, Dr Lee Foong Ming. About 60 leaders and members of the Buddhist community attended the workshop.

In the area of publications, faculty members, Assoc Prof Paul Hedges and Dr Mohamed Bin Ali, published between them, a total of two books, one book chapter and 11 journal articles and op-ed pieces during the year.

NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAMME

Since its launch in April 2016, the National Security Studies Programme (NSSP) has generated intellectual capital and awareness of the milestone episodes in Singapore's diplomatic and security history. Headed by Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna, NSSP has conducted academic and policy-relevant research on the evolving landscape of national security threats, and also broad-ranging research on the "Singapore model", as well as key challenges facing small, globalised, multi-ethnic city-states.

2017 was a busy year for NSSP. In its efforts to capture core national security experiences, NSSP organised three invitation-only dialogue sessions with seasoned Singaporean practitioners. On 15 March 2017, Ambassador-at-Large Bilahari Kausikan spoke on the topic of "Small States between the Great Powers: The Singapore Experience". On 29 May 2017, former Senior Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs, Assoc Prof Ho Peng Kee spoke on "Fostering a Whole-of-Society Approach to Securing the Homeland". The third dialogue session NSSP organised was held on 31 July 2017. Mr Eddie Teo, Chairman of Public Service Commission and the RSIS Board of Governors spoke at this dialogue session on the topic of "Learning from the Founding Fathers: What of the Past is Relevant for the Future?"

As part of the NSSP Distinguished Visitor Programme (DVP), three distinguished international thought leaders were invited to share their insights on a range of national security issues in 2017. Pro-



Mr Eddie Teo (left), Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors with EDC Ong Keng Yong at the NSSP Dialogue on "Learning from the Founding Fathers: What of the Past is Relevant for the Future?", 31 July 2017

essor, the Lord John Alderdice, Director of the Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict at the University of Oxford, visited RSIS from 13 to 17 February 2017. He delivered two public seminars entitled, “Is Extremism Inherently Violent?” and “Building Cohesion in Intractably Divided Societies: Some Personal Reflections?” He also engaged in dialogue with local government policymakers, interacted with members of academia, as well as Islamic religious teachers, and was interviewed by Channel NewsAsia.

Senior Indian strategic analyst Lieutenant General (Retired) Syed Ata Hasnain also visited under the NSSP DVP from 4 to 8 September 2017. One of India’s most decorated military leaders and a second-generation officer from the Indian Army, Lt Gen Hasnain retired after serving for 40 years in uniform. As GOC 15 Corps in Kashmir, Hasnain initiated a slew of innovative measures from 2010 to 2012 to stabilise the insurgency there. He delivered public seminars on: “The patterns of violent extremist infiltration in the Kashmir conflict: Lessons learned”, and “Protecting multicultural societies against religious extremism: A practitioner’s insights”. He also had dialogues with local practitioners and exchanged ideas with various senior government officials, as well as working-level analysts from both RSIS and the government sector. In addition, he was interviewed on Channel NewsAsia.

Prof Amin Saikal, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Public Policy Fellow, and Director of the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (The Middle East and Central Asia) at the Australian National University also visited RSIS under the NSSP DVP. During his visit from 6 to 10 November 2017, Prof Saikal delivered two public seminars, on “How Islamic Has ‘Islamic State’ Been?” and “Preventing Sectarian Conflicts in Multi-ethnic and Multi-cultural Societies: Some Personal Reflections”. Prof Saikal met with religious leaders and national security practitioners during his visit and was invited to give a live interview on Channel NewsAsia.

NSSP researchers meanwhile published commentaries in media outlets and academic platforms on topics ranging from identifying signs of religious extremism and self-radicalisation, and protecting social cohesion amidst the threat of terrorism in Singapore. Assoc Prof Ramakrishna appeared regularly on Channel NewsAsia current affairs programmes as well as foreign media outlets such as Phoenix TV and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Apart from producing research for academic and policy audiences, as well as teaching on the School’s Masters programme, senior NSSP researchers were also



Prof Ho Peng Kee (second from right), former Senior Minister of State for Law and Home Affairs, with participants of the NSSP Dialogue on “Galvanising the Community to Keep Singapore Safe and Secure”, 29 May 2017



Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna, Head of Policy Studies and Coordinator of NSSP, introducing the Lord John Alderdice, Director of the Centre for Resolution of Intractable Conflict, Oxford University, at his NSSP Seminar, 13 February 2017

invited to share their insights with public officers at seminars and training courses. Both Assoc Prof Ramakrishna and Dr Damien Cheong conducted lectures on regular milestone courses for practitioners on issues related to Singapore's national security history and the management of racial and religious relations in a multicultural context. Dr Cheong also shared his insights on dealing with misinformation and disinformation at a seminar for public servants on 27 November.

NSSP was also actively involved in regional and international platforms. Of note was NSSP's role in co-organising and coordinating RSIS speaker participation at a major "Conference on Peace and the Prevention of Violent Extremism in Southeast Asia", which was held in Manila from 22 to 23 September 2017. The conference included 350 participants from government, academia, civil society and religious groups from the Philippines and the region, and was jointly organised by RSIS, The ASEAN Society Philippines, the Philippine Centre for Islam and Democracy, and the Office of the Presidential Advisor on the Peace Process. NSSP researchers also actively participated in the Centre for Resolution of Intractable Conflict (CRIC) Annual Conference 2017, which was held at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, United Kingdom, from 26 to 28 September 2017 and the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) "Symposium on Counter Radicalisation" in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 25–26 October 2017.

Going forward, NSSP will be organising a half-day workshop on the topic of "Countering the ISIS Threat to Multicultural Societies" on 5 February 2018. Planning is also underway for NSSP to hold a ministerial level annual dialogue in the first half of 2018.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES PROGRAMME

Launched on 1 October 2017, the Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP) looks into emerging science and technology (S&T) trends and in particular, their impact on homefront security and public policy making. With support from the Office of the Chief Science and Technology Officer (OCSTO) in the Ministry of Home Affairs, the STSP aims to keep ASEAN leaders and policymakers up-to-date on S&T developments affecting the world today.

Currently, the STSP is focused on two key research areas—Unconventional Threats and Auto-



Dr Tan Teck Boon, Research Fellow and Coordinator of the Science and Technology Studies Programme

mation & Robotics. Unconventional threats refer to non-military challenges that disrupt peace and stability in a country or region. These include the use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear or explosive (CBRNE) weaponry, the outbreak of deadly infectious diseases, and the growing problem of drug addiction. To help strengthen the state's capacity to respond to unconventional threats, the STSP seeks to unpack not just the operational aspects of these threats and their broader public policy implications but also the S&T knowledge behind them.

Ongoing STSP research consists of a project to assess nuclear energy developments in Asia and their implications for Singapore through the classic lens of nuclear safety, security and safeguards. This research project is significant in that nuclear developments in the wider Asian region is expected to have an impact on both nuclear and non-nuclear states in the region given their proximity to one another. The results of this study will be instructive for Singapore in particular, should nuclear energy become a reality in Southeast Asia as countries in the region continue to explore the use of nuclear energy to meet their own needs.

As for the second area of research, STSP researchers are studying how automation and robotics interface with law enforcement as a force multiplier and as a security threat. As Singapore undergoes demographic ageing, there is a growing need to deploy increasingly scarce manpower more effectively and efficiently in homefront security. Even though robotics is sophisticated enough to replace a number of policing functions today, the process of automation within the wider operational landscape is less well-understood. Hence, our focus on the safety and security challenges posed by Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)—used increasingly for a wide range of purposes all over the world—and the public policy responses needed to manage the risks and benefits that follow.

Besides research, the STSP also carries out strategic engagements with global thought leaders, practitioners and academics. This networking is designed to enrich STSP research while promoting mutually beneficial ideational exchanges. The STSP also organises public lectures and seminars as an intellectual platform to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practices on a broad spectrum of issues in the S&T domain. It is planning to host its first guest under its Distinguished Visitors Programme in April 2018. Dr Tan Teck Boon, Research Fellow, is the inaugural Coordinator of the STSP.

POLICY STUDIES IN THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

In 2017, Policy Studies, headed by Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna and assisted by Mr Adrian Tan, Deputy Head of Policy Studies, continued to help incubate and launch new research programmes on behalf of the Office of the Executive Deputy Chairman. In this connection, two new research programmes, the Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP) and Future Issues and Technology (FIT), were launched with the initial involvement of the Policy Studies team.

STSP was launched on 1 October 2017. It will focus on emerging trends in science and technology and their impact on home front security and public policy making, while carrying out strategic engagements with global thought leaders, practitioners and academics. Dr Tan Teck Boon was appointed as Coordinator of STSP, supported by Senior Analyst Mr Nandhakumar Gunasekaran. Dr Shashi Jayakumar, Senior Fellow and Head of the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) will mentor the new STSP team. On 1 September 2017, Dr Jayakumar was also appointed Executive Coordinator, Future Issues and Technology (FIT) in RSIS. The main objective of FIT is to work and coordinate with relevant RSIS centres, programmes and researchers to identify emerging issues and technology which have strategic impact on policies, as well as potentially disruptive national security



Dr Cung Vu, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS, giving a seminar on "Cold War – The Impact of Strategic Technology on Contemporary Society"; 26 May 2017

implications. Dr Christopher H. Lim, Senior Fellow, RSIS; Dr Graham Ong-Webb, Research Fellow, RSIS; and Mr Vincent Mack, Associate Research Fellow, RSIS, are supporting Dr Jayakumar in the work FIT carries out.

The Policy Studies team was also involved in two significant book launches. On 21 June 2017, the book, *Singapore is Not an Island: Views on Singapore Foreign Policy* was launched at the Marina Mandarin Hotel. Authored by Ambassador-at-Large Bilahari Kausikan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, and edited by Ms Tan Lian Choo, Consultant, Private Practice, the book is a compilation of essays and public speeches Amb Kausikan delivered over the past 25 years. Prof S Jayakumar, Chairman of the National University of Singapore Faculty of Law and former Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, was the Guest-of-Honour at the launch. On 3 July 2017, in honour of the late Mr S R Nathan, the book, *Remembering S R Nathan: A Mentor for All Seasons* was launched at the National Library Building. Edited by Mr Mushahid Ali, Senior Fellow, RSIS, and Assoc Prof Ramakrishna, the book is a compilation of reflections by various practitioners, unionists, journalists, scholars and foreign colleagues who had worked with

Mr Nathan over his long career in various important capacities. The Guest of Honour was Mr Chan Chun Sing, Minister in the Prime Minister's Office, Singapore, and Secretary-General of the National Trades Union Congress.

Another major initiative in 2017 was the continuing engagement with Dr Cung Vu, a Visiting Senior Fellow at RSIS. Dr Vu, a chemical engineer with 35 years of experience in industries, academia and government, is currently an independent consultant focusing amongst other areas, in the scientific and technological aspects of national security, maritime security and cybersecurity, as well as emerging technologies in the Asia Pacific region. Dr Vu visited RSIS twice, in May and November 2017. As a result of his engagements with various stakeholders involved in the Science, Technology and Security (STS) space, he produced a policy report on how STS research could be promoted in Singapore and the strategic role that RSIS could play in this regard. Dr Vu also facilitated a networking visit in September 2017 by a RSIS team led by EDC Ong Keng Yong, to the RAND Corporation and the Center for Security Studies at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

There was much activity on the community engagement front as well. Assoc Prof Ramakrishna worked with the Biblical School of Graduate Theology (BGST) to organise a conference called "Faith in the Age of Terror: Inter-disciplinary and Inter-religious Reflections", involving Christian and Muslim scholars addressing the terrorist threat. He was also an expert mentor to a team from Nanyang Girls High School working on a nine-month research project on female radicalisation in Southeast Asia for the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Project (HSSRP) series organised by the Gifted Education Branch (GEB) of the Ministry of Education. He also delivered a lecture on the terrorist threat to Secondary 3 and 4 students attending the Moot Parliament Programme Symposium (MPPS) organised by GEB at the NUS Law Faculty on 28 October. Mr Tan, for his part, spoke about the future of ASEAN to a delegation of Thai students, who were on an exchange visit with Ngee Ann Polytechnic, in May

2017, and also engaged educators from CHIJ Katong and Greenwich Secondary School respectively on Singapore's Foreign Policy and the challenges facing the country in the following two months as well.

Going forward, Policy Studies will explore the possibility of participating in counter-terrorist training and education programmes for the Singapore Police Force. In addition, Policy Studies will be working with the Aerospace, Maritime and Defence Association of Australia to coordinate RSIS speaker involvement in a major homeland security-themed symposium called CIVSEC 2018, to be held in Melbourne, Australia, in May 2018.

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, which allows resident and visiting scholars to seek feedback on the initial draft of their research papers; (iii) RSIS Commentaries, which offer 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.



Mr K. Shanmugam, Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Law, Singapore, being received by Amb Ong Keng Yong, during his visit to RSIS, 25 August 2017

EDUCATION



Education at RSIS

GRADUATE EDUCATION

Masters Programmes

The QS World University Rankings for 2018 (WUR 2018), published in June 2017, once again delivered very positive news for NTU and RSIS. NTU surged to #11 in the world (from #13 in the previous year) and #1 in Asia. This is an acknowledgement of NTU's reputation and exceptional academic standards as well as of the outstanding educational experience offered to students and will enable RSIS to continue attracting highly qualified applicants in an increasingly competitive global graduate education market.

In Academic Year 2017/2018, our MSc programmes attracted a cosmopolitan student body with a wide range of educational, professional and cultural backgrounds. 240 students from the following countries enrolled in RSIS MSc programmes for the academic year.

Bangladesh	Indonesia	Saudi Arabia
Brunei	Italy	Singapore
Canada	Kazakhstan	Spain
China	Malaysia	Timor-Leste
Ecuador	Mexico	United Kingdom
Estonia	Myanmar	United States
France	Nepal	Uzbekistan
Germany	New Zealand	Vietnam
India	Philippines	

Of the 240 students, 45% are Singaporean and 55% are international students. The latter includes four students from the Palestinian National Authority. Thirty-three new students were offered scholarships and study awards in AY2017/2018, including the RSIS Scholarship, the Lee Foundation RSIS Scholarship, Student Research Assistantships, Terrorism Analyst Study Awards, Research Analyst Study Awards and the ASEAN Graduate Scholarship.

To ensure that student applications and admissions remain at robust levels, RSIS will continue to strengthen its marketing initiatives, including information-sharing sessions at RSIS, attendance of leading postgraduate education fairs in Singapore



Dean Joseph Liow welcoming new MSc students during their orientation programme, 17 July 2017

and overseas (for instance, the QS World Grad School Tours in Jakarta, Manila, Ho Chi Minh City, Kuala Lumpur or London; the OCSC International Education Expo in Thailand; and the Postgraduate Education Fair in Singapore), marketing visits to selected regional countries by RSIS faculty members, online and print advertising in international newspapers and magazines, advertising via social media as well as engaging relevant organisations to continue raising RSIS' profile as a destination of choice for excellent professional education in the field of international affairs. RSIS will also be tapping on its alumni network to help promote our degree programmes. The overarching goal of these initiatives is to increase the number and quality of applications for AY2018/2019.



New MSc students at their orientation programme, 17 July 2017

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Similarly to our Masters programmes, the RSIS PhD programme has a diverse and cosmopolitan student body comprising 13 doctoral candidates. Seven nationalities are represented, including one candidate from the United States who joined us in July 2017. Some of these students are integrated into both RSIS institutional and individual faculty research programmes, thus enriching their learning experience whilst also supporting a broad-based collegial research effort.

Four of our PhD students graduated in July 2017, raising the number of RSIS PhD graduates to 20. Their final theses topics were “A Tale of Two States: Explaining Corporate Social Responsibility Weaknesses of Chinese Investment in Southeast Asia”, “Youth Violence: An Alternative Explanation for Home Grown Terrorism”, “Relative Power and China’s Policy on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations” and “The Evolving Hedging Strategy of Vietnam Towards China”.

Three other candidates have submitted their theses and are awaiting their examination.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Student Exchange Programmes

One RSIS Masters student attended the U.S. Foreign Policy Summer Programme 2017 at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, and two Elliott School Masters students spent Trimester 3, AY16/17, attending classes at RSIS.

14thRSIS Alumni Dinner

Over 140 RSIS alumni, faculty and staff attended the 14th RSIS Alumni Dinner on 28 July 2017. The evening of reunion saw 19 cohorts of alumni from more than 50 countries congregating at Hilton Hotel Singapore.



Former RSIS students at the 14th RSIS Alumni Dinner, 28 July 2017

The RSIS Teaching Awards, recognising teaching excellence and outstanding contributions to the enhancement of teaching and learning at RSIS, were presented at the dinner by the RSIS Dean, Prof Joseph Liow. The award winners were Prof Rajesh Basrur, Professor of International Relations and Coordinator of South Asia Programme at RSIS, and Assoc Prof Farish Noor.

Convocation

The RSIS class of 2017, comprising 190 MSc students (including four NTU-Warwick Double Degree students) and four PhD students joined the 8th NTU Convocation Ceremony on 31 July 2017 at the Nanyang Auditorium.

The RSIS graduates were presented by the Dean of RSIS, Prof Joseph Liow, and included four RSIS academic award winners who distinguished themselves through their outstanding academic performance: Ms Lim Hui Yi Cheryl, winner of the Rajabali Jumabhoy Foundation Gold Medal for the best academic performance in the MSc (Asian Studies); Mr Pang Khin Yang Magnus, winner of the Lion Group Gold Medal for the best academic performance in the MSc (International Political Economy); Mr Prashant Deepak Waikar, winner of the Singapore Technologies Engineering Gold Medal for the best academic performance in the MSc (International Relations); and Mr Charles Julian Oliver Ardy, winner of the United Overseas Bank Gold Medal for the best academic performance in the MSc (Strategic Studies).

RSIS Alumni Association events

The RSIS Alumni Association organised a casual networking event on 9 June 2017 in Jakarta, which was attended by its Indonesian alumni as well as Assoc Prof Leonard Sebastian, Coordinator of IDSS' Indonesia Programme, and his team.



Graduates of Academic Year 2016/2017 with RSIS Faculty, 31 July 2017

Visiting Faculty

In AY2017/2018, RSIS is hosting three visiting faculty members teaching courses in the MSc (International Relations) programme. They are Mr Zaid Hamzah (IR6039 – Cybersecurity Law, Cyberterrorism & Managing the New Geo-cyber Risks), Prof Dewi Fortuna Anwar (IR6040 – Indonesia's Foreign Policy) and Prof T. V. Paul (IR6037 – Selected Topics in IR: Conflict, Cooperation & Change in World Politics). We will continue to invite distinguished international scholars to teach at RSIS.

EXTERNAL EDUCATION

Besides its graduate programmes, RSIS is actively involved in providing education for other organisations. RSIS' role in the education of the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) goes back to 1996, where then-Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) was identified as the main source of strategic studies education not only for the SAFTI Military Institute (SAFTI MI) but the SAF at large. This relationship culminated with the SAF-NTU Memorandum of Understanding in 2008, recognising RSIS as the main conduit of senior officer education in the areas of strategic studies and military affairs in the SAF Continuing Education Master's Programme. In this programme, RSIS is responsible for the teaching of modules at the Command and Staff Course and the Command and Staff Course (Executive), which are accredited modules that students can transfer as part of their post-graduate pursuits in NTU.

Another key component of this defence education is the Undergraduate Professional Military Education and Training (UGPMET), an accredited module for young SAF officers at the tertiary institutions. UGPMET aims to provide a strong foundation in the military arts and sciences before these young officers embark on their professional careers in the SAF. UGPMET, together with a wide spectrum of courses taught at SAFTI MI for the professional development of SAF junior and senior officers, ensures that the SAF is at the forefront of current and relevant education in the areas of strategic studies, military affairs and geopolitics. These external programmes are primarily helmed by the Military Studies Programme (MSP), a component of the IDSS, here at RSIS. In 2017, MSP faculty also taught in the SAF's Senior Commanders' Programme (SCP), which was conducted for senior military officers.

Besides providing education to the SAF, RSIS is also involved in the education of officials from other government agencies. The lectures given and the seminars and conferences held are primarily in the areas of regional security, non-traditional security and international geopolitics.

Increasingly, an interest in how to build a strong foundation for social resilience amongst societies has led to specifically designed programmes in recent years. Besides lectures on religion, conflict and peace-building, the Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme (SRP), for example, conducts a programme to engage officials from community development, education, business, religious and security organisations on issues of secularism, inter-religious encounters, conflict resolution and the impact of rising ethno-nationalism and religio-political trends in the United States and Europe on Singapore and the region.

RSIS is pleased to share its knowledge and expertise with the broader Singapore community through its external education programmes.

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MSc Class of 2017/2018 (International Political Economy)



MSc Class of 2017/2018 (Asian Studies)

Master of Science (Strategic Studies)

Core Courses

- S6005 The Analysis of Defence/Security Policies
 S6014 The Evolution of Strategic Thought

Primary Fields

- S6010 Technology and Military Innovation: A Revolution in Military Affairs, Defence Transformation, or Something Else?
 S6016 The Study of War
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 IP6015 Quantitative Methods in the Study of International Politics
 IM6999 Independent Study Module

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		IR6040	Indonesia's Foreign Policy

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Prof Rohan Gunaratna



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Assoc Prof Bernard Loo



Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna



Prof Pascal Vennesson

Master of Science (International Relations)

Core Courses

- IR6001 The Study of International Relations
- IR6029 Foreign Policy Analysis

Primary Fields

- IR6003 Critical Security Studies
- IR6004 International Relations of Northeast Asia
- IR6005 International Relations of South Asia
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Core Courses

IP6000	Theories and Issues in International Political Economy
IP6001	Economic for International Political Economy
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Master of Science (Asian Studies)

Core Courses

- AS6000 The International History of Asia
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- AS6007 Government and Politics of Southeast Asia
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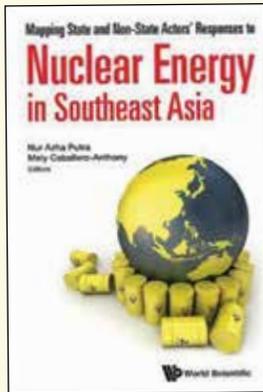
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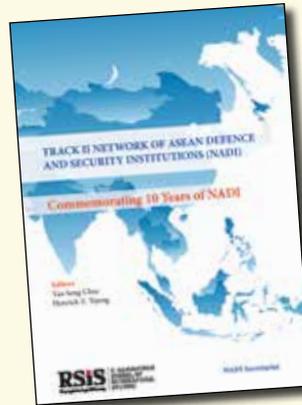
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- Report of a workshop jointly organised by RSIS and Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies, on 16–17 November 2016

Arms Racing in Asia: The Naval Dimension

- Report of a workshop jointly organised by the Military Transformations Programme and Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on 18 November 2016

The South China Sea Territorial Disputes: A Multilateral Perspective

- Report of a roundtable organised by the Regional Security Architecture Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on 1 December 2016

Understanding Freedoms of Navigation – ASEAN Perspectives

- Report of a workshop organised by the Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on 7 March 2017

Thinking About the Future Maritime Security Environment in the Indo-Pacific

- Report of a workshop organised by the Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on 8 March 2017

11th Asia Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers

- Report of the conference organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, on 3–7 April 2017

International Humanitarian Law in Asia: Regional Conference On Generating Respect For The Law

- Report of the conference jointly organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), on 27–28 April 2017

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- Report of the forum jointly organised by RSIS, The Korea Foundation and the Korean Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, on 19 July 2017



- 19th Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers
- Report of the conference organised by the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on 3–10 August 2017

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- Report of the seminar organised by the Military Studies Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on 11 August 2017

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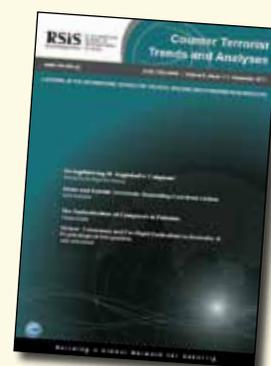
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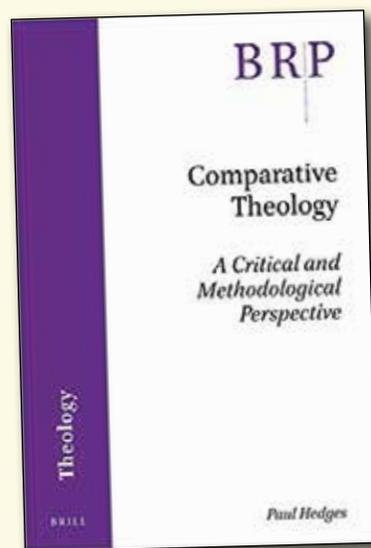
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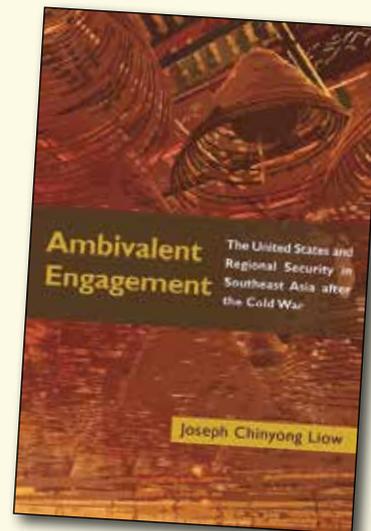
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Mr Carl W. Baker (left), Executive Director, Pacific Forum CSIS, and Prof Choi Jor-Shan, Associate Director of Berkeley Nuclear Research Center, at the CSCAP Nuclear Energy Experts Group Meeting, 27 February 2017

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33. Conference on “Peace and The Prevention of Violent Extremism”, jointly organised by RSIS, Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID), and ASEAN Society-Philippines, 22–23 September 2017, Manila, Philippines
34. Workshop on “ASEAN Mechanisms on Maritime Security Cooperation”, organised by the Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 26 September 2017
35. Workshop on “Countering Extremism: ISIS and Its Afterlives”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 28–29 September 2017



Dr Elisabeth Kendall, Senior Research Fellow in Arabic, University of Oxford, speaking at the CENS Workshop on “Countering Extremism: ISIS and Its Afterlives”, 29 September 2017

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37. Workshop on “Contesting Visions of Regional Order in East Asia”, organised by Regional Security Architecture Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, 11 October 2017
38. Workshop on “The Maritime Silk Road: China and Infrastructure Development in Southeast Asia”, jointly organised by the China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, and Public Policy and Global Affairs (PPGA) Programme, School of Social Sciences, NTU, 19 October 2017
39. RSIS Panel at the Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) on “Nuclear Safety and Security Culture: Powering Nuclear Governance in East Asia”, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 27 October 2017
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Assoc Prof Li Mingjiang, Coordinator of the China Programme, IDSS, sharing his views at the workshop on “The Maritime Silk Road: China and Infrastructure Development in Southeast Asia”, 19 October 2017

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Mr Hitoshi Tanaka (second from left) being hosted to lunch by EDC Ong Keng Yong (second from right). Mr Tanaka delivered the 8th S. T. Lee Distinguished Lecture on “How to Manage Geopolitical Instability in East Asia: The Shifting Balance of Power, Surging Anti-Globalisation Sentiment, and The New US Administration”, 8 February 2017.

- 1 Mr Hitoshi Tanaka, Chairman, Institute for International Strategy, Japan Research Institute, Ltd; and Senior Fellow, Japan Center for International Exchange; and Former Deputy Foreign Minister, Japan, on “How to Manage Geopolitical Instability in East Asia: The Shifting Balance of Power, Surging Anti-Globalisation Sentiment, and The New US Administration”, 8 February 2017
- 2 Baroness Valerie Amos, CH, Director, SOAS University of London; and Former Undersecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs & Emergency Relief Coordinator, United Nations, on “Challenges and Opportunities in a World Turned Upside Down”, 27 October 2017



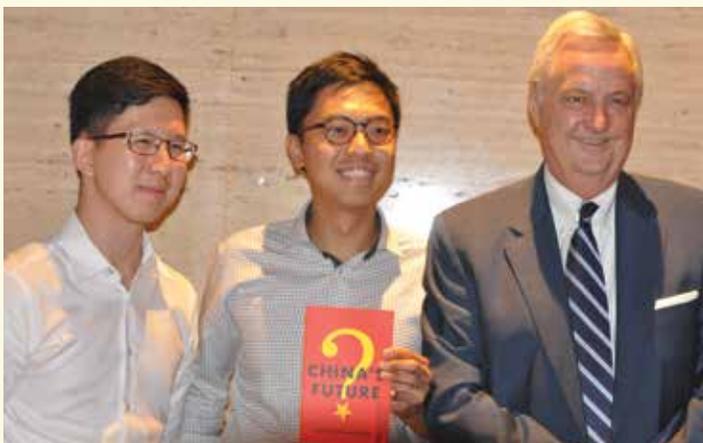
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Dr Kent Calder (left) at the launch of his book, Singapore: Smart City, Smart State, 19 January 2017

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4. Professor Stephen Smith, Director and Distinguished Fellow of Perth USAsia Centre, The University of Western Australia; and Former Minister for Defence and Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia, on “The Indo-Pacific: Regional Dynamics in the Age of the Trump Administration”, 31 May 2017



Prof David Shambaugh (right) with attendees at his Distinguished Public Lecture on “Assessing China’s Future”, 20 February 2017

5. Mr John Key, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand, on “Asia: Its Challenges and Opportunities”, 5 June 2017
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8. Ambassador Oh Joon, Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, RSIS; and Professor of United Nations Studies, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, on “The United Nations and International Peace and Security”, 21 August 2017
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Dr Kyai Haji Said Aqil Siradj (left) arriving with Assoc Prof Leonard Sebastian, Coordinator of IDSS’ Indonesia Programme, for his Distinguished Public Lecture on “Promoting Moderation and Tolerance in Indonesia: The Nahdlatul Ulama’s Story”, 13 March 2017



Dr Haedar Nashir (left) with EDC Ong Keng Yong following his Distinguished Public Lecture on “Towards Islam with Progress: Muhammadiyah’s Role in 21st Century Indonesia”, 26 October 2017

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3. RSIS Luncheon Seminar by Ms Amanda Huan, Senior Analyst, Associate Dean's Office, RSIS, and Professor Pascal Vennesson, Professor of Political Science, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on "The General's Intuition: Overconfidence, Experience and the Art of War", 11 January 2017
4. RSIS Dialogue with Professor Michael Brown, Professor of International Affairs and Political Science, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, and Professor Bates Gill, Professor of Asia-Pacific Strategic Studies, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University, on "US-Asia Relations: The Next Four Years and Beyond", 12 January 2017
5. Film Screening and Talk by Noor Huda Ismail, Writer and Producer of *Jihad Selfie* and Independent Terrorism Researcher, on "Jihad Selfie: 'Listening to the Other Side'", 16 January 2017
6. Mr Tim Godwin, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; and Former London Metropolitan Police Service Deputy Commissioner, on "Intelligent Missions Require Intelligent Analysis: The State of Play and their Policy Implications", 16 January 2017
7. Major General ANM Muniruzzaman (Ret.), President and CEO of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies; and Visiting Senior Fellow, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Programme, RSIS, on "Soldiers as Humanitarians – The Role of the Military in HADR Operations", 17 January 2017
8. Mr Tim Godwin, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; and Former London Metropolitan Police Service Deputy Commissioner, on "Smart CCTV and National Security Threats: Surveillance, Privacy and Public Trust", 18 January 2017
9. Major General ANM Muniruzzaman (Ret.), President and CEO of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies; and Visiting Senior Fellow, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Programme, RSIS, on "The Digital Age of Humanitarian Aid – Harnessing the Power of Technology for HADR Operations", 19 January 2017
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11. Mr Tim Godwin, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; and Former London Metropolitan Police Service Deputy Commissioner, on "AI and National Security: What is over the Horizon and How do we Prepare for it?", 20 January 2017
12. H.E. Nasrullah Khan, High Commissioner of Pakistan, on "The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: An Update on the Challenges and Opportunities for Pakistan", 20 January 2017
13. Professor Tan Kong Yam, Professor of Economics, NTU, on "Regional Economic Outlook and Trends: Prospects for Foreign Investments in Southeast Asia in the Next Few Years", 23 January 2017
14. RSIS Luncheon Seminar by Professor T. V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations, McGill University, on "Restraining Great Powers: Soft Balancing from Empires to the Global Era", 24 January 2017



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17. Dr Sophie Lemière, Research Associate, Middle East Directions Program; and Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Italy, on “The Faith(s) of Crime: Conceptualising the Ideologisation of Criminality”, 6 February 2017
18. Professor Jae Ho Chung, Professor of Political Science and International Relations; and Director of the Programme on US-China Relations, Seoul National University, on “Centrifugal Empire – A Challenge to the Conventional Wisdom on China’s Central-local Relations”, 9 February 2017
19. Mr Ma Jun, Founding Director, Institute of Public & Environmental Affairs (IPE), on “Fighting Pollution in China: The Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs Leads the Way”, 9 February 2017
20. Professor, the Lord Alderdice, Distinguished Visiting Professor, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Director, Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict, University of Oxford, on “Is Extremism Inherently Violent?”, 13 February 2017
21. Professor Kamiya Mataka, Professor of International Relations, National Defense Academy of Japan; Mr Kato Yochi, Senior Research Fellow; Professor Sakata Yasuyo, Professor, Department of International Communication, Kanda University of International Studies; and Professor Tan See Seng, Deputy Director, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on “International Order in the Asia Pacific and Japan-ASEAN Cooperation”, 13 February 2017
22. Dr Sanjaya Baru, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Distinguished Fellow, United Service Institute



Mr Christian Masset giving a seminar moderated by Assoc Dean Ralf Emmers. Mr Masset spoke on “The Future of Europe: France’s Responsibility and Prospects for EU-Asia Relations”, 25 January 2017.



Mr Ma Jun (right) at his seminar moderated by Assoc Prof Wu Fengshi. Mr Ma spoke on “Fighting Pollution in China: The Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs Leads the Way”, 9 February 2017.

- of India, on “The Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sanghatan (RSS), the Government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Politics of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)”, 16 February 2017
23. Professor, the Lord Alderdice, Distinguished Visiting Professor, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Director, Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict, University of Oxford, on “Building Cohesion in Intractably Divided Societies: Some Personal Reflections”, 17 February 2017
24. Professor Christian Joppke, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; Visiting Professor in the Nationalism Studies Program at Central European University, Budapest; and Honorary Professor in the Department of Political Science and Government at Aarhus University (Denmark), on “The Christian Right and its Impact on the Secular State”, 20 February 2017

25. Dr Sanjaya Baru, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Distinguished Fellow, United Service Institute of India, on “Recent Domestic and Foreign Policy Developments in India”, 21 February 2017
26. RSIS Roundtable with Center for Resilience Studies, Northeastern University, USA, 22 February 2017
27. Professor Christian Joppke, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; Visiting Professor in the Nationalism Studies Program at Central European University, Budapest; and Honorary Professor in the Department of Political Science and Government at Aarhus University (Denmark), on “The Role of the State in the Integration of Immigrants”, 22 February 2017



(From left) Dr James Dorsey and Mr Mushahid Ali of RSIS with Prof Robert Donaldson at his seminar on “The US, Russia and China: A Tangled Web of Conflict and Cooperation”, 6 March 2017

28. Professor Christian Joppke, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; Visiting Professor in the Nationalism Studies Program at Central European University, Budapest; and Honorary Professor in the Department of Political Science and Government at Aarhus University (Denmark), on “Is the Project of Multiculturalism Dead?”, 24 February 2017



Dr Stephen Flynn (right) speaking at a roundtable, 22 February 2017

29. Launch of The Asia Foundation Report on “Asian Views on America’s Role in Asia”, 1 March 2017
30. Professor Dominik Mierzejewski, Professor, Department of East Asia Studies, University of Lodz, Poland, on “China’s Selective Identities: State, Ideology and Culture”, 3 March 2017
31. Professor Robert H. Donaldson, Trustee Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, University of Tulsa, on “The US, Russia and China: A Tangled Web of Conflict and Cooperation”, 6 March 2017



Prof Tommy Koh (right) speaking at the launch of The Asia Foundation Report on “Asian Views on America’s Role in Asia”, 1 March 2017. With him are Prof Raja Mohan and Prof Thitinan Pongsudhirak.

32. Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan, Ambassador-at-Large and Policy Advisor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on “Evolving Regional Architecture in East Asia: Challenges and Implications for ASEAN”, 7 March 2017
33. Dr Syafiq Hasyim, Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Syarif Hidayatullah State University, Jakarta, on “Insights on the 2017 Jakarta Governor’s Election”, 14 March 2017
34. RSIS Luncheon Seminar by Dr Bhubhindar Singh, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Regional Security Architecture Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on “Japan’s Strategy Towards Southeast Asia: Soft Balancing and the China Factor”, 15 March 2017

35. Dr Yohanes Sulaiman, Lecturer, School of Government, Universitas Jenderal Ahmad Yani, Cimahi, Indonesia, on “Global Maritime Nexus: Towards A Grand Strategy for Indonesia?”, 22 March 2017
36. H.E. Mr Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), on “Addressing Global Challenges Through Multilateralism: The Example of the Chemical Weapons Convention”, 22 March 2017
37. Dr Simon Shen, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore; and Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Science, Chinese University of Hong Kong, on “The 2017 Hong Kong Chief Executive Election from the Global Strategic Perspective”, 23 March 2017
38. Dr Alessandro Arduino, Visiting Senior Fellow, China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS; and Co-Director of the Security & Crisis Management program, Shanghai Academy of Social Science (SASS, UNITO), on “Risk and Crisis Management along the One Belt One Road: The Role of Private Security and the Insurance Sector in Protecting China’s New Silk Road”, 29 March 2017
39. Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations (2007–2015); and Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS, on “In Conversation: Dr Noeleen Heyzer on Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals”, 30 March 2017
40. Dr Frank Umbach, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; Research Director, European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS), King’s College, London; and Senior Associate, Centre for European Security Strategies (CESS GmbH), Munich, on “The South China Sea Conflicts and its Energy Dimensions”, 30 March 2017
41. Dr Arnold Puyok, Senior Lecturer, Politics and Government Studies, Department of Politics and International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, on “Sarawak After Adenan: Sustained Change or Return to Status Quo?”, 4 April 2017
42. Mr Han Fook Kwang, Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Editor-At-Large, The Straits Times, on “Fake News, Alternative Facts and the Digital Revolution: Issues and Challenges in the Post-truth World”, 4 April 2017
43. Dr Antonio de Lecea, Principal Advisor to the Director General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission, on “East and West for Globalisation”, 7 April 2017
44. RSIS Luncheon Seminar by Mr Benjamin Ho Tze Ern, Associate Research Fellow, China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on “Immoral Man and Moral Society: Realism, Relationality and the Reality of Chinese Politics”, 12 April 2017
45. Dr Irfan Ahmad, Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity (as of 1 June 2017); and Former Associate Professor of Political Anthropology, Australian Catholic University, on “Inequality in the Era of “War on Terror”: On Under-representation of Minorities in Political Economy and Over-representation in Jail”, 24 April 2017
46. Dr Milla Vaha, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Turku, on “Small Island States and the Right to Continuous Recognition: The Case of the Maldives”, 24 April 2017
47. H.E. Dr Usen Suleimen, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Singapore, on “Kazakhstan: Recent Constitutional Reforms and Implications for Domestic Politics and Central Asia”, 25 April 2017
48. Professor David Shambaugh, Distinguished Visiting Professor, RSIS; Professor of Political Science & International Affairs; and Director, China Policy Program, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, on “The United States & China in Southeast Asia: Rivalry or Coexistence”, 8 May 2017



Dr Frank Umbach giving a seminar on “The South China Sea Conflicts and its Energy Dimensions”, 30 March 2017

49. Mr Evan Rogerson, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS; and Former Director, Agriculture and Commodities Division of the WTO Secretariat Geneva, on “The New Nationalism in Trade Policy – Regional Responses”, 12 May 2017
50. RSIS Luncheon Seminar by Mr Joel Ng Kuang Jong, Associate Research Fellow, RSIS, on “Norms Circles in International Relations”, 17 May 2017
51. RSIS Closed-Door Roundtable by Professor Noorhaidi Hasan, Dean of the Graduate School, State Islamic University (UIN) Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and Dr Din Wahid, Lecturer and Researcher, UIN Syarif Hidayatullah University, Jakarta, on “Islamism in Indonesia: A Threat to Religious Pluralism?”, 19 May 2017
52. Dr Asher Orkaby, Research Fellow, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, on “The Tenuous Taboo: Chemical Warfare in the Middle East”, 19 May 2017
53. Associate Professor Özgehan Şenyuva, Visiting Fellow, RSIS; and Associate Professor in the International Relations Department, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, on “EU-Turkey Relations, Populism in Europe and Brexit, and Their Impact on EU Relations with Neighbours”, 22 May 2017
54. Associate Professor Özgehan Şenyuva, Visiting Fellow, RSIS; and Associate Professor in the International Relations Department, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, on “The Domestic Developments in Turkey which Affect Turkish Foreign Policy”, 24 May 2017
55. Yang Berhormat (YB) Wong Chen, Member of Parliament for Kelana Jaya, Malaysia, and Mr Shaun Kua, Chief Strategy Officer, INVOKE, on “Straight Talk on Malaysia: Political and Economic Realities in 2017”, 25 May 2017
56. Dr Cung Vu, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Former Associate Director, Office of Naval Research Global (Singapore), United States Department of the Navy, on “Cold War – The Impact of Strategic Technology on Contemporary Society”, 26 May 2017
57. Ms Johanna Higgs, Founder, Project Monma, on “Violence Against Women: A Global Phenomenon”, 30 May 2017
58. Launch of Report on “America’s Role in the Indo-Pacific” Survey Results, jointly organised by RSIS, Perth USAsia Centre and United States Studies Centre, 31 May 2017
59. Lecture by Professor Edward Waller, Professor, Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science, University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Canada, on “Nuclear Safety-Security Interface and Emergency Preparedness and Response”, 19 June 2017
60. Associate Professor Fatimah Lateef, Director, SingHealth Duke-NUS Institute of Medical Simulation (SIMS), on “Building Bridges, Managing Egos: Sharing our Common Space It Helps to Have a Big Heart and a Discerning Mind”, 21 June 2017
61. Dr Aekapol Chongvilaivan, Country Economist, Philippines Country Office, Asian Development Bank, on “Philippine Economic Outlook for 2017 and Beyond”, 29 June 2017



Assoc Prof Özgehan Şenyuva giving a seminar on “The Domestic Developments in Turkey which Affect Turkish Foreign Policy”, 24 May 2017



Panel of speakers at the launch of the Report on “America’s Role in the Indo-Pacific” Survey Results, 31 May 2017

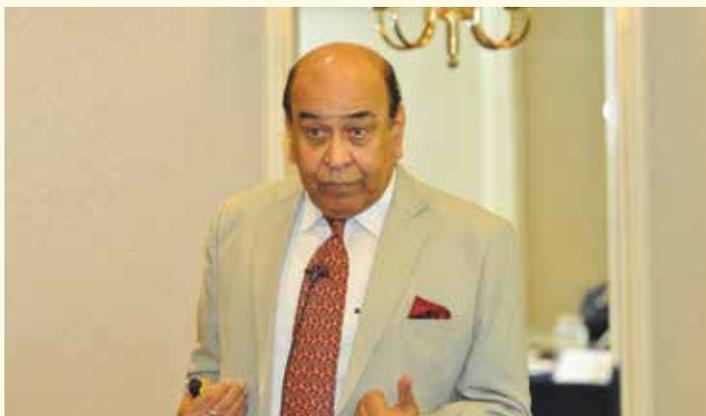
62. Professor Peter Rutland, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Professor of Government, Wesleyan University, Connecticut, USA, on “Russia’s Relations with the US and China”, 10 July 2017
63. Professor Peter Rutland, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Professor of Government, Wesleyan University, Connecticut, USA, on “Russia’s Domestic Outlook Over the Next 5–10 Years”, 17 July 2017
64. Professor Ebrahim Moosa, Professor of Islamic Studies, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Department of History, University of Notre Dame, on “Rethinking Muslim Theologies to Tackle Blasphemy Related Violence”, 18 July 2017
65. Professor Sorin Lingu, Department of National Security and Industrial Base, Eisenhower School of National Security and Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., on “Arms Export & Corporate Strategies in the Military Aviation Sector in 2012–2016”, 20 July 2017
66. Dr James M. Dorsey, Senior Fellow, RSIS, Dr Alan Chong, Associate Professor, Centre for Multilateralism Studies; and Coordinator of MSc (International Relations) Programme, RSIS, and Dr Ahmed Salah Hashim, Associate Professor, Military Studies Programme, Institute of Defence and Security Studies, RSIS, on “Qatar and the Role of Small States in International Relations”, 21 July 2017
67. RSIS-Embassy of the Philippines Panel Discussion by Dr Ma. Lourdes Veneracion-Rallonza, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, Philippines, Ms Rahimah Abdulrahim, Executive Director, The Habibie Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia, and Ms Katrina Jorene Maliamauv, Programme Officer, Tenaganita Sdn Bhd, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on “Women, Peace and Security in Southeast Asia”, 21 July 2017
68. Dr Matthew Nelson, Reader in Politics, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, on “The Securitisation of Religious Freedom: Pakistan, Malaysia, and Beyond”, 24 July 2017
69. Dr Deng Yong, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Professor of Political Science, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, on “The Belt and Road Initiative: The New Silk Road to the Chinese World Order?”, 25 July 2017



Speaker panel comprising (from left) Dr James Dorsey, Amb Barry Desker (moderator), Assoc Prof Alan Chong and Assoc Prof Ahmed Hashim, at the RSIS Seminar on “Qatar and the Role of Small States in International Relations”, 21 July 2017

70. RSIS Book Launch Seminar of RSIS Monograph No. 33 “ASEAN and the Indian Ocean: The Key Maritime Links”, 26 July 2017
71. Ms Dominique Benzaken, Senior Ocean Governance Advisor, Commonwealth (CFTC Expert), Office of the Vice President, Oliaji House, Seychelles, on “Blue Economy in the Indian Ocean Region: Status, Opportunities Challenges”, 27 July 2017
72. Presentation by Mr David Heyman, Co-founder, Smart City Works, on “The Cyber Deterrence Toolkit”, 31 July 2017
73. Associate Professor Delphine Alles, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Paris East, France, and Professor Pascal Vennesson, Professor of Political Science, Institute of Defence and Security Studies, RSIS, on “Wide From the Start: Security and Post-colonial State Building in Southeast Asia”, 7 August 2017
74. RSIS Panel Seminar on “The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Challenges and Potential for National Security”, 11 August 2017
75. Dr Rahul Sagar, Global Network Associate Professor of Political Science, NYU Abu Dhabi, on “The Foundations of Indian Strategic Thought”, 11 August 2017
76. Dr Sanjaya Baru, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Distinguished Fellow, United Service Institute of India, on “India and Its Diaspora: Culture, Economics and Foreign Policy”, 15 August 2017
77. RSIS Luncheon Seminar by Dr Naoko Kumada, Research Fellow, RSIS, on “Theocracy vs Constitutionalism: Constitutional Amendment and the Return of Pre-war Shinto Nationalism”, 15 August 2017

78. Ambassador Oh Joon, Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, RSIS; and Professor of United Nations Studies, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, on “The Korean Peninsula Issues in the United Nations”, 16 August 2017
79. RSIS World Humanitarian Day: Voices From The Field by Mr Benjamin William, Secretary General/CEO, Singapore Red Cross, Dr Marlene Lee, Licenced Psychologist, Board Member, Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders, and Prof Lionel Lee, Executive Vice Dean, Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine (LKCMedicine), NTU, Singapore, 17 August 2017
80. Professor Rama Baru, Professor, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, “The Experience of Health Sector Reforms and Its implication for Equity: China, India and Vietnam”, 17 August 2017



Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Syed Ata Hasnain addressing an NSSP seminar on “The Patterns of Violent Extremist Infiltration in The Kashmir Conflict: Lessons Learned”, 4 September 2017



H.E. Lee Sangdeok addressing a RSIS seminar on “ROK’s Foreign and Economic Policies in an Evolving Political and Security Situation in North East Asia”, 25 September 2017

81. Professor Richard J. Chasdi, RSIS Visiting Fellow under Fulbright Specialist Programme; and Professor, Department of Management, Walsh College, on “Strategic Counter Terrorism”, 18 August 2017
82. Dr Anthony Spanakos, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Law, Chairperson, College of Arts and Humanities, Montclair State University; and Visiting Senior Research Fellow, East Asia Institute, National University of Singapore, on “Sino-Latin American Relations 2.0?: New Opportunities and Challenges”, 22 August 2017
83. Assistant Professor Leif-Eric Easley, Assistant Professor, Division of International Studies, Ewha University; and Research Fellow, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, on “The Rhetoric and Implementation of North Korea Policy”, 22 August 2017
84. Ambassador Joergen Moeller, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, on “BREXIT and Changing Transatlantic Relations: Emerging trends in EU”, 25 August 2017
85. Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Syed Ata Hasnain, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Senior Indian Strategic Analyst, on “The Patterns of Violent Extremist Infiltration in The Kashmir Conflict: Lessons Learned”, 4 September 2017
86. Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Syed Ata Hasnain, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Senior Indian Strategic Analyst, on “Protecting Multicultural Societies Against Religious Extremism: A Practitioner’s Insights”, 8 September 2017
87. Mr Benedicto Bacani, Executive Director, Institute for Autonomy and Governance (IAG), and Ms Rosemain “Dadang” Abduraji, Executive Director, Tumikang Sama Sama, on “The Mindanao Conflict: Challenges and Prospects for Peace”, jointly organised by RSIS and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, 18 September 2017
88. Dr Gerard Chaliand, Political Scientist and Strategist, on “Evolution of Terrorism: From Che Guevara to Bin Laden to Baghdadi”, 19 September 2017
89. H.E. Jawed Ashraf, High Commissioner of India, Singapore, on “India’s Foreign and Economic Policies: Challenges and Opportunities to Enhance India’s Global Role”, 20 September 2017

90. H.E. Lee Sangdeok, Ambassador of Republic of Korea, Singapore, on “ROK’s Foreign and Economic Policies in an Evolving Political and Security Situation in North East Asia”, 25 September 2017
91. Dr Gerard Chaliand, Political Scientist and Strategist, on “Foreign Fighters Through History”, 20 September 2017
92. RSIS Book Launch Seminar by Dr Richard Javad Heydarian, Political Analyst, GMA Network; and Columnist, Manila Bulletin, on “The Rise of Duterte: A Populist Revolt against Elite Democracy”, 27 September 2017
93. H.E. I Gede Ngurah Swajaya, Ambassador of Indonesia, Singapore, on “Indonesia’s Foreign and Economic Policies and Its Role in East Asia and Beyond”, 29 September 2017
94. Professor Peter Bergen, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, on “The Future of Jihadist Terrorism”, 2 October 2017
95. Ambassador Kenji Shinoda, Ambassador of Japan, Singapore, on “Japan’s Diplomacy and ASEAN: Shared Vision, Shared Identity, Shared Future”, 4 October 2017
96. Professor Peter Bergen, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, on “The Trump National Security Team and Their Approaches to National Security Policy”, 4 October 2017
97. RSIS-India Foundation Seminar by Professor Makarand R. Paranjape, Professor of English, Centre for English Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on “Mahatma to Modi: Changing the Indian Ocean Narrative”, 5 October 2017
98. Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College Seminar 2017 on “Challenges and the Impact of Cyber Threats and Terrorism on National Security and the Role of the Military”, organised by RSIS’ Military Studies Programme, 5–6 October 2017
99. Professor Peter Bergen, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, on “The Rise of Fake News and What Can Be Done About It”, 6 October 2017



Mr Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad (left) accompanied by Prof Tan See Seng, to his seminar on “Youth and Malaysia’s Next General Elections”, 12 October 2017

100. Dr Patrick Cronin, Senior Advisor and Senior Director, Asia-Pacific Security Program, Center for a New American Security (CNAS), on “Competition, Conflict, and Hard Power: Challenges in Southeast Asia and the Asia Pacific Region”, 6 October 2017
101. Professor Alan Collins, Professor, Swansea University, on “From Commitment to Compliance: ASEAN’s Human Rights’ Regression?”, 12 October 2017
102. Mr Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, Youth Leader, People’s Justice Party (PKR); and State Executive Councillor, Selangor, Malaysia, on “Youth and Malaysia’s Next General Elections”, 12 October 2017
103. Professor Benjamin Schreer, Head of Department of Security Studies and Criminology, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, on “Emerging Nuclear Dynamics in Asia”, 16 October 2017
104. Mr Evan Rogerson, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS; and Former Director, Agriculture and Commodities Division of the WTO Secretariat Geneva, on “Stepping Up: How Smaller Economies Can Help to Keep Multilateralism Alive”, 16 October 2017
105. Ms Janet Lim, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Former UN Assistant High Commissioner (Operations) for Refugees, on “Mass Movement of Refugees and Migrants: How is the World Community Dealing with One of the Biggest Problems of Our Time?”, 17 October 2017

106. RSIS Luncheon Seminar by Dr Ahmed Hashim, Associate Professor, Military Studies Programme, Institute of Defence and Security Studies, RSIS, on “A Jihadist Way of War: The Evolution of the Islamic State’s Military Thinking and Practice”, 19 October 2017
107. Professor Yee-Kuang Heng, Professor, Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Tokyo, on “Japan’s Hard and Soft Power in ASEAN”, 20 October 2017
108. Roundtable with Dr Haedar Nashir, General Chairman, Muhammadiyah, Indonesia, 20 October 2017
109. Dr Richard Danzig, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; and Senior Advisor, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, on “The Technology Tsunami That Is Eroding The Premises of American International Security Dominance: Causes and Responses”, 24 October 2017
110. Roundtable with Baroness Valerie Amos, CH, Director, SOAS University of London; and Former Undersecretary General for Humanitarian Affairs & Emergency Relief Coordinator, United Nations, on “Future of Humanitarianism”, 26 October 2017
111. Dr Richard Danzig, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; and Senior Advisor, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, on “How We May Maintain Technical Superiority”, 27 October 2017
112. Dr Li Mingjiang, Associate Professor and Coordinator of China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, on “China’s 19th Party Congress: What Are the Implications for China and the World?”, 27 October 2017
113. Dr Richard Bush, S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, RSIS; Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies; and Chen-Fu and Cecilia Yen Koo Chair in Taiwan Studies, The Brookings Institution, on “The Threat of North Korea and What to Do About It”, 2 November 2017
114. Book Launch of “ASEAN 50: Regional Security Cooperation through Selected Documents”, 3 November 2017
115. Roundtable with Ocean University of China on “Maritime Issues”, 3 November 2017
116. Professor Amin Saikal, Distinguished Visiting Professor, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Director, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University, on “How Islamic Has ‘Islamic State’ Been?”, 6 November 2017
117. Dr Sam Bateman, Adviser, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Security Studies, RSIS, on “Preventing and Managing Incidents in the East Asian Seas”, 7 November 2017
118. RSIS-SNA Book Launch Seminar on “International Security in the Asia-Pacific: Transcending ASEAN Towards Transitional Polycentrism”, 8 November 2017
119. Professor Amin Saikal, Distinguished Visiting Professor, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Director, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University, on “Preventing Sectarian Conflicts in Multiethnic and Multicultural Societies: Some Personal Reflections”, 10 November 2017
120. Professor Asa Kasher, Laura Schwarz-Kipp Professor Emeritus of Professional Ethics and Philosophy of Practice; and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Tel Aviv University, on “Military Ethics of Fighting Terrorism: Values, Principles and Methods”, 10 November 2017
121. Mr Vappala Balachandran, Former Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, India, on “Keeping India Safe: The Dilemma of Internal Security”, 10 November 2017



Prof Amin Saikal speaking with Mr Eddie Teo (centre), Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors, and Dr James M. Dorsey, before his seminar on “How Islamic Has ‘Islamic State’ Been?”, 6 November 2017

122. Roundtable on “HADR Research in Singapore and Consultation on the Sphere Handbook”, 13 November 2017
123. Dr Richard Bush, S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, RSIS; Senior Fellow and Director, Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies; and Chen-Fu and Cecilia Yen Koo Chair in Taiwan Studies, The Brookings Institution, on “China-Taiwan Relations”, 14 November 2017
124. Roundtable with Said Faisal, former Executive Director of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management (the AHA Centre), 14 November 2017
125. Luncheon Seminar by Assistant Professor Mohamed Bin Ali, Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme, RSIS, on “Defining the “Enemies” of God: Muslim Extremists Perception of the Religious Other”, 15 November 2017
126. Professor Shaun Breslin, Professor of International Studies, University of Warwick, on “Global Order and Normative Change: China and the Challenge to Liberal Universalism”, 16 November 2017
127. Mr Kiren Kumar, Assistant Managing Director of the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), on “Attracting Foreign Investments to Singapore: Challenges and Prospects in the Coming Years”, 17 November 2017
128. Professor Anthony King, Professor in War Studies, Politics and International Studies, The University of Warwick, on “The Decision Point: Command Collectivism in the 21st Century”, 20 November 2017
129. Roundtable with Dr Cung Vu, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Former Associate Director, Office of Naval Research Global (Singapore), United States Department of the Navy, on “Science and Technology – Security, Ethics, Society and Policy”, 21 November 2017
130. Dr Cung Vu, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Former Associate Director, Office of Naval Research Global (Singapore), United States Department of the Navy, on “The Challenge of Drones: Status, Applications and Issues”, 24 November 2017
131. RSIS-BESA Strategic Dialogue 2017, jointly organised by Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), RSIS, and Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies (BESA), Bar-Ilan University, Israel, 27 November 2017
132. Dr Cung Vu, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Former Associate Director, Office of Naval Research Global (Singapore), United States Department of the Navy, on “The Challenge of Drones: Security and Defense Implications”, 29 November 2017
133. Ambassador Lukman Faily, Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Iraq to the United States, on “Lack of Social Harmony: Key to Promoting Intolerance and Violence in Iraq”, 8 December 2017
134. Roundtable with Brig. Gurmeet Kanwal (Ret.), Distinguished Fellow, Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, and Lt. Gen. Prakash Menon, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Ret.), Director of the Strategic Studies Programme, Takshashila Institution, Bengaluruon, on “After Doklam: Nuclear Dimensions of India’s ‘Two-front’ Threat”, 11 December 2017
135. H.E. Andrey Tatarinov, Ambassador of Russian Federation, Singapore, on “Russia’s Foreign and Economic Policies: Enhancing Engagement with East Asia in the Coming Years”, 11 December 2017
136. Associate Professor Nathan Gilbert Quimpo, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations, University of Tsukuba, Japan, on “Tracing the Fault Lines in Philippine’s Chronic Armed Conflict”, 11 December 2017
137. RSIS Luncheon Seminar by Assistant Professor Kaewkamol (Karen) Pitakdumrongkit, Deputy Head, Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, on “Missing Issues in International Bargaining: The Case of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC)”, 13 December 2017
138. Dr Nehginpao Kipgen, Assistant Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, National Capital Region of Delhi, India, on “Rohingya Resettlement and Rehabilitation: Opportunities and Challenges”, 13 December 2017
139. Mr Satvinder Singh, Assistant CEO, IE Singapore, on “Enhancing Singapore’s External Economy in the Coming Years: Challenges and Opportunities”, 14 December 2017

Forthcoming Events

WORKSHOP ON CHINA'S NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY, 5 JANUARY 2018

The China Programme of the Institute of Defence and Security Studies (IDSS) will hold a workshop to examine continuities and changes that can be observed in China's policy towards its neighbouring countries since Xi Jinping became President of China. The discussions will focus on Beijing's policy choices towards some of the most challenging regional security issues, including the North Korea nuclear issue and the South China Sea disputes.

CSCAP NUCLEAR ENERGY EXPERTS GROUP MEETING, 22–23 JANUARY 2018

The Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (NTS Centre) and Pacific Forum-CSIS will co-organise the 7th Annual Meeting of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Nuclear Energy Experts Group in Singapore on 22–23 January 2018. The meeting will bring together nuclear energy experts from the Asia Pacific and beyond. It will focus on international nuclear governance; nuclear governance in the Asia Pacific; nuclear safety, security and safeguards culture in the Asia Pacific; the future of nuclear power development in the region; and nuclear trade and knowledge networks. The meeting will also examine and make recommendations on how states and regional organisations and initiatives can assist Asia Pacific states in ensuring the safe, secure and proliferation-resistant development and management of nuclear power programmes.

TERRORISM ANALYSTS TRAINING COURSE (TATC), 29 JANUARY – 9 FEBRUARY 2018

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) will be conducting its 11th Terrorism Analysts Training Course from 29 January to 9 February 2018. Bringing together analysts and scholars on terrorism and security, this annual training course aims to maintain and improve the professional competence and development of analysts. In addition, it will also explore new frontiers in counter-terrorism researches, analyses and practices. Covering four broad areas, namely Terrorism Primer, Global and Regional Threat Landscape, Counter-Terrorism Response, as well as Research and Methodology, this training course strives to deliver a holistic perspective aimed at building the knowledge and capacity of analysts specialising in counter-terrorism.

HADR PROGRAMME SEMINARS, EARLY 2018

Early in 2018, NTS Centre's HADR Programme will organise a series of seminars by several experts in their respective fields. Mr Said Faisal, RSIS Visiting Senior Fellow and former Executive Director of the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (the AHA Centre), will give two seminars, where he will share his extensive knowledge on how disasters like the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami and the 2008 Cyclone Nargis have helped ASEAN member states to jointly establish institutions and mechanisms for responding to disasters. He will also discuss the future of disaster management in the Southeast Asia region.

In February, Ms Janet Lim, RSIS Visiting Senior Fellow and former UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner for Operations, will speak on the trends in natural disasters and conflicts around the world and the importance of preventive strategies for dealing with ensuing emergencies. She will explore the nexus

between conflict and natural disaster and what states can do to avoid the making of a “perfect storm”.

The HADR Programme is also planning a seminar by Dr Noeleen Heyzer, RSIS Distinguished Visiting Fellow, who was appointed as a member of the UN Secretary-General’s high-level Advisory Board on Mediation in September 2017. Dr Heyzer will give a seminar on the mediation work of the United Nations Secretary-General in the context of his reform agenda on development, peace and security.

COUNTERING THE ISIS THREAT WORKSHOP, 5 FEBRUARY 2018

The National Security Studies Programme will be organising a half-day workshop on “Countering the ISIS Threat to Multicultural Societies” in February 2018. The workshop will focus on obtaining a better understanding of the rapidly evolving nature of the threat to multi-cultural/multi-religious societies like Singapore and learning from other countries on improving responses. The workshop speakers will first lay out the threat to multi-cultural societies in Southeast Asia before critiquing ISIS’ claims to be a genuinely Islamic entity. Other speakers will then share some international responses to the ISIS challenge, including attempts in the United Kingdom to systematically map out the various ways in which ISIS extremism undermines the social fabric, and crucially, how hard and soft power should be carefully integrated to counter the threat.

MILITARY STUDIES PROGRAMME SEMINAR SERIES, 15 FEBRUARY AND 1 JULY 2018

The Military Studies Programme of IDSS will hold these annual strategic studies seminars on 15 February and 1 July 2018, respectively, to commemorate Total Defence Day and Singapore Armed Forces Day. The seminar series offers a platform for experts to speak on contemporary security issues affecting Singapore, particularly its armed forces.

WORKSHOP ON THE INDIA-US STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP, 2 MARCH 2018

IDSS’ South Asia Programme will bring together an international team of experts to examine the India-US strategic relationship, which has been called “one of the defining partnerships of the 21st century”. Strategic cooperation with India has drawn bipartisan support in the United States, transcending several administrations. On the Indian side, successive governments have shown unprecedented interest in building close strategic interaction. But questions remain about the long-term scope for Indo-U.S. cooperation. India’s insistence on strategic autonomy may render a close partnership with the United States difficult. Moreover, the two nations have significant differences on substantive issues such as Pakistan, Iran, climate change and trade.

REGIONAL MARITIME SECURITY OUTLOOK 2018, 7–8 MARCH 2018

This two-day conference will be conducted by IDSS’ Maritime Security Programme. It will bring together academic perspectives from the Indo-Pacific projects to make assessments about the maritime security outlook for Southeast Asia in 2018.

NTUC PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, 14 MARCH - 7 APRIL 2018

RSIS will be hosting Professor Linda Lim as its 9th National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) Professor of International Economic Relations from 14 March to 7 April 2018. Prof Lim is Professor Emerita of Corporate Strategy and International Business at the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan. She will give several talks and meet key policymakers and RSIS faculty and research staff beside other activities during her visit.

NTS-ASIA ANNUAL CONVENTION, MARCH 2018

The Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia) Annual Convention brings together consortium members to take stock of the group's activities for the year and to chart directions for the future. The convention also gives members an opportunity to discuss prevailing non-traditional security issues affecting the region, particularly with respect to the problems of climate change, natural disasters, conflict and crime, and various other issues affecting Asia.

SRP DISTINGUISHED LECTURE AND SYMPOSIUM, APRIL 2018

Given the significant rise in communal hostilities and conflicts, and the recurring horrific killings, mass destruction and crimes against humanity committed by terrorists in the name of religion, it is critical for religious communities to come together and find new ways to strengthen the humanising, unifying and constructive roles of religion. The 4th SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium will discuss the prospects and challenges for inter-religious and inter-civilisational dialogue in a world of conflict and violence. Scholars from the region and beyond will deliberate on how dialogue can serve as a means for world religions to collaborate for understanding and global peace.

S. RAJARATNAM PROFESSOR OF STRATEGIC STUDIES

RSIS will be hosting Gen John Allen (Ret.) as its 20th S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies in the second quarter of 2018. Gen Allen, President of The Brookings Institution, had earlier visited RSIS as a Distinguished Visitor from 29 July to 12 August 2013. While here in 2018, he will give several talks as well as meet policymakers and RSIS faculty and research staff.

STSP DISTINGUISHED VISITOR, APRIL 2018

The Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP) will be hosting the Hon. Jay M. Cohen (Ret.), United States Navy, under its Distinguished Visitors Programme in April 2018. Admiral Cohen is now a principal in The Chertoff Group, Washington, D.C., as well as an independent consultant to numerous security firms and advisor to the US Congress and Executive Branch. Prior to that, Adm Cohen was the Under Secretary for Science and Technology in the US Department of Homeland Security from 2006 to 2009. That appointment followed a distinguished 38-year career in the US Navy, undertaking

highly challenging assignments, including an unprecedented six years as the Chief of Naval Research. While at RSIS, Adm Cohen will meet with key policymakers as well as deliver seminars on current Science and Technology issues.

RSIS-WTO PARLIAMENTARIAN WORKSHOP, MAY 2018

The parliamentarian workshop is an annual three-day workshop organised by RSIS with funding support from the Temasek Foundation International and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The parliamentarian workshop equips attendees with a deeper understanding of the WTO, current and future negotiation issues in international trade, and a sustained focus on the particular concerns of developing states in the process. Since the workshop includes participants from across the region, it will provide valuable opportunities for networking.

12TH ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS (APPSNO), 6-11 MAY 2018

APPSNO is the annual flagship conference of the Centre of Excellence for National Security. It is organised specifically for senior government officials from the Asia Pacific and beyond, these being the key personnel responsible for national security matters. As a platform facilitating participant engagement with world-class foreign and local speakers, APPSNO promotes the development of analytical frameworks, mindsets and skills needed for effective national security management amongst its internationally diverse participants. The theme of APPSNO 2018 is “The Boundaries of National Security”. The conference seeks to understand the nature of national security, how it has been understood in the past and if these understandings still apply both today and in the future. Tracing the evolution of national security may better enable us to determine which issues fall within as well as beyond the boundaries of national security.

WORKSHOP ON COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM, JUNE 2018

The ICPVTR and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland, will conduct a week-long workshop for the latter’s graduate and post-graduate students. Part of the University of Maryland’s Summer Programme, the workshop is aimed at facilitating a better understanding of efforts undertaken by governments and communities to rehabilitate and reintegrate terrorist detainees and to actively counter violent extremism through preventive strategies, as well as their work with the community to build resilience.

REGIONAL MARSEC PRACTITIONER PROGRAMME, JUNE 2018

The week-long Regional Marsec Practitioner Programme will be organised jointly by IDSS’ Maritime Security Programme and the Republic of Singapore Navy. It will convene maritime security practitioners from Singapore, regional and extra-regional navies, as well as law enforcement agencies. It aims to foster interaction, networking and sharing of diverse perspectives on maritime security challenges in the region.

20TH ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS (APPSMO), 6–10 AUGUST 2018

Inaugurated in 1999, this annual event organised by IDSS' Military Studies Programme will be held in August 2018. Aimed at fostering trust and developing mutual understanding amongst military organisations in the region, the conference will bring to Singapore an impressive group of senior military officers representing Asia, Oceania, North America and Europe, to participate in an extensive series of seminars and discussions, with guided tours to places of security significance in Singapore. The title for APPSMO 2018 is "ASEAN Centrality and the Asia Pacific Security Order".

RSIS WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY PUBLIC PANEL AND EXHIBITION, AUGUST 2018

NTS Centre's HADR Programme will mark World Humanitarian Day in August 2018. The programme will convene a public panel discussion to debate challenges in the field, and will concurrently host an exhibition to enable a multi-stakeholder networking session to celebrate those who dedicate their lives to humanitarian work. This annual event will bring together practitioners, policy professionals, the research and scholarly community and the wider public.

GOH KENG SWEE COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE SEMINAR, OCTOBER 2018

IDSS' Military Studies Programme, with the assistance of the SAF-NTU Academy, will conduct the annual Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College Seminar in October 2018. Now into its eighth year, this seminar will assemble academics to present their expert views on topics of relevance to the military officers attending the 2018 Command and Staff Course, as well as interested individuals from Singapore's security community. The speakers will be drawn from the programme's global networks with universities, think tanks and military education institutions.

INDONESIA-SINGAPORE SCENARIO PLANNING WORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 2018

IDSS' Indonesia Programme will partner the S. Rajaratnam Endowment and Temasek Foundation Connects, to hold the "Indonesia-Singapore Young Leaders Scenario Planning Workshop" for next-generation Indonesian and Singaporean leaders drawn from various sectors. To be held in November 2018, the workshop aims to provide capacity-building opportunities for next generation leaders of both countries to envision possible futures for Indonesia, Singapore, Indonesia-Singapore relations, as well as the Southeast Asian region. Aside from capacity-building, the workshop is also a networking forum for next-generation leaders of Indonesia and Singapore.

FURTHER INFORMATION

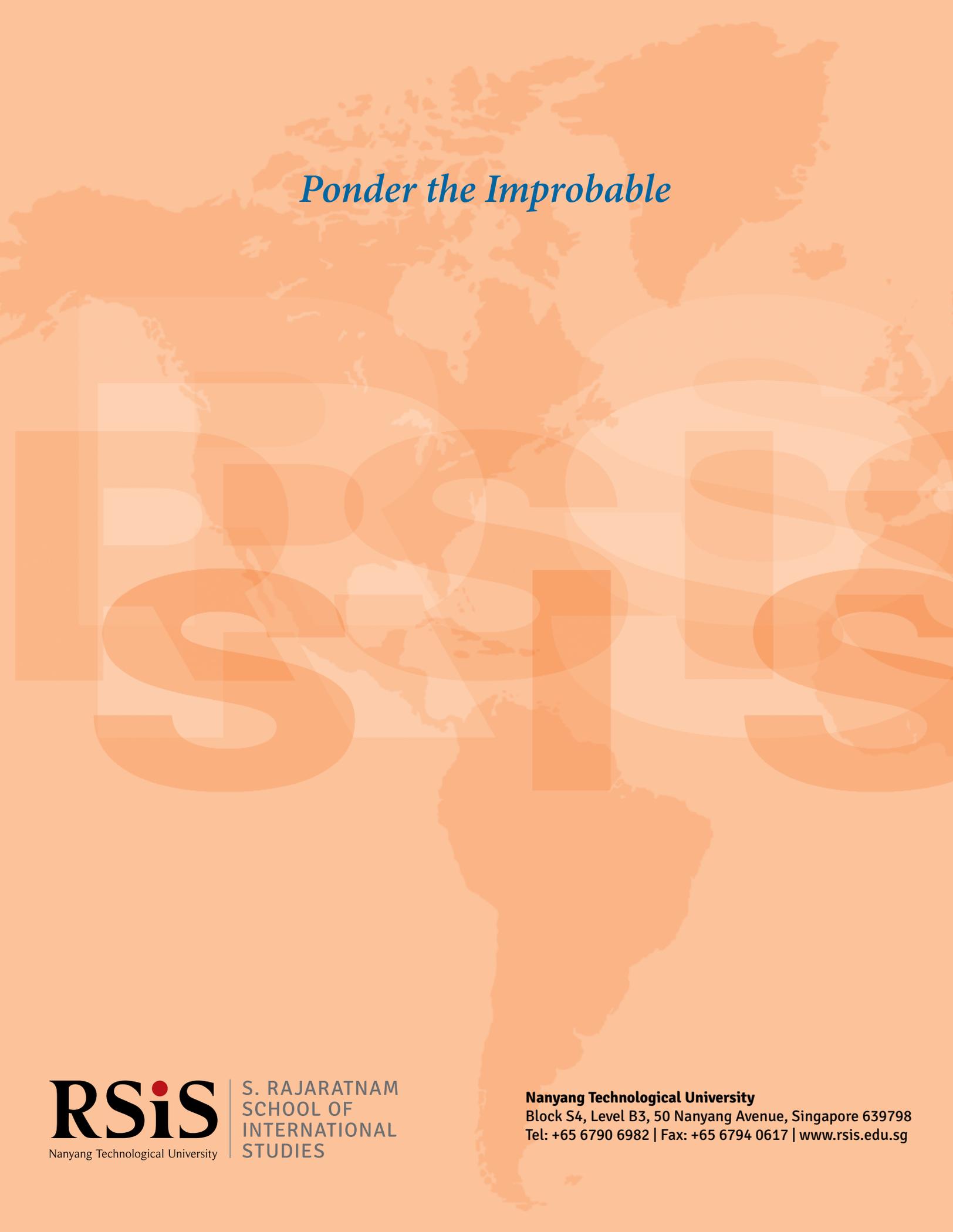
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