

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies
A Review of 2018



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“Ponder the Improbable”

At IDSS, Mr Nathan insisted on research being policy-relevant. He exhorted faculty and research staff to “ponder the improbable”. His international outlook and foreign policy background led to an emphasis on networking, which has contributed to knowledge sharing between RSIS and think tanks from all over the world, and to RSIS’ standing as a critical node in the international network of think tanks and academic institutions dealing with strategic and security studies.

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Executive Deputy Chairman's Message

A man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie, is speaking. He is gesturing with his hands. The background is a light-colored stone wall. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing a quote in white text.

“There is an urgent need to break out of traditional silos to work more together across the board. Innovation is the key to managing the changes around us.”

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) is very honoured to welcome Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam as the new Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors on 1 August 2018. Dr Tan served as the 7th President of the Republic of Singapore. As the then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Dr Tan was instrumental in setting up the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), the forerunner of RSIS, in July 1996. We are grateful to outgoing Chairman Mr Eddie Teo for his 10 fruitful years with us, and wish him a happy retirement.

The security and strategic issues landscape has become increasingly complicated. For example, cyber-attacks have now become sophisticated operations, and the internet is being used to distort information and arouse animosity among different segments of society. Frequent technological advancements have also enabled almost anyone to disrupt law and order. Non-traditional threats to security have grown, affecting the peace, stability, and well-being of peoples and nations.

In keeping with our motto "Ponder the Improbable", RSIS endeavours to make sense of the evolving situation and emerging issues, and assess their impact on policymaking. During the year in review, our scholars prepared papers and gave oral testimonies to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Deliberate Online Falsehoods. Separately, we organised workshops on the subject to share the knowledge and experience of overseas experts. At the same time, more books and essays on different domains have been published by our scholars.

Beyond these, RSIS experts have also participated in public discourses during significant developments such as the historic Trump-Kim summit, and during Singapore's chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). We worked with different parties and broadened the network and relevance of these events both to Singaporean and international audiences. Flagship programmes like the Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO) continue to strengthen the RSIS brand.

As the fight against extremism and its consequences continues, the sharing of best practices on de-radicalisation remains important. RSIS hosted the 2018 Southeast Asia Counter-Terrorism Symposium with that in mind. There is an urgent need to break out of traditional silos to work more together across the board. Innovation is the key to managing the changes around us. I believe RSIS is well placed to do so.

IDSS' number one ranking among think tanks in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, in the University of Pennsylvania's Global Go To Think Tank Index 2017, is an uplifting affirmation of our work here at RSIS. I encourage all staff of RSIS to keep up the good work and continue to think ahead.

Ambassador Ong Keng Yong

*Executive Deputy Chairman, RSIS, and
Director, IDSS*

Dean's Message

It gives me great pleasure to present to you RSIS' Annual Review of 2018, which captures some of our faculty and research staff's accomplishments and hard work.

Student applications in RSIS has increased steadily, as has enrolment. We welcomed 233 members into the class of 2018; members who come to us from the top universities across Asia and beyond.

We also held successful alumni engagement events in Singapore and Indonesia, and I had the pleasure of speaking at an RSIS Alumni Association event earlier this year. It was a delight to see our alumni members remain involved in RSIS activities, and we plan to organise more events for them in the future.

Over the past academic year, we have continued the upward trend of our MSc teaching programmes. This means that we have been making efforts to maintain, if not enhance, their quality. We have been doing this not only by managing enrolments, but also introducing cutting-edge andragogies, as well as a series

of professional workshops that emphasise the practical and policymaking aspects of international affairs.

The past year has also been a fruitful one for our research endeavours. Faculty and research staff have continued to publish prolifically not only through scholarly and academic channels, but also through various policy outlets as well as public opinion pieces. Some of our colleagues have also made valuable policy recommendations to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Deliberate Online Falsehoods.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty and staff of RSIS for their immense contributions over the last year.

I hope you enjoy reading our Review of 2018.

Professor Joseph Chinyong Liow

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A photograph of a man with a shaved head, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt. He is looking slightly to his left and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

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About RSIS

A Brief History of RSIS

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) is a leading think tank and school of graduate education in the field of international relations. Its five Centres and three Programmes, led by the Office of the Executive Deputy Chairman, today drive the School's research, education and networking activities.

Before the inauguration of RSIS in 2007, it was known as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS). By establishing IDSS, then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Dr Tony Tan wanted to inform policymakers of the political uncertainty in the Asia Pacific region arising from the post-Cold War era, and the possible implications of this uncertainty on Singapore's security and defence. The late President S. R. Nathan was selected to head the institute, thanks to his vast experience in confronting geopolitical issues.

The end of the Cold War ushered a phase of strategic uncertainty in the world. A think tank was needed to make sense of the post-war trends that would impact Singapore. Then Deputy Prime Minister Dr Tony Tan tasked the late Mr S. R. Nathan to set up a research institute and graduate school which could provide intellectual support to the Ministry of Defence by studying developments and devising ideas to improve Singapore's security and strategic capabilities.

1999

IDSS held the first Summer Camp for Senior Military Officers in the Asia Pacific. The camp was later renamed the Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO). APPSMO is an opportunity for promising senior military officers in the region to build a network of defence thinkers and planners.

17 AUGUST

Professor Khong Yuen Foong succeeded Mr S. R. Nathan, who left to serve as the President of Singapore.

2000

1 OCTOBER

Prof Khong was succeeded by Ambassador Barry Desker. Prof Khong remained affiliated to RSIS as Senior Research Adviser and Professor of International Relations for another 15 years.

1996

30 JULY

Mr S. R. Nathan became the founding Director of IDSS while the late Dr Andrew Chew was appointed Chairman.



Dr Tony Tan (right), then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence of Singapore, accompanied by Mr S. R. Nathan, then Director of IDSS, at the first Summer Camp for Senior Military Officers in the Asia Pacific.

Setting the Foundations

Mr Nathan set out to build an institution that differed from its local and overseas counterparts. The local think tank scene was still relatively underdeveloped. A handful of thought centres focused mainly on domestic issues, and lacked a dedicated institution that taught courses at graduate level that could generate strategic insights on how to navigate the intricate world where security, defence, and politics intersect. IDSS was intended to overcome these blind spots. Mr Nathan quickly helped IDSS establish its beginnings as a graduate education institution by assisting it to launch its first programme, the Master of Science in Strategic Studies, in 1998.

Mr Nathan created the motto “Ponder the Improbable”. He insisted on research being policy-relevant, and often exhorted faculty and research staff to “ponder the improbable”. Uttered out loud, the statement sounds almost like a profound challenge, perhaps a testament to the demands of cognitive rigor required of the institute’s staff and students in the course of their research or lessons. The motto would, over the decades, serve as a compass for RSIS staff and students.

2006

1 APRIL

IDSS launched the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) to study the Islamist extremist and terrorist threat networks within and outside Singapore.



Mr Peter Ho, then Permanent Secretary (National Security and Intelligence Coordination) in the Prime Minister’s Office, signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Amb Barry Desker, then Dean of RSIS, to launch CENS, as Prof S. Jayakumar, then Coordinating Minister for National Security, and the late Dr Andrew Chew, then Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors, looked on.

2004

20 FEBRUARY

IDSS launched the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), inaugurated by then Minister for Home Affairs Mr Wong Kan Seng.

2007

1 JANUARY

RSIS was officially inaugurated, with IDSS remaining a prominent centre within the School.

CENS organised the first Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO).

Nurturing and Growing the School

IDSS introduced two new masters programmes and Centres between 1999 and 2006: the Master of Science in International Relations and the Master of Science in International Political Economy programmes, as well as the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research and the Centre of Excellence for National Security.

During that period, the region entered a new geopolitical landscape. The September 11 attacks and outbreak of the

severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, had changed the way nations looked at security, defence and politics. Mr Nathan himself felt that the existence of IDSS was timely in the light of these events, as it became imperative to develop a “sophisticated understanding” of the forces at work in the world.

In 2007, RSIS was inaugurated, signifying the maturation of IDSS as a research institute. IDSS remains a prominent research centre within RSIS.

2008

Faculty members began teaching courses at SAFTI Military Institute under the SAF-NTU Strategic Partnership.

Courses conducted at SAFTI's Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College became fully accredited towards NTU's Master of Science programmes.

ICPVTR conducted courses on terrorism for officers from defence and home affairs ministries.

31 MARCH

The School launched the RSIS Endowment Fund, which included provisions for three professorships — the S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies, the NTUC Professorship in International Economic Relations, and the Ngee Ann Kongsi Professorship in International Relations.

6 MAY

RSIS launched the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (NTS Centre) in pursuit of solutions to non-traditional security issues that arose from crises such as the 2003 SARS epidemic and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

2011

The late Mr S. R. Nathan re-joined RSIS as a Distinguished Senior Fellow after stepping down as the 6th President of the Republic of Singapore.

14 OCTOBER

RSIS launched the Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS) to conduct academic and policy research on economic multilateralism and regional economic integration.

2009

JANUARY

Mr Eddie Teo took over as Chairman of RSIS Board of Governors.

2010

RSIS introduced the two-year NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme to widen the choice of masters programmes for students.

The School was named after Mr S. Rajaratnam in recognition of his contributions to Singapore as its first Foreign Minister. Mr Rajaratnam helped Singapore gain entry into the United Nations, and built up the foreign service. Essentially, he paved the way for Singapore's international relations from the country's earliest days of independence.

RSIS has grown in leaps and bounds since its inauguration. It conducts courses in collaboration with the Goh Keng Swee

Command and Staff College of Singapore Armed Forces Training Institute (SAFTI). In 2010, RSIS introduced the two-year NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme. The School's latest programmes — the Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP), as well as the National Security Studies Programme (NSSP) — are poised to take RSIS into the future as a leading research and graduate education institute in the Asia Pacific. RSIS' masters programmes now enrol over 200 students from 66 countries annually.

2014

9 JUNE

The Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme was inaugurated by Dr Tony Tan, then NTU Chancellor and 7th President of the Republic of Singapore.

3 NOVEMBER

Amb Barry Desker handed over leadership of RSIS to Amb Ong Keng Yong as the Executive Deputy Chairman under a new management structure. Prof Joseph Liow became the Dean of RSIS.



Executive Deputy Chairman of RSIS Amb Ong Keng Yong (centre) signing MoUs with six research and academic institutions at the 3rd SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium, 2 February 2017.

2017

1 SEPTEMBER

RSIS launched Future Issues and Technology (FIT).

1 OCTOBER

With the growing move towards artificial intelligence and technology, RSIS launched the STSP.

2016

The NSSP, led by Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna as its head, was inaugurated in April.

2018

1 AUGUST

Dr Tony Tan took over chairmanship of the Board of Governors from Mr Eddie Teo.

Research Centres and Programmes

RSIS comprises five Research Centres and three Research Programmes.

1 INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES (IDSS)

IDSS is a prominent Centre in RSIS. It focuses on security research to serve national needs. Its mission is to conduct analytically rigorous, cutting-edge research on defence and security-related issues and developments affecting the Asia Pacific region in the service of the nation and the global research community.

IDSS was ranked the top think tank for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, in the University of Pennsylvania's 2017 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report.

2 INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM RESEARCH (ICPVTR)

This Centre produces research and analyses, threat assessments, and policy reports on developments in terrorism in countries and regions around the world.

Set up on 20 February 2004, its mission is to conduct research, training, and outreach programmes aimed at reducing the threat of politically motivated violence and mitigating the effects of this threat on the international system.

A leading Centre for counter-terrorism and rehabilitation, the Centre also provides training for officials engaged in combating terrorism and other forms of political violence. It also advises governments and informs societies affected by such violence on how best to manage the terrorism threat.

3 CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY (CENS)

This Centre, set up on 1 April 2006, is devoted to its mission of producing rigorous policy-relevant analyses of a range of national security issues and increasing the intellectual capital invested in strategising national security.

CENS works closely with other RSIS research programmes and with national security agencies such as the National Security Coordination Secretariat in the Prime Minister's Office.

4 CENTRE FOR NON-TRADITIONAL SECURITY STUDIES (NTS CENTRE)

NTS Centre conducts empirically-grounded research to produce policy-relevant analyses aimed at increasing awareness of NTS issues and building capacity to address these issues in the Asia Pacific and beyond. These issues are challenges to the survival and well-being of peoples and states.

Set up on 6 May 2008, NTS Centre's mission is to conduct rigorous research aimed at advancing the study of NTS issues, providing a platform for scholars and policymakers in Asia and beyond to guide NTS policies, and engaging the academic and policy communities to craft informed approaches to NTS challenges.

5 CENTRE FOR MULTILATERALISM STUDIES (CMS)

The remit of CMS is to conduct academic and policy research on economic multilateralism and regional economic integration, educate government officials on those same concerns, and contribute substantively to the international policy debate on the evolving regional architecture of East Asia and the Asia Pacific. Launched on 14 October 2011, its mission is to conduct scholarly and policy research, facilitate policy dialogue and academic debate, and engage in capacity-building on and in multilateral cooperation and regional governance and integration in the Asia Pacific.

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

1

Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme

Launched on 9 June 2014, the SRP Programme aims to study various models of how communities adapt their religious life and evolve their religious doctrines to cope with the realities of living in plural societies. Its mission is to develop expertise in the study of inter-religious relations in plural societies, including their effective conflict resolution mechanisms; study models that promote peace and strengthen social ties; and enrich the academic and applied knowledge of inter-religious relations with an Asian perspective.

2

National Security Studies Programme (NSSP)

This programme aims to foster and enhance intellectual capital pertaining to the milestone episodes in Singapore's security history and nation-building challenges. Launched in April 2016, NSSP represents the latest research collaboration between RSIS and the National Security Coordination Secretariat in the Prime Minister's Office, Singapore. The mission of NSSP is to study the "Singapore model" of national security in depth, to discern the ways in which the country addresses diverse national security challenges, with a view to generating insights pertinent for small, globalised, multi-ethnic city-states.

3

Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP)

STSP looks into emerging science and technology trends and their impact on national security and public policymaking. With support from the Office of the Chief Science and Technology Officer in the Ministry of Home Affairs, STSP is focused on unpacking the latest science and technology issues to help strengthen the state's capacity to respond to them. Launched on 1 October 2017, the mission of STSP is to conduct rigorous academic research on emerging science and technology trends, to publish in high impact journals, and to facilitate knowledge-sharing on relevant science and technology issues.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The Office of the Executive Deputy Chairman in RSIS houses the Policy Studies group. This team helps Executive Deputy Chairman Amb Ong Keng Yong to identify and incubate new policy-relevant research programmes.

FIT was launched on 1 September 2017. Also under the purview of the Office of the Executive Deputy Chairman, the FIT group works with relevant RSIS Centres, Programmes and researchers to better identify emerging issues and technology that have strategic impact on policy, as well as potential disruptive national security implications.

Board of Governors

The Board of Governors sets academic and policy research objectives for the School, providing strategic directions for RSIS, instituting new programmes, reviewing ongoing activities, and approving its plans and budgets. The board consists of Singaporean and international members.

Former President of the Republic of Singapore, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, took over as Chairman of the Board from Mr Eddie Teo on 1 August 2018.



Mr Eddie Teo

Chairman

(January 2009–July 2018)

Chairman, Public Service Commission (August 2008–July 2018), and Member, Council of Presidential Advisers (from 15 August 2018)



Dr Tony Tan

Chairman

(From August 2018)

Special Adviser, GIC, and Honorary Patron and Distinguished Senior Fellow, SMU



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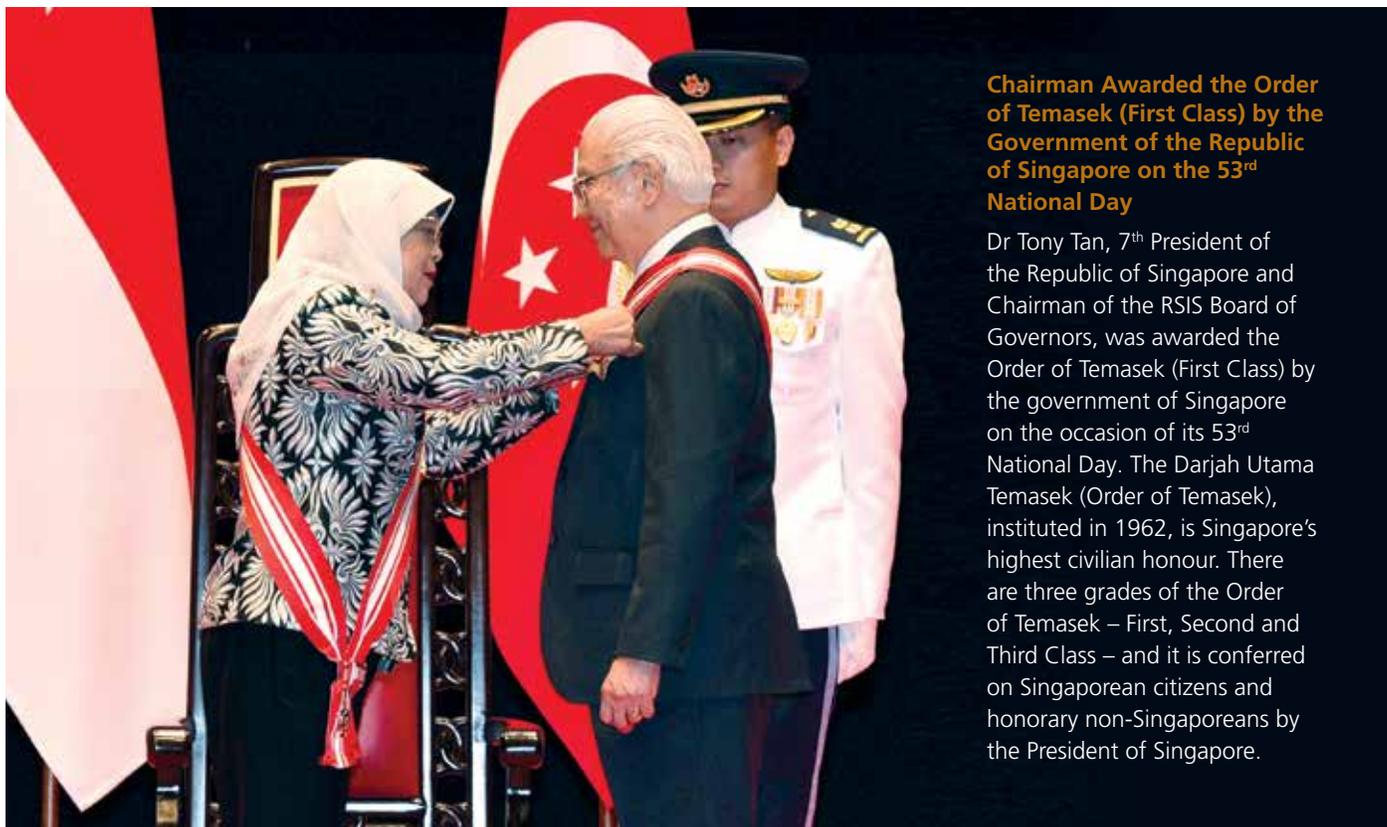
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Honours and Awards



Chairman Awarded the Order of Temasek (First Class) by the Government of the Republic of Singapore on the 53rd National Day

Dr Tony Tan, 7th President of the Republic of Singapore and Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors, was awarded the Order of Temasek (First Class) by the government of Singapore on the occasion of its 53rd National Day. The Darjah Utama Temasek (Order of Temasek), instituted in 1962, is Singapore's highest civilian honour. There are three grades of the Order of Temasek – First, Second and Third Class – and it is conferred on Singaporean citizens and honorary non-Singaporeans by the President of Singapore.

President Halimah Yacob presenting the Order of Temasek (First Class) to Dr Tony Tan during the National Day Awards Investiture on 29 October 2018

Chairman Awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters by NTU Singapore

As Singapore's former Education Minister, Dr Tony Tan championed the development of higher education, which included the setting up of NTU Singapore. To recognise his contributions as a visionary architect of Singapore's education landscape, NTU Singapore conferred on Dr Tan an honorary doctorate degree, the university's highest honour, on 24 July 2018.



Courtesy of NTU Singapore

President Halimah Yacob presenting the honorary degree to Dr Tony Tan during the NTU convocation ceremony on 24 July 2018



Assoc Prof Farish A. Noor

Appointment to the Management Board of the Middle East Institute

Assoc Prof Farish A. Noor was appointed to the Management Board of the Middle East Institute (MEI) in the National University of Singapore in September 2017. Over the year, he and other members of MEI Board helped to manage the work of MEI, directing the focus of its research towards Singapore and Southeast Asia. The appointment is for a period of one year, from September 2017 to September 2018. MEI has extended the appointment for an additional year.



Assoc Prof Pradumna B. Rana

A Study to Analyse Economic and Strategic Impacts of the Belt and Road Initiative

Assoc Prof Pradumna B. Rana, Coordinator of CMS' International Political Economy Programme, and Assoc Prof Chia Wai Mun at NTU Singapore's School of Social Sciences, were awarded a Ministry of Education Academic Research Fund Tier 1 grant of \$76,792 for an 18-month study of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The study will quantify the economic benefits of the economic corridors and strengthened connectivity brought about by BRI, using a Computational General Equilibrium model. A perception survey of Asian opinion leaders on the BRI, focusing on the non-economic dimensions of the BRI, will also be conducted. The study will enable researchers to offer both evidence-based and perception-based recommendations.

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. Prof Tan graduated with a PhD from the ASU Department of Political Science, the precursor to the SPGS, in 1999. As ASU Distinguished Alum, Prof Tan gave a number of public talks at ASU and met with SPGS faculty and students.



Prof Tan See Seng



Asst Prof Anit Mukherjee (left) presented the award by Prof Joseph Liow, Dean of RSIS

Award for Teaching Excellence

The RSIS Teaching Award for Academic Year 2017/2018 was won by Asst Prof Anit Mukherjee of IDSS' South Asia Programme. He was presented with the award by Dean Joseph Liow at the RSIS Alumni Dinner on 3 August. This award recognises teaching excellence and outstanding contributions to the enhancement of teaching and learning at RSIS.

Award for Culture and Recognition of Traditional Arts Maestro

Dr Leo Suryadinata, Adjunct Professor (February to May 2018) at RSIS, received the Award for Culture and Recognition of Traditional Arts Maestro at a ceremony in Jakarta on 26 September. He is the first Singaporean to receive an award from the Indonesian government, and was honoured for his cultural contributions and efforts to deepen understanding of the country. Dr Leo's work in introducing the history and development of the country's ethnic Chinese was a show of his dedication and service in the field, said Indonesia's Ministry of Education and Culture.



Dr Leo Suryadinata

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Highlights of the Year

Key Events in 2018

During the year, RSIS staff continued to research into their respective areas of expertise, and shared their findings and insights through RSIS publications and external publications. Topical issues such as the Indo-Pacific concept and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, geopolitics, security, online falsehoods, and disinformation were particularly popular. RSIS scholars also published peer-reviewed books on their areas of research.

Flagship RSIS programmes were among the event highlights of the year. The Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO) observed its 20th edition while the Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO) had its 12th run.

RSIS continues to serve key roles in security within the region, acting as Secretariat for both the Singapore National Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP Singapore) and the Track II Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI). These roles allow RSIS to actively contribute to discussions on regional security, support the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) with relevant inputs and timely ahead-of-the-curve policy recommendations, and build the confidence of ASEAN think tanks and research institutions.

RSIS also acts as the Secretariat of the Consortium of Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Studies in Asia. A network of 31 institutions and think tanks across Asia, NTS-Asia is a platform for academic and policy exchange on developments on NTS

RSIS PUBLIC LECTURES

RSIS visiting scholars and other eminent speakers gave Public Lectures during the year. Among them were Ms Federica Mogherini, the European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission; RSIS Board of Governors members Prof Michael E. Brown, Prof Bates Gill, and Prof Vali Nasr; NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations Linda Lim; Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations Evelyn Goh; Prof Richard Silbergliitt from RAND Corporation; Lieutenant-General (Ret) Agus

Widjojo, Governor, National Resilience Institute (Lemhannas) of Indonesia; Prof Wu Xinbo from Fudan University; and Prof Christopher A. Kojm from George Washington University. They spoke on a range of topical issues covering ASEAN-EU relations, trade tariffs, global power balance and developments in the region, as well as dealing with disinformation campaigns and global and regional trends in national security.

[More information on RSIS Public Lectures is in Annex C.](#)



(From left) Prof Michael E. Brown, Amb Ong Keng Yong, Prof Bates Gill, and Prof Vali Nasr at the RSIS Distinguished Public Dialogue on 11 January 2018

issues and research across the Asian region. The Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies staffs the secretariat. In 2018, it held its annual conference on “Resilience in the Face of Disruptions”, bringing together 50 participants from member institutions of the consortium to deliberate on disruptive implications relating to NTS issues in the region.

2018 is the year that Singapore took on chairmanship of ASEAN. This led RSIS to work closely with other organisations on ASEAN-related forums and seminars, such as the ASEAN Leadership Forum (ALF) and the ASEAN Media Forum (AMF).

When the Parliamentary Select Committee on Deliberate Online Falsehoods — Causes, Consequences and Countermeasures

held its hearings in March 2018, RSIS experts gave oral evidence for their written representations to the committee. Among them were Asst Prof Michael Raska, Coordinator of the Military Transformations Programme of IDSS; Dr Shashi Jayakumar, head of the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), and his team consisting Research Fellow Dr Gulizar Hacıyakupoglu, Associate Research Fellow Jennifer Yang Hui, Senior Fellow Benjamin Ang (who is also Coordinator of Cyber and Homeland Defence Programme), Senior Fellow and Deputy Head of CENS Dr Norman Vasu, and Research Fellow and Coordinator of the National Security Studies Programme (NSSP) Dr Damien Cheong. CENS also produced two policy reports on this topic titled “Fake News: National Security in the Post-Truth Era” and “Countering Fake News: A Survey of Recent Global Initiatives” in 2018.

ASEAN-RELATED FORUMS

In support of Singapore’s chairmanship of ASEAN, RSIS partnered the ASEAN Secretariat and the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) to organise the 15th ASEAN Leadership Forum and the 2nd ASEAN Media Forum respectively. ALF is an annual forum held around ASEAN’s April Summit meeting. The 2018 ALF in Singapore was organised by ASLI, RSIS, the ASEAN Business Advisory Council, and Social Innovation Park. Focused on the theme “Future Proof ASEAN: Strengthening Resilience, Promoting Innovation & Moving Forward the Digital Space”, the ALF brought together government, business, academia, think tank and civil society leaders to discuss future challenges and ways ASEAN could advance using the 4C’s — community, charter, connectivity, and centrality.

The AMF, held on 4 May, brought together senior media representatives of ASEAN media organisations, as well as bloggers, for a discussion on topical issues affecting the region. The forum was jointly organised by the ASEAN Secretariat, RSIS, and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). AMF participants attended a dialogue by Singapore’s Ambassador-at-Large Prof Tommy Koh, and Prof Kishore Mahbubani, on “Can ASEAN survive the US-China confrontation?”, and another by Indonesia’s former Foreign Minister Dr Marty Natalegawa on “Relevance of ASEAN in the next 50 years”.

Guest-of-Honour Mr Tan Chuan-Jin, Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore, officiated the opening of AMF and also delivered a speech during the opening ceremony.



(From left) Prof Kishore Mahbubani, Prof Tommy Koh, and RSIS Senior Fellow Han Fook Kwang, at the 2nd AMF on 4 May 2018



(From left) Dr Marty Natalegawa and Mr Pichai Chuensuksawadi, moderator of the dialogue, at the 2nd AMF on 4 May 2018

Key Events in 2018

11TH TERRORISM ANALYST TRAINING COURSE

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR) organised a two-week training course on counter-terrorism research, analyses, and practices from 29 January to 9 February 2018 for analysts, scholars and practitioners. Approximately 60 participants attended the 11th Terrorism Analyst Training Course. International speakers included Secretary Delfin Lorenzana of the Department of National Defense, the Philippines, who gave a Distinguished Lecture on “Lessons Learned from the Liberation of Marawi”. Other distinguished speakers included General Ryamizard Ryacudu, Minister of Defence in Indonesia, and Dato’ Ayob Khan, Chief of Counter-Terrorism Malaysia.

COUNTERING THE ISIS THREAT TO MULTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

The National Security Studies Programme (NSSP) organised a half-day workshop on “Countering the ISIS Threat to Multicultural Societies” on 5 February. During the by-invitation workshop, four experts spoke on how multicultural societies could work towards countering the threat of violent extremism.



(From left) Dr Bilveer Singh, Adjunct Senior Fellow at CENS; Mr Nafees Hamid, Research Fellow at ARTIS International; Dr David Cook, Assoc Prof of Religion at Rice University; Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna, Head of Policy Studies and Coordinator of NSSP; and Brigadier General (Ret) Russell Howard, President of Howard’s Consulting Services, at the workshop on 5 February 2018



NTS-ASIA CONSORTIUM CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETING

NTS Centre convened the annual conference of the NTS-Asia Consortium in Singapore from 27 to 28 March to discuss the theme “Resilience in the Face of Disruptions”. A network of research institutes and think tanks that work on NTS issues with the Centre’s 31 member institutions, the consortium is an enabling platform for exchange on the latest developments and research findings in NTS studies. The consortium brought together close to 50 participants comprising member institutions and non-member partners.

Prof Mely Caballero-Anthony, Head of NTS Centre, at the NTS-Asia Consortium Annual Conference, 27–28 March 2018

12TH ASIA-PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS (APPSNO)



Speakers and participants with Mrs Josephine Teo (first row, middle), Minister for Manpower, and Second Minister for Home Affairs, Singapore, at the 12th APPSNO, 7–11 May 2018

The 12th APPSNO, held from 7 to 11 May, focused on the theme of “Boundaries of National Security”. Organised by CENS, with support from the National Security Coordination Secretariat (NSCS) in the Prime Minister’s Office, the programme brought together more than 80 participants from 25 countries for intensive discussions and networking. Speakers from countries including Japan, Switzerland, Turkey, and South Korea shared their expertise and experience. At the Alumni Distinguished Dinner Lecture, Mr Michael Shoebridge, Director of Defence and Strategy at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, offered a practitioner’s perspective on new challenges posed by the security landscape.

“ If we define national security too narrowly, we risk responding sub-optimally — able to deal with the symptoms but unable to tackle the underlying causes. Increasingly, security agencies must think beyond traditional boundaries and partner others to identify and tackle security challenges. ”

MRS JOSEPHINE TEO, Minister for Manpower, and Second Minister for Home Affairs, Singapore, at APPSNO 2018

Key Events in 2018

REGIONAL MARITIME SECURITY OUTLOOK 2018

The RSIS Conference on “Regional Maritime Security Outlook 2018” brought together naval practitioners, analysts, and academics to discuss future maritime security challenges facing Southeast Asia. It covered trends in the broader maritime environment and the evolving maritime strategies of regional stakeholders, as well as submarine operations and safety. Organised by the Maritime Security Programme of IDSS, the conference was held from 31 January to 1 February.

CONSULTATION ON A RULES-BASED ASEAN: PROCESS OF FORGING LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

While the 2017 edition of the consultation was initiated to introduce a practical reporting system on the implementation of ASEAN legal instruments to the ASEAN leaders, the 2018 consultation was held to examine the process of initiating, negotiating, and forging ASEAN legal instruments, consider the effect of such a process on the effectiveness and efficiency of the legal instruments, and identify possible mechanisms to monitor the implementation of the instruments at the national level. The 2018 consultation brought together participants from ASEAN member states. The ASEAN Secretariat organised it in collaboration with the ASEAN-US Partnership for Good Governance, Equitable and Sustainable Development and Security (PROGRESS), GIZ, and CMS.

9TH RSIS-WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION (WTO) PARLIAMENTARIAN WORKSHOP

Regional legislators met for the 9th RSIS-WTO Parliamentarian Workshop from 7 to 9 May. Organised by CMS and co-sponsored by the WTO Secretariat and Temasek Foundation International, the workshop was held to increase the capacity of regional legislators to engage in international trade issues, which included gaining a deeper understanding of the WTO and current and future negotiating issues in international trade. A total of 48 parliamentarians from the Asia Pacific region and Central Asia participated in the workshop.



Mr Tan Chuan-Jin (left), Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore, with participants at the 9th RSIS-WTO Parliamentarian Workshop, 7-9 May 2018

CENS WORKSHOP ON UNDERSTANDING AND COUNTERING DISINFORMATION, ONLINE FALSEHOODS AND FAKE NEWS

CENS held the workshop from 24 to 25 July to enhance the understanding of disinformation and online falsehoods from a multi-disciplinary perspective, discover how states and organisations around the world are coping, and explore existing and new methods to counter the challenges faced. Leading experts from academia, non-governmental, and international organisations shared their thoughts, solutions, and experiences.

TRACK II NETWORK OF ASEAN DEFENCE AND SECURITY INSTITUTIONS — 11TH ANNUAL MEETING AND WORKSHOP

RSIS hosted the NADI 11th Annual Meeting from 2 to 5 April 2018. Keynote speaker Mr Keith Tan, then Deputy Secretary (Policy) of Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), Singapore, identified emerging issues that would have implications on ASEAN. There was also a meeting and exchange of views with Colonel (COL) Aaron Beng, the leader of the ASEAN Defence Senior Officials' Meeting Working Group, and Director of the Defence Policy Office in MINDEF. The following recommendations were made at the meeting:

- i) ASEAN member states enhance cooperation with each other and maintain ASEAN unity and centrality;
- ii) ADMM concretises more capacity-building programmes and helps strengthen inter-agency cooperation in NTS issues; and
- iii) ADMM could direct more policy attention and strategic discussions on the impact and possible solutions to such challenges.

RSIS also hosted a workshop on "Counter-Terrorism, Counter-Radicalisation and Cybersecurity" from 25 to 29 June 2018. Keynote speakers like Prof Rohan Gunaratna, Head of ICPVTR, highlighted the continuing challenges and threats posed by terrorism in the region. Amb Mohammad Alami Musa, Head

of the SRP programme, stressed the importance of tackling fundamentalism when countering radicalisation. Dr Mohamed bin Ali, Asst Prof of the SRP Programme, emphasised the rehabilitation efforts in countering radicalisation. Ms Gwenda Fong, Director of the Strategy Division in the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, and COL Teoh Chun Ping, Director (Policy) of MINDEF's Defence Cyber Organisation, highlighted their organisations' roles and efforts in maintaining cybersecurity.

After NADI delegates' active and substantive discussions, the workshop recommended a Track 1.5 meeting with the participation of related government agencies, private sectors, and academic institutions with the appropriate expertise. Other recommendations included:

- i) ADMM-Plus to hold workshops and seminars to enhance capacity-building, human resource development, and information sharing through relevant Experts' Working Groups;
- ii) Each ASEAN member state to strengthen its national strategy to handle these challenges and establish a national coordinating centre where necessary; and
- iii) ASEAN member states to hold meetings to develop counter-narratives against extremist propaganda.



The NADI Workshop on "Counter-Terrorism, Counter-Radicalisation and Cybersecurity", 25–29 June 2018

Key Events in 2018

20TH ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS



Speakers and participants at a dinner during the 20th APPSMO, 5-11 August 2018

On its 20th year, APPSMO focused on the theme “ASEAN and the Asia Pacific Security Order”. Held from 5 to 11 August, 50 military officers from over 20 countries in Asia, North America, and Europe, participated in the programme. Organised by the Military Studies Programme of IDSS, participants attended panel discussions on issues such as the challenges and trends in regional security, the shifting geopolitical landscape and its implications for the Asia Pacific security order, the future of war and strategy, terrorism and its impact on Southeast Asia, cyber and information threats, and the building of regional defence cooperation. The programme included a Distinguished Lecture by Mr Bilahari Kausikan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Middle East Institute in the National University of Singapore, on “ASEAN’s Role in the Changing Asia Pacific Security Order”.

“ In 1999, when I addressed the APPSMO attendees, the Asia Pacific region was slowly recovering from the ‘shock’ of the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis. I stated at that time that ‘the security and prosperity of countries in the Asia Pacific are inextricably linked, and that in an inter-dependent world, countries in the region have to work hand in hand to enhance our common security.’ That reality holds true today. ”

DR TONY TAN, former President of Singapore and Chairman of the RSIS Board of Governors, at the opening dinner of APPSMO 2018

4TH ASEAN STRATEGIC POLICY DIALOGUE ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT

The NTS Centre co-organised the 4th ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management (SPDDM) from 16 to 17 August 2018. SPDDM is an annual event held around the World Humanitarian Day, bringing together the ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management, as well as experts, academics, and practitioners. SPDDM 2018 formalised the role of the NTS Centre's Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Programme as a knowledge partner.

CENS WORKSHOP ON COUNTERING EXTREMISM: NOW WHAT?

Experts from academia, the government, and non-governmental organisations shared their expertise and insights on the current approaches to countering extremism at the CENS workshop on Countering Extremism held from 10 to 11 September 2018. Topics discussed ranged from the understanding of radicalisation from a multi-disciplinary perspective, the various strategies in which countries are confronting extremism, and exploring new methods to counter extremism.

4TH SRP DISTINGUISHED LECTURE AND SYMPOSIUM

RSIS' SRP Programme conducted the 4th SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium on 22 September 2018. More than 400 people attended the "Dialogue in Asia and the West: Inter-Religious Relations in a World of Conflict and Violence". Prof Alwi Shihab, the Indonesian President's Special Envoy to the Middle East and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, delivered the lecture titled "Establishing Positive Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies through Dialogue". This was followed by two keynote lectures by Prof Gavin Flood, Professor of Hindu Studies and Comparative Religion, Oxford University; and Prof Lai Pan-Chiu, Dean of Arts Faculty, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. They spoke on Western and Chinese perspectives respectively on dialogue in a world of conflict and violence. These were followed by a roundtable discussion and a symposium. The roundtable discussion that saw participation by all the three scholars was moderated by Amb Barry Desker, Distinguished Fellow of RSIS. The other speakers for the symposium were Dr Lee Foong Ming of the Buddhist College of Singapore; Dr Muhammad Hannan Hassan of the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore; Assoc Prof Rajesh Rai of the National University of Singapore; and Mr Gerald Kong of the Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue.



(From left) Prof Gavin Flood, Prof Alwi Shihab, Amb Barry Desker, and Prof Lai Pan-Chiu, at the SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium, 22 September 2018

Key Events in 2018

THE 2018 SOUTHEAST ASIA COUNTER-TERRORISM SYMPOSIUM: A COLLECTIVE APPROACH



(From left) Mr Allan Phua, Ms Luejit Tinpanga, COL Anoudeth Khounkham, Dato' Ayob Khan Mydin Pitchay, and Prof Joseph Liow at the symposium on 5 October 2018

The symposium, held from 4 to 5 October, was held to foster regional cooperation in tackling the transnational threat of terrorism. Organised by RSIS with support from the Ministries of Culture, Community and Youth; Defence; Foreign Affairs; Home Affairs; and the National Security Coordination Secretariat, the symposium brought together senior government officials from ASEAN, as well as representatives from academia and the private sector to discuss counter-terrorism cooperation in the region. Indonesia Minister for Defence General (Ret) Ryamizard Ryacudu delivered the opening address, followed by keynote speeches from Malaysia Deputy Minister for Defence Liew Chin Tong, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Political-Security Community Hoang Anh Tuan and Philippines Undersecretary for National Defense Cardozo Luna.

“ It is important for sharing of best practices when it comes to deradicalisation or disengagement from extremism to take place, with countries learning and adapting as the needs of their own local context dictate. This is why Track 1.5 mechanisms like the present symposium matter. ”

AMB ONG KENG YONG at the opening of the symposium on 4 October 2018

RSIS STUDY VISITS

Amb Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman of RSIS, led a delegation to Berlin and Munich from 23 to 25 May. During the visit, the delegation participated in a conference on “Singapore-Germany Mastering Innovation and Resilience in the Digital Age”. RSIS and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung co-organised the conference, which was supported by the Singapore Embassy in Berlin. The delegation also held discussions and explored partnership opportunities with think tanks and practitioners in Berlin and Munich, including the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Korber Foundation, Center for Applied and Policy Research, and Hans Seidel Stiftung.

Associate Dean Prof Ralf Emmers led another RSIS delegation to the annual RSIS-China Think Tanks

Exchange from 6 to 7 September. Held in Beijing, the Exchange is part of the efforts of the China Programme of IDSS to encourage more dialogue between researchers in Singapore and China, as well as explore further opportunities for cooperation with Chinese think tanks and scholars. The RSIS delegation participated in the 3rd China-Singapore Think Tank Forum, a closed-door dialogue jointly organised by RSIS and the PanGoal Institute. The delegation also held fruitful roundtable discussions on Asia Pacific security, great power relations, and regional political economy with three leading Chinese state-affiliated think tanks — the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, the China Institute of International Studies, and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.



Mr Benjamin Ang (left), Senior Fellow and Coordinator of the Cyber and Homeland Defence Programme at CENS, speaking at the conference on “Singapore-Germany Mastering Innovation and Resilience in the Digital Age”, during the visit to Berlin and Munich, 23–25 May 2018

BOOK LAUNCHES

RSIS scholars published books on their research during the year. Details of the books published are in Annex A and B.

One of the books published was that by Asst Prof Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman. He introduced his book *Hizbut Tahrir (HT) and Political Islam in Indonesia: Identity, Ideology and Religio-Political Mobilization* at the book launch on 27 July. The result of his fieldwork research during the period 2009–2015,

Dr Nawab explored in his book the key factors that led to HTI’s growth and increasing religio-political influence in Indonesia.

Dr James M. Dorsey launched his book *China and the Middle East: Venturing into the Maelstrom* on 20 September 2018. The book is an analysis of China’s economic and security interests in the Middle East and South Asia.

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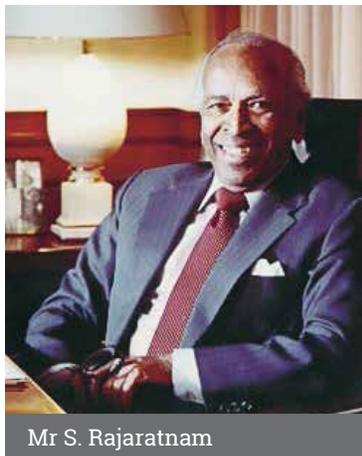
Endowments & Endowed Professorships

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. The target was met, and the RSIS Endowment Fund was launched on 31 March 2008. Funds from this endowment are used to engage world-class faculty and research staff to the School and award scholarships to talented students. It provides students with a wider choice of courses, higher levels of excellence in teaching, and increased research support.

S. RAJARATNAM PROFESSORSHIP IN STRATEGIC STUDIES

The S. Rajaratnam Professorship in Strategic Studies at RSIS was established in honour of Mr S. Rajaratnam's distinguished services to the nation. Inaugurated on 31 August 1998, the professorship brings on board distinguished scholars in strategic studies and related fields to participate in teaching and research activities at the School. This enables RSIS to increase its international network as well as benefit from the knowledge, experience, and wisdom of eminent scholars appointed to the chair.

Mr S. 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, 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.



Mr S. Rajaratnam

The professorship is made possible by the \$2.6 million fund (excluding a matching grant from the Singapore government) raised by the Fund Raising committee. The committee was chaired by Mr S. Chandra Das, former Member of Parliament for Cheng San Group Representative Constituency (1980–1996). Income generated from the invested funds helps maintain the professorship.



The scholar appointed to the prestigious S. Rajaratnam Chair in 2018 was Amb Su Ge, Co-Chair, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC); and Chairman, China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNCPEC), from 22 September to 8 October 2018.

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.

The scholar who held this prestigious NTUC Chair in 2018 was Prof Linda Lim, Professor Emerita of Corporate Strategy and International Business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, from 14 March to 7 April 2018.

RSIS has sponsors who have contributed grants to support the activities of the School over the years. They include the following:

- Singapore Totalisator Board
- MacArthur Foundation
- Temasek Foundation
- Mr Peter Lim
- Ngee Ann Kongsi
- Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited
- International Development Research Centre
- National Trades Union Congress
- Lee Foundation
- Dr Lee Seng Tee
- Ford Foundation
- Singapore Technologies Engineering Ltd
- Brenthurst Foundation
- Singapore Press Holdings Foundation
- Sasakawa Peace Foundation
- Ancora Foundation

Other major sources of funding include the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the National Security Coordination Secretariat, which utilise RSIS' research services.

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 from various fields to teach and conduct research at the School, besides sharing their knowledge with the wider community through public lectures and seminars.

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 bring renowned scholars in international relations to teach and research at RSIS.

Ngee Ann Kongsi has a long history of promoting education in Singapore and the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, 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 NTU. 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 2018 was Prof Evelyn Goh, Shedden Professor of Strategic Policy Studies, and Director of Research, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University, from 31 July to 27 August 2018.

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 enables the SRP Programme to appoint

a professor who can lead the programme in researching and teaching peace studies.

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



S. T. LEE DISTINGUISHED ANNUAL LECTURE

RSIS also holds the S. T. Lee Distinguished Annual Lecture, where renowned scholars and policymakers are invited to speak to a Singapore-wide audience on key strategic issues of our time.

Established in 2007, the S. T. Lee Distinguished Annual Lecture series is funded by an endowment established from a generous personal donation by Dr Lee Seng Tee, a well-known Singapore philanthropist, and with a matching grant from the Singapore government. Dr Lee is a well-known benefactor of educational establishments both local and overseas, including NTU Singapore.

Prof Brahma Chellaney, Professor of Strategic Studies, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, spoke at the 2018 lecture held on 30 October 2018.



Visiting Scholars

Professor Dewi Fortuna Anwar

Deputy Secretary for Political Affairs to the Vice-President of Indonesia

Research Professor, Centre for Politics, Indonesian Institute of Sciences

Distinguished Visiting Professor, RSIS

2 August 2017–31 July 2018

Mr Richard Allan Bitzinger

Visiting Senior Fellow, Military Transformations Programme

1 March 2018–28 February 2019

Mr Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy

Visiting Fellow, RSIS

15 May 2018–14 May 2019

Professor Brahma Chellaney

Professor of Strategic Studies, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi

28–31 October 2018

Professor Gavin Flood

Yap Kim Hao Visiting Professor, Yale-NUS College

Visiting Professor, Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme

23 July 2018–30 November 2019

Professor Evelyn Goh

Shedden Professor of Strategic Policy Studies, and Director of Research, Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University

Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, RSIS
31 July–24 August 2018

Dr He Kai

Visiting Senior Fellow, China Programme

1–31 January 2018

Professor Christopher Ian Hall

Professor, School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University

Visiting Senior Fellow, South Asia Programme

22 October–7 December 2018

Dr Syafiq Hasyim

Visiting Fellow, Indonesia Programme

24 July 2018–23 July 2019

Dr Noeleen Heyzer

Former Under-Secretary-General, United Nations

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS

1 March 2016–28 February 2019

Dr Ronald Huisken

Adjunct Associate Professor, Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University

Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS

3–28 July 2018

Dr Catherine Michele Jones

Visiting Fellow, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Programme

16 July–4 August 2018

Dr Kashin Vasili

Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Far Eastern Studies

Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Visiting Fellow, Military Transformations Programme

8 January–18 February 2018

Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Silvestre Lawrence

Fellow, US Army War College

Visiting Fellow, RSIS

24 July 2017–30 June 2018

Professor Linda Lim

Professor Emerita of Corporate Strategy and International Business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan

NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, RSIS

12–31 March 2018

Mr Peter Lim Heng Loong

Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS

1 February 2018–31 January 2019

Professor Long Xingchun

Visiting Senior Fellow, China Programme

5 November 2018–30 January 2019

Ms Vijayalakshmi Menon

Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
8 November 2017–30 November 2019

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,
5 November 2018–13 February 2019

Mr Victor Roger Savage

Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
7 February 2017–28 February 2019

Mr Koji Sekimizu

*Former Secretary-General, International Maritime
Organization*
RSIS-MPA Distinguished Visiting Fellow
1 May 2016–30 April 2020

Ambassador Su Ge

*Co-Chair, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) and
Chairman, China National Committee for Pacific Economic
Cooperation (CNCPEC)*
S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, RSIS
24 September–5 October 2018

Mr Pisupati Sadasiva Suryanarayana

Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
1 June 2018–31 May 2019

Mr Lior Tabansky

Visiting Fellow, CENS
11 July–15 August 2018

Professor Thazhakzhyl Varkey Paul

Visiting Professor, RSIS
26 February–31 December 2018

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 2018

Dr Kikuchi Tomoo

Visiting Senior Fellow, Centre for Multilateralism Studies
22 January 2018–21 July 2019

Professor Özlem Tür

*Chair of Department of International Relations at Middle East
Technical University, Turkey*
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
21 May–8 June 2018

Dr Cung Vu

Associate Director, Office of Naval Research Global
Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS
1 January–31 December 2018

Dr Vidya Nadkarni

Visiting Senior Fellow, South Asia Programme
5 February–19 March 2018

Professor Wu Xinbo

*Dean, Institute of International Studies, and Director,
Center for American Studies, Fudan University*
RSIS Distinguished Visitor
26–30 March 2018

Dr Xue Li

Visiting Senior Fellow, China Programme
3–14 August 2018

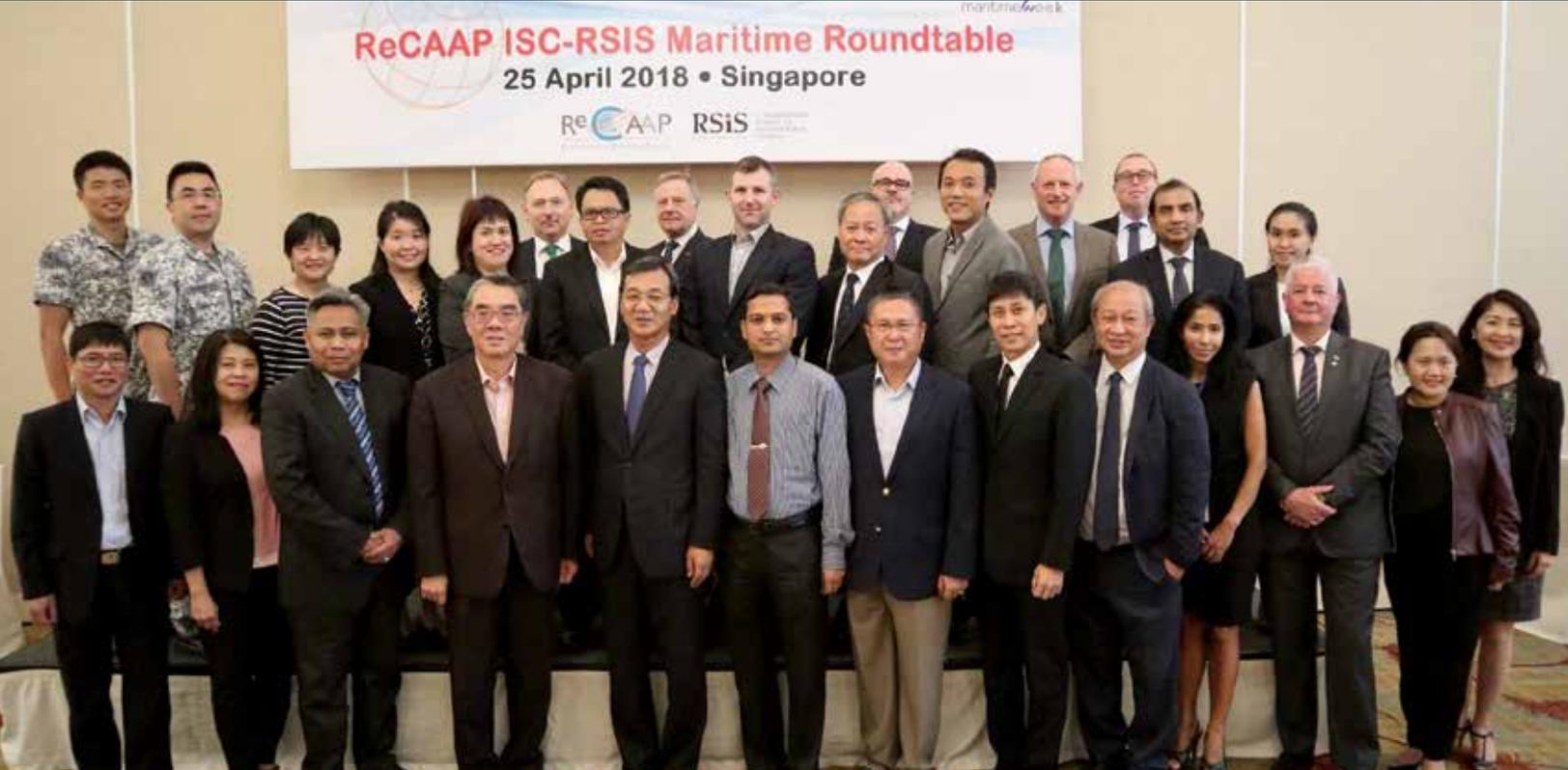
Professor You Ji

Visiting Senior Fellow, China Programme
18–23 February 2018, 5 November–2 December 2018

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 Centres and Programmes



Participants at the ReCAAP ISC-RSIS Maritime Roundtable, 25 April 2018

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Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS)

The Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS) began the year with a pleasant surprise. We were ranked the number one think tank in Southeast Asia and the Pacific for the year 2017, by our peer competitors from around the world in the latest edition of the University of Pennsylvania's Global Go To Think Tank Index. IDSS was ranked 3rd for that same category in 2016, marking an improvement. This achievement is an explicit acknowledgement, by way of an independent international assessment, of the outstanding work done by IDSS faculty and researchers. It also reflects the strong global reputation and brand recognition enjoyed by IDSS.

IDSS' three-fold research agenda in 2018 followed the respective emphases of its three research hubs. The Asia Pacific hub continued its focus on the evolving regional order and the institutional architectures supporting it, the great powers and their impacts on the region, and the rising phenomena of bilateral strategic partnerships. The Malaysia-Indonesia hub

looked at various developments in Indonesia and, crucially, the 2018 general elections in Malaysia that swept the opposition alliance Pakatan Harapan, led by former Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, to power. IDSS' Military and Security hub focused on issues pertinent to its thematic research programmes.

Programmes and Activities

The Asia Pacific hub comprises the China, United States, South Asia, and Regional Security Architecture programmes. The hub held three international workshops on rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region, contending visions of regional order in East Asia, and the India-US strategic partnership. The proceedings from all of these meetings will be published in internationally refereed outlets. The annual meeting of the Network of ASEAN Defence Institutions (NADI), the second-track grouping that supports the ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) and for which RSIS serves as secretariat, was held as part of the Singapore's chairmanship of ASEAN.



Speakers and participants at the Opening Ceremony of the 20th APPSMO on 6 August 2018

The Malaysia-Indonesia hub comprises the Malaysia and Indonesia programmes. The hub held two international workshops on the 14th Malaysian general elections — one of which was co-convened by the Asia Research Institute-Malaysian Study Group — and a third workshop on scenario-planning in support of the Indonesia-Singapore Young Leaders programme. Activities were held in support of RSIS' Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Lemhannas RI, Indonesia's military research institute.

The Military and Security hub, which comprises the Maritime Security, Military Transformations, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Programmes, also had a productive year. The HADR Programme participated in a host of activities in support of its partnerships with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Canadian Red Cross, National Disaster Management Offices, Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF), the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre), and the ASEAN Committee of Disaster Management. In March 2018, Michael Raska gave an expert testimony on "Cyber-Enabled Information Conflicts in East Asia: Implications for Singapore" before the Singapore Parliamentary Select Committee on Deliberate Online Falsehoods.

Research and Academic Outputs

IDSS staff published a number of books, of which seven are especially noteworthy. Three of these are authored monographs, namely, *Securing the 'Rice Bowl': China and Global Food Security* (Palgrave Macmillan) by Zhang Hongzhou, *Security Strategies of Middle Powers in the Asia Pacific* (Melbourne University Press) by Ralf Emmers and Sarah Teo, and *Seapower: A Guide for the 21st Century*, 4th edition (Routledge) by Geoffrey Till. The other four books are edited volumes: *India and Japan: Assessing the Strategic Partnership* (Palgrave Macmillan) by Rajesh Basrur and Sumitha Narayanan Kutty, *Naval Modernisation in Southeast Asia: Problems and Prospects for Small and Medium Navies* (Palgrave

Macmillan) by Geoffrey Till and Ristian Atriandi Supriyanto, *Naval Modernization in Southeast Asia, Part Two: Submarine Issues for Small and Medium Navies* (Palgrave Macmillan) by Geoffrey Till and Colin Koh Swee Lean, and *Reshaping the Chinese Military: The PLA's Roles and Missions in the Xi Jinping Era* (Routledge) by Richard Bitzinger and James Char. Furthermore, IDSS staff succeeded in placing their work in leading peer-reviewed journals such as *Asian Policy*, *Asian Security*, and *Contemporary Southeast Asia*. At the time of writing, a number of books and journal articles are in the pipeline and are expected to be published in the latter part of 2018.

Finally, as in previous years, IDSS served as the implementing agency for the Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO), which saw its 20th edition in 2018. Also on behalf of RSIS, IDSS hosted two "1.5 track" annual security dialogues, one with Australia and the other with Vietnam. The success of these dialogues could lead to more of such activities with other countries.

“ A thriving, prosperous and stable ASEAN will bring enormous benefits to the world, apart from its own people. To achieve this vision of ASEAN in 2040 and for ASEAN to maintain its centrality, ASEAN must continue to be open, neutral and inclusive. ASEAN economies must grow and practise sustainable development through environmental protection. It must deal with security threats decisively, and settle disputes through dialogues and peaceful settlement. ”

DR NG ENG HEN, Singapore's Minister for Defence, in his keynote address at APPSMO 2018

Research at Centres and Programmes



Mr John Gatt-Rutter (fourth from left), Chief of Counter Terrorism at the European External Action Service, and Prof Rohan Gunaratna (fifth from left), Head of ICPVTR, with members of the EU delegation and staff from ICPVTR

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International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)

The International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), helmed by Prof Rohan Gunaratna, continues to be a leading specialist centre for counter-terrorism and rehabilitation research that endeavours to reduce the threat of politically motivated violence and mitigate its effects on the international system. The Centre produces research and analyses, threat assessments, and policy briefs on developments in terrorism around the world. Its strategic projects include countering radical ideologies, promoting moderation, terrorist rehabilitation, community engagement, and countering terrorist financing. Attuned with the evolving threat landscape, the Centre provides relevant training and outreach programmes domestically and internationally. Through these engagements, the Centre establishes new avenues for partnerships and collaboration while strengthening existing networks.

Key Events

ICPVTR held its annual Terrorism Analyst Training Course (TATC) from 29 January to 9 February 2018. In its 11th year, the course aims to explore new frontiers in counter-terrorism research, analyses, and practice. It has become a crucible where counter-terrorism scholars, analysts, and practitioners come together to exchange ideas, capitalise on strengths, and forge solid partnerships. Through the sharing of knowledge and expertise, participants have benefited tremendously from this unique gathering of experts. This year, TATC brought together analysts, scholars, and practitioners who specialise in counter-terrorism and security. TATC hosted approximately 60 participants and 30 international speakers from 15 countries, including General Ryamizard Ryacudu, Minister of Defence of Indonesia; Secretary Delfin Lorenzana of the Department of National Defense, the Philippines; Commissioner Monirul Islam, Chief Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit, Bangladesh; General Gregorio R. Pimentel, Director for Intelligence, Philippine National Police; Dato' Ayob Khan, Chief of Counter-Terrorism, Malaysia; and Stephane Duguin, Chief of Cybercrime, EUROPOL, amongst others.

Community engagement has been one of ICPVTR's strategies to counter radical ideologies and promote moderation to the public. ICPVTR's Counter-Ideology and Moderation Studies units have conducted and presented at more than 40 events including public talks, workshops, and seminars. On 14 and 21 July 2018, the Counter-Ideology Unit conducted a workshop on "Tackling Radical Ideological Dimension of Religiously Motivated Violent Groups" at the Singapore Islamic Scholars and Religious Teachers Association (PERGAS) to impart knowledge on understanding extremist ideologies to Asatizah Recognition Scheme (ARS) Tier 1 *asatizah* (clerics) as part of ARS training. The two-part workshop focused on two research-based topics:

- i) "Abrogation and the Verse of the Sword: Addressing the Muslim Extremists' Misappropriation of Concept and Verse", by Dr Mahfuh Halimi; and
- ii) "Hijrah and Maqāṣid Ash-Sharī'ah: IS' Persuasion and Delusion", by Muhammad Saiful Alam Shah bin Sudiman.

The Moderation Studies Unit, on the other hand, conducted a workshop on "The Role of *Asatizah* in Singapore on Issues



Participants of the Terrorism Analyst Training Course, 29 January-9 February 2018

of Diversity and Moderation" on 15 March 2018 at Al-Islah Mosque. It is part of a periodic training required to fulfil the ARS. The workshop covered Islam's view on diversity, controversy, and moderation. It addressed issues concerning diversity and moderation in the religious practices and lifestyle of Muslims, particularly in Singapore. The workshop aimed to clarify the role of *asatizah* in Singapore, and provided guidelines and advice on how best to approach and tackle the issues.

Research and Publications

The work of ICPVTR's researchers has been published in two edited volumes on deradicalisation and rehabilitation published by Routledge in 2018. *Deradicalisation and Terrorist Rehabilitation: A Framework in Policymaking and Implementation*, edited by Rohan Gunaratna and Sabariah Hussin, was endorsed by Lord Jonathan Evans and contained a foreword written by Brian Michael Jenkins — a pioneer in terrorism studies. Ahmad Saiful Rijal bin Hassan wrote the chapter on "ISIS: Its History, Ideology and Psychology" in *Handbook of Contemporary Islam and Muslim Lives* (Switzerland: Springer, 2018).

The Centre has also shared its research findings with policymakers from law enforcement, military, and national security agencies. The briefings for guests included Amb Nathan Sales, Coordinator Counter Terrorism, US State Department.

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CENS Workshop on “Understanding and Countering Disinformation, Online Falsehoods and Fake News”, 24 July 2018

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Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS)

The Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) conducts academically rigorous policy-relevant research and analyses across a range of national security issues to raise the intellectual capital behind national security policy formulation. CENS contributes to, and keeps abreast of, research on national security matters through publications and activities within three research spheres: Radicalisation Studies, Social Resilience, and Cyber and Homeland Defence.

2018 has been a productive year for CENS as the Centre has released notable publications, hosted and participated in significant conferences at the local, regional, and international levels, and provided expert opinions to various media outlets on a slew of national security issues. In addition, inter-disciplinary research was also conducted across multiple research programmes within CENS and RSIS.

In the course of the year, the Radicalisation Studies Programme conducted in-depth research on the state of violent extremism — particularly in Southeast Asian countries such as Indonesia and the Philippines. Prominent publications include Shashi Jayakumar’s “Rethinking ASEAN’s approach to counter-terrorism”, published in *East Asia Forum*, Joseph Franco’s article “Preventing Other ‘Marawis’ in the Southern Philippines”, published in *Asia & The Pacific Policy Studies 2018*, and Cameron Sumpter’s article on “Returning Indonesian Extremists: Unclear Intentions and Unprepared Responses” in *ICCT Policy Brief*.

Multiculturalism and immigration were prominent research areas for the Social Resilience Programme. Norman Vasu and Nur Diyanah binte Anwar published a book chapter on “The Maligned Malays and National Service” in *National Service in Singapore* by the World Scientific Publishing Company. Terri-Anne Teo’s “Conduct and Counter-conduct in the ‘Nonliberal’ State: Singapore’s Headscarf Affairs” was published in *Global Society*, and Pravin Prakash published a book chapter on “Tamil Community and Culture in Singapore” in *The Singapore Ethnic Mosaic: Many Cultures, One People*. Norman Vasu’s op-ed on resilience, “How Hawaii Handles Hurricane Lane Holds Lessons for Singapore”, was published in *TODAY*.

Under the Cybersecurity and Homeland Defence Programme, research on the disinformation and strategic communication

appeared in various international platforms. Gulizar Hacıyakupoglu’s article “Malaysia’s Elections and the Anti-Fake News Act”, was published in *The Diplomat*; Jennifer Yang Hui’s “Crowdsourcing Terror in Indonesia” was published in *East Asia Forum*; while Dymples Leong’s “Targeted Advertising: Implications for National Security” was published in *International Policy Digest*. In addition, two RSIS policy reports co-written by a cross-section of CENS researchers on fake news — *Fake News: National Security in the Post-Truth Era* and *Countering Fake News: A Survey of Recent Global Initiatives* — were released in the first quarter of 2018.

The works of CENS researchers have also been published in RSIS commentaries, policy papers, and working papers, including the RSIS Policy Report *Countering Fake News: A Survey of Recent Global Initiatives* by Gulizar Hacıyakupoglu, Jennifer Yang Hui, V. S. Suguna, Dymples Leong, and Muhammad Faizal bin Abdul Rahman; and Eugene E. G. Tan’s RSIS Working Paper on *Cyber Deterrence in Singapore: Framework & Recommendations*.

Beyond research, CENS also contributed to the discussion on national security matters by inviting leading thinkers to Singapore through its Distinguished Visitors Programme. Notable Visiting Fellows have comprised esteemed individuals including Dr Richard J. Danzig, Professor Peter Bergen, and Mr Tim Godwin.



CENS Workshop on “Countering Extremism: Now What?”, 11 September 2018

Research at Centres and Programmes



NTS-Asia Consortium Annual Conference on “Resilience in the Face of Disruptions”, 27 March 2018

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Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (NTS Centre)

The year 2018 marked the 10th anniversary of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (NTS Centre). One of the pioneers of NTS studies and education in Asia, NTS Centre maintains cutting-edge research on a range of NTS issues, informs policymakers on NTS-related issues, and bridges research collaboration between partners and stakeholders across the region. The following are the highlights of the Centre’s research output and activities in 2018.



Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony (left), Head of NTS Centre, at the ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management, 17 August 2018

Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Programme

The HADR Programme held workshops and seminars, and published a series of policy reports which contributed to Singapore’s development as a global thought leader in the field. In particular, the HADR team hosted the “Achieving the ASEAN 2025 vision for Disaster Management: Lessons from a Worth Journey” workshop in collaboration with the Pacific Disaster Centre, the ASEAN Committee of Disaster Management, and

the AHA Centre. The programme also served as a knowledge partner for the 2018 ASEAN Strategic Policy Dialogue on Disaster Management, co-organised by SCDF, the ASEAN Secretariat, and the AHA Centre. The HADR Programme also hosted two other workshops — one on China’s emerging role in humanitarian action and opportunities for cooperation between China and other countries, and the other reflecting on the response to Cyclone Nargis and post-disaster recovery in Myanmar.

Climate Change Programme

The Climate Change Programme focused on climate change adaptation this year, and published a two-part series of NTS Insights on this theme. The programme assisted in drafting the Climate Change Adaptation Road Maps of Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam, through its participation in the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia-led Workshops. The programme's next phase of climate change research will examine the role of technology in climate change adaptation, especially in the context of smart-city development in Southeast Asia. The project will examine the uptake of smart city-related technologies within the ASEAN Smart Cities Network cooperation, and assess the facilitative role technology plays in enhancing climate change cooperation.

Food Security

Over the past year, the Food Security team conducted research on enhancing food security in urban areas within Asia Pacific. The team published a series of reports on developing viable, high-tech, urban food industry clusters, and also developed the "UrbanAgInvest" tool for investment planners and policymakers. These led to international engagement, collaboration with the private sector in Singapore, and interest from industry- and food-related Singapore government agencies.

The team also focused on regional food safety. It collaborated with the NTU Food Technology Centre to assess the merits of adopting whole genome sequencing to enhance ASEAN's capacity to deal with food-borne diseases amid increasingly fragmented food production networks. Additionally, the team co-organised two outreach events — the World Agricultural Forum, and the Youth Engagement event.

Marine Environmental Protection

The Marine Environmental Protection (MEP) research project in 2018 continued building its expertise in marine environmental security, with a particular focus on the South China Sea (SCS). Several policy articles and opinion pieces on the latest development in the SCS were published to encourage discussion, while providing recommendations on strengthening cooperation in MEP in the SCS. The Centre also initiated research on illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in Southeast Asia to facilitate discussion on existing frameworks for, and challenges to, combating IUU in the region, as well as provide recommendations on tackling IUU and promoting sustainable fishing through regional cooperation.

Nuclear Energy Programme

The Nuclear Energy Programme focused on the theme of nuclear safety-security governance in East Asia for 2018. The NTS Centre co-organised the 7th Annual Meeting of the Nuclear Energy Experts

Group of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific in January 2018, during which regional experts deliberated on key issues related to nuclear governance. The Centre organised another policy roundtable on nuclear energy governance in East Asia in November 2018, which facilitated discussions on strengthening nuclear safety and security in East Asia.

The programme actively participated in important overseas conferences, like the workshop on "The Power of Nuclear Energy: Enhancing Nuclear Security" in Beijing in June 2018, and the annual meeting of the International Nuclear Security Education Network (INSEN) at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna in July 2018. Mr Julius Trajano, Research Fellow at NTS Centre, was selected to chair the INSEN-Asia Group from 2018 to 2019.

Peace, Human Security, and Development

The Centre conducts research on human security challenges facing societies in Asia Pacific, contributing to policy discussions on issues related to protection of women, peace, and security. Prof Mely Caballero-Anthony, Head of NTS Centre, spoke on regional efforts to prevent atrocities in Asia at the "High Level Regional Meeting on Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Atrocity Prevention in the Asia Pacific" in Bangkok in August 2018. Dr Tamara Nair, Research Fellow of the same centre, attended the "ASEAN University Network – Human Rights Education" workshop in Bangkok in June 2018 as a country researcher.

NTS-Asia Consortium

The NTS-Asia Consortium saw the Centre's expansive network come together for a fruitful discussion on NTS issues. The NTS Centre hosted the "Resilience in the Face of Disruptions" annual conference in Singapore in March 2018, which brought together 50 participants from member and non-member institutions of the consortium. Deliberations that centred around disruptive implications relating to key NTS issues in the region, like climate change and humanitarian crises, were documented in the first ever NTS-Asia monograph. As the Secretariat of the consortium, the Centre hosted visiting scholars and students from member institutes like Waseda University, Japan, and Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China.



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Professor Ralf Emmers (right), Associate Dean of RSIS and Head of CMS, speaking to a participant at the RSIS-WTO Parliamentarian Workshop, 7 May 2018

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Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS)

The Centre for Multilateralism Studies (CMS) conducts cutting-edge research, education, training, and networking on cooperative multilateralism in the Asia Pacific region. CMS aims to raise the significance of timely policy matters, facilitate international academic and public debates on regional architecture and order in the Asia Pacific, and boost the capacity of current and future world policy leaders. Its research agenda focuses on the development of global and regional economic and security architectures, and consists of two strands:

- (i) Economic Multilateralism; and
- (ii) Diplomatic and Security Multilateralism

Economic Multilateralism research examines the interactions between economics and politics in the areas of trade, monetary, and financial integration in the Indo-Pacific region. For example, we look at the current and future development of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), ASEAN+3 financial process, and regional infrastructure governance. The relationships among global and regional economic governance institutions such

as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and WTO and the relationship between Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization (CMIM) and IMF, are also examined.

The Diplomatic and Security Multilateralism strand studies inter-governmental and non-official arrangements in security and defence diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific, such as the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), East Asia Summit, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, ADMM and ADMM Plus, the Shangri-La Dialogue, and other alliances. For instance, it investigates the Korean peninsula dynamics and the interactions between the “Indo-Pacific” and “Asia-Pacific” frames of diplomacy.

Highlights of CMS Research Activities

CMS’ 2018 research outputs reflect our commitment to remain a relevant knowledge hub for multilateral and regional cooperation studies. CMS staff published works examining the effects of the Trump administration’s Indo-Pacific strategy on the future of



Assistant Professor Kaewkamol Pitakdumrongkit, Deputy Head of CMS, at the 7th ERIA Editors' Roundtable, 7 October 2018

regional economic governance in the areas of trade, finance, and infrastructure. Researchers also assessed the interactions among the China-led Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), and entities such as ADB and the World Bank, as well as the impact of these interactions on the region's infrastructure investment and development. They also proposed policy recommendations to help regional economies cope with disruptive technologies and better integrate their economies into global value chains.

Research on security multilateralism by the CMS team covered the relationship between terrorism and oil in oil-producing nations, as well as the Trump-Kim summit and its effect on denuclearisation and stability in the Korean peninsula. The team scrutinised the dynamics between the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (known as the "Quad") and other regional security frameworks and their effects on the Indo-Pacific security governance. CMS staff also assessed the impact of Singapore's 2018 ASEAN chairmanship on regional diplomacy. In addition, we examined the middle powers' security strategies in terms of their causes, the conditions under which these strategies are employed, explored the security strategies of European Union (EU) and ASEAN, and looked into ways that enhance inter-bloc cooperation.

CMS' 2018 Event Highlights

The 9th edition of the RSIS-WTO Parliamentarian Workshop held from 7 to 9 May at the Pan Pacific Singapore was a major highlight of CMS' event calendar. The workshop reflected the continued capacity-building collaboration between Temasek Foundation International and CMS under the Temasek Foundation Series on Trade & Negotiations. Industry experts and representatives from WTO shared their views and ideas, which helped parliamentarian participants learn more about how their respective nations could

benefit from greater free trade, as well as 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 also organised the Singapore Trade Policy Forum from 24 to 25 October, with support from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The forum brought together experts from government bodies, business, and academia, and focused on key current and future trade policy issues. While global in scope, the forum retained a regional perspective.

The "Consultation on a Rules-Based ASEAN: Legal Instruments and their Implementation" organised by CMS, together with ASEAN-US Partnership for Good Governance, Equitable and Sustainable Development (PROGRESS) and the ASEAN Secretariat, held on 16 and 17 May focused on the topic of regional cooperation. The event is a small but important step towards building and institutionalising a rules-based system for ASEAN, particularly the implementation of legal instruments in ASEAN. The event was 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 to better manage the practical reporting system on the implementation of ASEAN legal instruments. This was to take into account the role and responsibility of ASEAN member states, ASEAN sectoral bodies, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

In addition, CMS organised various public seminars throughout the year, covering a wide range of topics such as Brexit, the High-Speed Rail project between Singapore and Malaysia, BRI, and WTO.

Building Capacity through Study and Training

CMS hosted a study visit from 9 to 13 April to facilitate capacity-building for a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Palestine. The study visit was on international relations and cooperation, with a focus on developments in Asia, such as the South China Sea issue, the Korean Peninsula situation, and ASEAN's relations with the US, China, Japan, and Europe. The delegation comprised current and future Palestinian senior diplomats who were earmarked for postings in Asia.

Other capacity-building programmes organised by CMS included a training workshop for Mongolian government officers on Trade in Services from 12 to 14 September, and a study programme for Ngee Ann Polytechnic students from 11 to 13 June and 30 August to 3 September.

Research at Centres and Programmes

1 Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme



(From left) Prof Gavin Flood, Prof Alwi Shihab, Amb Barry Desker, and Prof Lai Pan-Chiu, during the Roundtable Discussion at the Symposium on 22 September 2018

The SRP Programme's research on the framework of, and resources for, understanding inter-religious relations in Singapore entered its second phase in 2018. Focus group discussions with 150 mid-level religious leaders and grassroots practitioners, as well as leaders of minority religions, aided the study of how resources within communities were used for initiatives furthering inter-religious co-existence and harmony. Three ongoing research projects also contributed to the understanding of inter-religious relations:

- (i) Buddhist Diplomacy;
- (ii) Countering Contemporary Jihadism and Violence; and
- (iii) Conceptualising the Problem of Radicalisation.

Journal articles based on findings from these projects will be prepared as outputs. A fourth study being undertaken for a textbook with California University Press is on "Understanding Religion in Plural and Diverse Societies (Methodologies and Theories)". In addition, about 40 Islamic preachers and prayer

leaders were interviewed for the first part of a study on "Islam and Secularism in Singapore". The findings were used for a journal article, which has been submitted for publication.

Other publications by faculty members include Assoc Prof Paul Hedges' book "Comparative Theology — A Critical and Methodological Perspective", and 13 other book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles by Assoc Prof Paul Hedges and Asst Prof Mohamed bin Ali.

Co-organising Events with Key Industry Players

The SRP Programme co-organised a workshop and public lecture with the Hindu Endowment Board/Hindu Centre Singapore in February and March 2018, respectively. The workshop saw 40 participants while about 200 attended the public lecture. The theme for both events was "Countering Fundamentalism — Perspectives of Dharmic Religions". Prof Julius Lipner, SRP Programme's visiting professor, was the keynote speaker, while

faculty members Assoc Prof Paul Hedges and Asst Prof Mohamed bin Ali were the speakers for the workshop. The fourth speaker was Mr S. Ravindran from the Hindu Centre.

In August, a five-day certification programme was organised for graduating students from overseas Islamic universities. The programme, entitled “Certificate in Islamic Thought in Contemporary Plural Societies (CITC)”, aimed to educate students about the need to contextualise what they had been taught during their undergraduate studies. Students were encouraged to re-interpret text and traditions when dealing with important issues in the modern day context. The lecturers in the programme were Prof Abdullah Saeed, Prof Jazeer Audah, Amb Mohd Alami Musa, and Asst Prof Mohamed bin Ali. The programme was organised by the SRP Programme in collaboration with MUIS Academy (MA) under the RSIS-MA MoU.

Another collaboration was the joint workshop on “Dialogue Theory and Skills” between the SRP Programme and the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore (CTIS). This was organised on 6 October 2018 under the ambit of the RSIS/SRP-CTIS MoU. Mr Gerald Kong of the Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue was the speaker from CTIS, while Assoc Prof Paul Hedges led the discussion on understanding and building inter-religious dialogue.

The SRP Programme and Buddhist College Singapore (BCS) co-organised a workshop titled “Countering Fundamentalism: Perspectives from Buddhism and Other Religions” on

17 November. This was initiated under the RSIS-BCS MoU signed in 2017. Prof Abdullah Saeed, Adviser to the SRP Programme, was the keynote speaker. Other speakers were Assoc Prof Paul Hedges, Asst Prof Mohamed bin Ali, both from RSIS, Mr S. Ravindran from the Hindu Centre Singapore, and BCS faculty Dr Lee Foong Ming. About 70 members of the Buddhist community attended the workshop.

SRP Executive Programme

The programme conducted its 4th executive programme from 12 to 16 November 2018. The five-day programme held at the Mandarin Orchard Singapore aimed to provide foundational yet incisive knowledge on the crucial role of religion in society, especially in relation to communal conflict and cohesion. The programme covered the following themes: the global context of social cohesion and resilience building, civil conflict and dialogue, conflict, resolution, and peacebuilding leading to resilient societies. About 30 professionals from the community development, education, business, religious, and security fields participated in the programme.

Increasing interest in how to build a strong foundation for social resilience amongst societies has led to specially-designed programmes in recent years. SRP Programme’s activities have engaged 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.



(From left) Dr Lee Foong Ming, Mr Gerald Kong, Assoc Prof Paul Hedges, Assoc Prof Rajesh Rai, and Dr Mohammad Hannan Hassan, during the Panel Discussion at the Symposium on 22 September 2018

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2 National Security Studies Programme (NSSP)

The National Security Studies Programme (NSSP) team conducts academic and policy-relevant research on the evolving landscape of national security threats. Its research efforts centre on security matters associated with the Singapore model, as well as key challenges facing small, globalised, multi-ethnic city-states. NSSP's research has generated intellectual capital and awareness of the milestone episodes in Singapore's diplomatic and security history.

Apart from conducting research and writing for the policy/practitioner audience, NSSP researchers also contributed to academic and public discussions on national security issues. Their articles were published in the *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*, *The Straits Times*, *TODAY*, *RSIS Commentary*, and other periodicals. Topics ranged from managing communications in a crisis, the ongoing terrorist threat, and the ramifications of disinformation and fake news for Singapore.

In an effort to capture and discuss core national security perspectives and enduring lessons, 2018 saw NSSP organise by-invitation-only dialogue sessions with Mr Wong Kan Seng, former Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore and Chairman of Ascendas-Singbridge Pte Ltd, as well as Mr Janadas Devan, Chief of Government Communications at the Ministry of Communications and Information, Deputy Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (Communications Group), and Director of the Institute of Policy Studies.

NSSP Distinguished Visitors Programme Activities

As part of the NSSP Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP), NSSP also invited two distinguished international thought leaders to RSIS to share their insights on a variety of national security matters.

Prof Christopher Kojm, a Professor of Practice at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University in the United States of America and former Chairman of the National Intelligence Council from 2009 to 2014, visited RSIS from 16 to 21 August 2018. During his visit, Professor Kojm delivered two public seminars on "Current Global and Regional Trends that National Security Policy Communities Should be Following", and "Effectively Connecting the Dots in a Complex, Uncertain and Fast-Paced World: Human, Institutional and Technological Factors". Professor Kojm also held discussions with local practitioners, exchanged ideas with various senior government officials as well as working-level analysts from both RSIS and the

government sector, and was interviewed on Channel NewsAsia's "PrimeTime Asia" segment.

NSSP's second distinguished visitor for 2018 was Prof Gabriel Ben-Dor, Rector Emeritus and Director at the National Security Studies at the School of Political Sciences in the University of Haifa, Israel, who visited RSIS from 29 October to 2 November. Prof Ben-Dor was formerly a senior adviser on strategic affairs to the Israeli Ministry of Defense. He was also previously the Chairman of the Department of Political Science, Director of the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies and Dean of Research. Additionally, Prof Ben-Dor was the director of the graduate study programme at the National Defense College, President of the Israel Political Science Association, and was a member of several high-level public commissions and forums dealing with academic development and policy in Israel and abroad.



Prof Gabriel Ben-Dor, speaking at his public seminar on 31 October 2018

During his visit, Prof Ben-Dor delivered two public seminars on "Building a Strong National Identity for a Globalised, Multi-Ethnic, Immigrant Society: Some Observations" and "Understanding How Small States Succeed in a Rapidly Evolving and Challenging Strategic Environment: One Israeli View". Prof Ben-Dor also met with government officials and national security practitioners, and was invited to give a live interview on Channel NewsAsia.



Dr Damien Cheong, Coordinator of NSSP, introducing Prof Christopher Kojm at the latter's NSSP seminar on 21 August 2018

(Ret) Russell Howard, President of Howard's Consulting Services, also spoke on integrating "soft" and "hard" power in the fight against ISIS. He predicted that ISIS would search for new bases following its defeat in Iraq and Syria.

Senior NSSP researchers were often invited to share their insights with public officers at seminars and training courses, and were also involved in outreach activities for the young. Participating in the Ministry Of Education's (MOE) Humanities and Social Sciences Research

Programme (HSSRP), senior NSSP researchers engaged students from secondary to junior college levels through interviews and supervision of the students' projects.

NSSP Workshops, Seminars, and Courses

Another notable event NSSP organised in 2018 was the half-day workshop on "Countering the ISIS Threat to Multicultural Societies". Held on 5 February, the by-invitation-only workshop comprised two panel discussions and saw four speakers share their views on the topic.

Dr Bilveer Singh, Adjunct Senior Fellow at CENS in RSIS, spoke on the threat of Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) to Southeast Asia, and concluded that Southeast Asia should adopt a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to combat the threat. Dr David Cook, Assoc Prof of Religion at Rice University, who specialises in Islam studies, argued that because ISIS has tried to legitimise its actions by aligning itself with historical practices, challenging ISIS on ideological or religious grounds would be difficult. Thus it was important to develop novel methods to delegitimise ISIS and its ideologies.

Mr Nafees Hamid, Research Fellow at ARTIS International, was another speaker at the half-day workshop. In his presentation, Mr Hamid used examples from studies he and his team carried out in Europe to demonstrate the usefulness of social networking analysis and crime mapping tools when studying jihadist terrorist groups and the complex system of radicalisation and terrorist group mobilisation in Europe. BG

Participation in Overseas Programmes

NSSP was actively involved in regional and international platforms as well. NSSP researchers conducted two overseas study trips in 2018, and participated in several overseas conferences. Of note is NSSP's continued participation in the Centre for Resolution of Intractable Conflict (CRIC) Annual Conference, which was held at Harris Manchester College in Oxford, the United Kingdom, from 25 to 27 September 2018.

Other noteworthy conferences which NSSP participated in included the Civil Security Congress and Exposition (CIVSEC) 2018, held in Melbourne, Australia, from 1 to 3 May 2018; the Putrajaya Forum 2018 that was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 16 to 18 April 2018; Homeland Security Indonesia's 2018 Conference on "Indonesia's New Terrorist Landscape — The Collaborative Response", which was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 19 to 20 September 2018; and the Strong Cities Network Global Summit 2018 that was held in Melbourne, Australia, from 11 to 13 July 2018.

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3 Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP)



Dr Richard Silbergliitt (left) and Dr Tan Teck Boon, during the former's distinguished lecture, 10 April 2018

A year has passed since the Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP) was launched on 1 October 2017. Supported by the Office of the Chief Science and Technology Officer in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Singapore, STSP aims to keep policymakers in Asia up-to-date on the latest science and technology (S&T) developments affecting the world. Dr Tan Teck Boon, Coordinator of STSP, is assisted by senior analyst Mr Nandhakumar Gunasekaran.

Excellence in Published Works

STSP has achieved much in the past year. Dr Tan co-authored a journal article in *Survival* with Asst Prof Joo Yu Min from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Titled "Smart Cities: A New Age of Digital Insecurity", the journal article was published in March 2018. With a 2017 Impact Factor of 1.09, *Survival*, the International Institute for Strategic Studies' bi-monthly journal, is covered by the Social Science Citation Index, among others.

Dr Tan also co-authored an RSIS policy report with Dr Wu Shang-Su, Research Fellow with the IDSS in RSIS. Titled *Public Policy Implications of the Fourth Industrial Revolution for Singapore*,

the report was published in December 2017 and explored how the ongoing Fourth Industrial Revolution will impact Singapore, particularly in the years to come.

STSP researchers published a total of seven commentaries and op-eds in the past year. The topics covered diverse S&T developments such as the advent of novel synthetic drugs, digital threats confronting smart cities, the misuse of consumer-grade drones, the proliferation of chemical weapons, and the abuse of synthetic biology.

Engagement with Distinguished Thought Leaders

In addition to research, STSP also conducts strategic engagements with international thought leaders,

practitioners and academics in the S&T domain. Such strategic engagements are designed to enrich STSP research, as well as promote ideational exchanges with Singapore's policymakers, scholars, and the public. So far, STSP has invited two world-renowned scholars to RSIS, with more to follow.

In April 2018, Dr Richard Silbergliitt, a senior physical scientist at the RAND Corporation and professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School, spent a week in Singapore as RSIS Distinguished Visiting Fellow. An internationally-recognised scholar who has authored numerous publications, Dr Silbergliitt met with top policymakers and delivered a public lecture titled "Science and Technology Foresight — Preparing for an Uncertain Future" while in Singapore.

STSP also hosted Dr Robin Palmer as an RSIS Distinguished Visiting Fellow in July. A world-renowned brain researcher from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand, Dr Palmer met with key personnel in the S&T domain, as well as senior RSIS staff members while in Singapore. Dr Palmer also delivered a lecture at the State Court where he gave a detailed examination of the policing strategies used in New Zealand.

Policy Studies

The Policy Studies team in 2018 played an active role in broadening RSIS' research capabilities, raising the School's international profile, and exploring new partnership opportunities with academic institutions and think tanks around the world.

Forging New Partnerships with Overseas Counterparts

One major initiative was the team's networking visit to Germany in May 2018. Working with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and the Singapore Embassy in Berlin, the Policy Studies team co-organised the KAS-RSIS Joint Conference on "Singapore-Germany: Mastering Innovation and Resilience in the Digital Age" in Berlin. Led by Amb Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman of RSIS, the delegation also met with a number of German think tanks and practitioners in the strategic studies domain. They include the German Institute for International and Security Affairs and the Körber Foundation in Berlin, and the Center for Applied Policy Research and Hans Siedel Stiftung in Munich.

In May, the Policy Studies team worked with the Aerospace, Maritime and Defence Association of Australia to participate in CIVSEC 2018. Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna, Head of Policy Studies and Head of NSSP, led the RSIS delegation for both the congress and exposition segments of CIVSEC 2018, which was held in Melbourne, Australia. He was also a panellist, and spoke on "Human Security, Major Event Security and Disaster Management/Response". Besides speaking at the event, the RSIS delegation also benefited by meeting and interacting with international National Security experts and practitioners during CIVSEC.

Participation in Local Events and Overseas Conferences

Assoc Prof Ramakrishna and Mr Adrian Tan, Deputy Head of Policy Studies, spoke at a number of prominent events and participated in several overseas conferences in 2018.

Assoc Prof Ramakrishna lectured on "The Historic CPM Threat and Operation Coldstore" at Friends of the Museums' Docent Training Programme on 23 January 2018 as part of the team's local community engagement. Mr Tan spoke to Ngee Ann Polytechnic students on "Singapore's Foreign Policy" in June and August 2018 as part of the Study Programme for those under the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Overseas Merit Fellowship. Mr Tan also delivered a lecture to secondary school teachers on "Navigating through an Age of Uncertainty" as part of MOE's E1 Cluster Humanities Forum.

In August 2018, Assoc Prof Ramakrishna spoke at the ASEAN Counter-Terrorism Conference on Aviation Security at the INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation on "Global Terrorism Threat Assessment", and at the American Polygraph Association Asia-Pacific Seminar on "The Evolving Transnational Terrorism Threat: Implications for Security Professionals". He delivered lectures at the HTA-FLETC (Home Team Academy-Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers) International Programme on Crisis Leadership on "Understanding Crisis Trends and Developments", which was organised by the Home Team Academy and held from 4 to 6 September 2018, as well as at the ST Engineering Marine Seminar 2018 on "Threats facing Singapore and the region due to terrorist activities" on 11 September 2018. He also presented on "The Enduring Lessons of the Malayan Emergency (1948–1960) for Counter-Terrorism Policing Today" at the Indonesian Homeland Security Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 19 and 20 September 2018.

Mr Tan, meanwhile, participated in a number of international events, including the meetings of the Technical Working Committee and Senior Officials Meeting Framework in Doha, Qatar, on 12 April 2018, and the 11th EASO Seminar in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, on 14 November 2018. In August 2018, he participated in the 5th Indian Ocean Dialogue and the 24th Indian Ocean Rim Academic Group Meeting in Kwazulu Natal, South Africa, as well as the 3rd Indian Ocean Conference in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Engaging Thought Leaders

In addition, the Policy Studies team continued to engage Dr Cung Vu, Visiting Senior Fellow of RSIS, in coordination with Dr Shashi Jayakumar of Future Issues and Technology (FIT). Dr Vu, an independent consultant on emerging technologies with 35 years of industry, academia and government experience, visited RSIS in May and November 2018. On top of playing a key role in advising RSIS on the latest global Science, Technology and Security (STS) developments, Dr Vu also conducted a number of public seminars on STS policy-relevant topics, and engaged with various stakeholders involved in this domain.

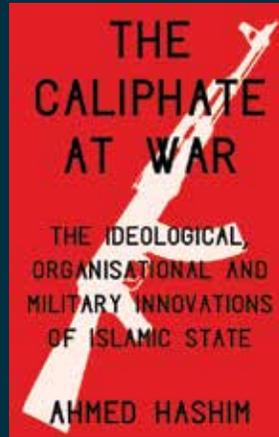
Moving forward, the Policy Studies team will continue to assist Amb Ong in pursuing collaboration opportunities and identifying research capability gaps in RSIS. In addition, Policy Studies will be working closely with visiting fellows in RSIS, including Mr Peter Lim, founding Chief Editor of *The New Paper* and former Editor-in-Chief of *The Straits Times*. Mr Lim will be working on a project chronicling media development in Singapore.

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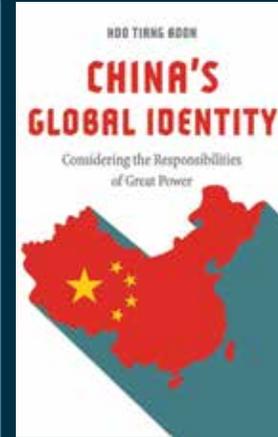
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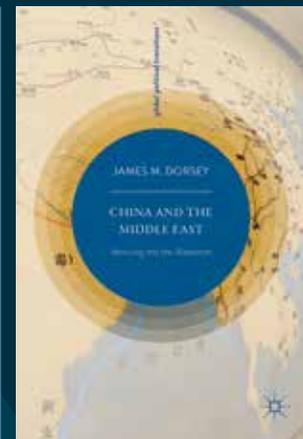


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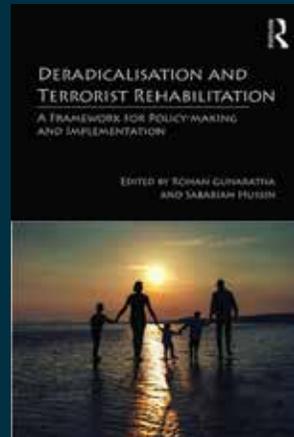
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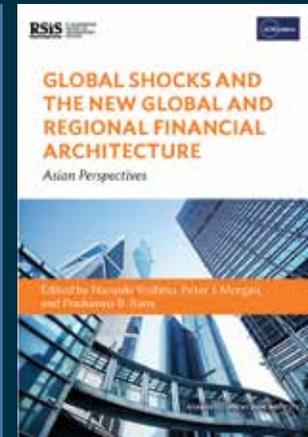
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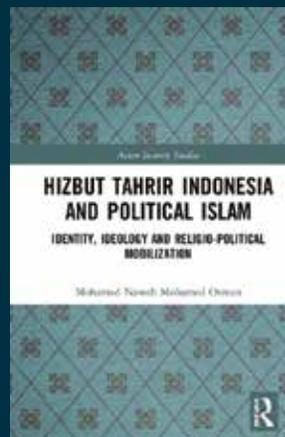


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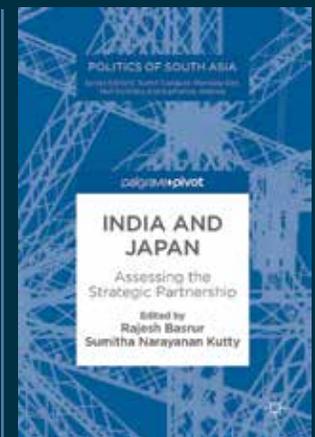


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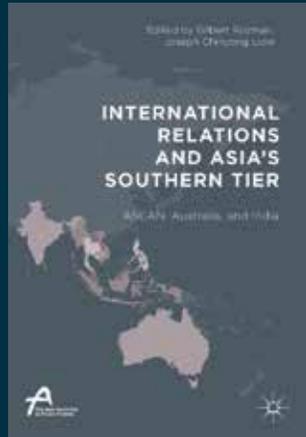
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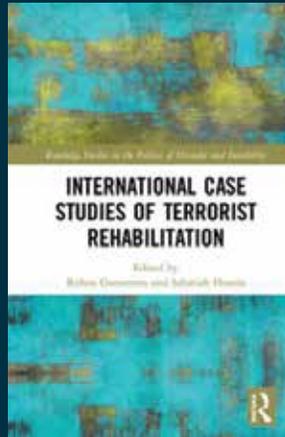
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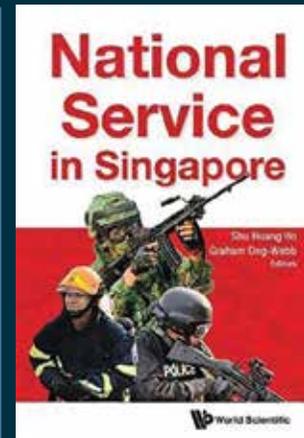
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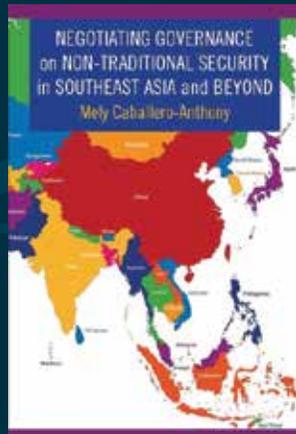
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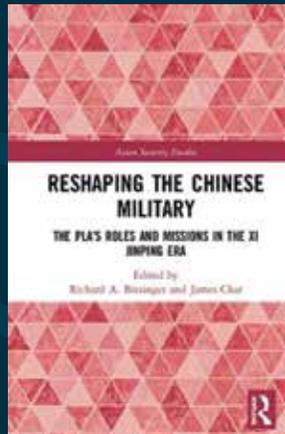
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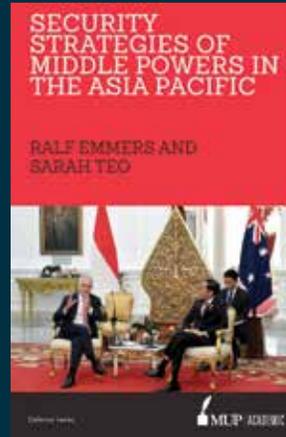
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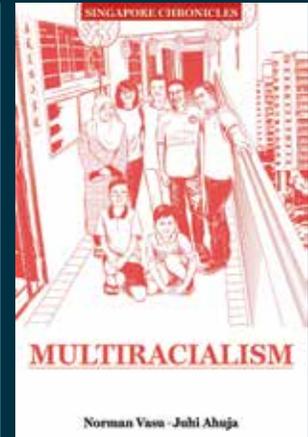
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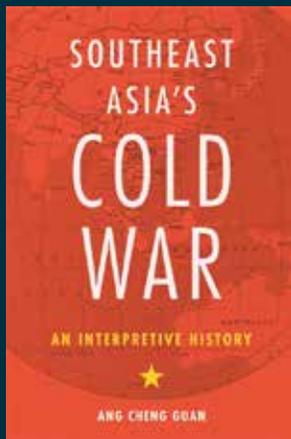
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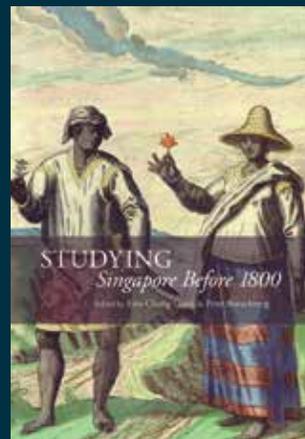
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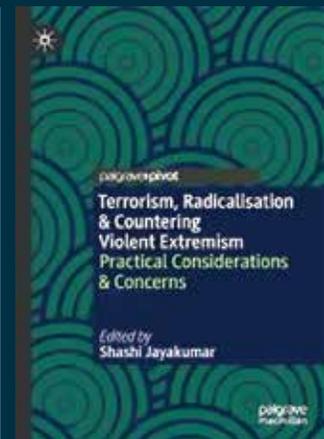
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Masters Programmes

The 2019 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings published in June 2018 once again delivered good news for Nanyang Technological University (NTU) Singapore and RSIS. NTU maintained its outstanding achievement of being one of the world's top 15 universities, ranking 12th in the world and 2nd in Asia. NTU also remained the world's top young university, ranking 1st in the QS Top 50 Universities Under 50 list. This remains an undeniable acknowledgement of NTU's reputation, exceptional academic standards, and excellent offering of educational experience.

In AY2018/2019, our masters programmes attracted a cosmopolitan student body with a wide range of educational, professional, and cultural backgrounds. Over 200 students from more than 30 countries enrolled in RSIS' MSc programmes in AY2018/2019.

In AY2018/2019, 26 students were offered scholarships and study awards, including the RSIS Scholarship, Lee Foundation Scholarship, Student Research Assistantships, Terrorism Analyst Study Awards, Research Analyst Study Awards, and ASEAN Graduate Scholarship.

RSIS continued to strengthen its marketing initiatives by organising information-sharing sessions on campus and participating in leading postgraduate education fairs such as the QS World Grad School Tours in Jakarta, Manila, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur or Melbourne, and the Postgraduate Education Fair in Singapore. On top of that, RSIS faculty members continued to make marketing visits to selected regional countries. RSIS also engaged in online and print advertising in international magazines, advertising via social media, and engaged 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



Graduating cohort of AY2017/2018

network to help promote its degree programmes. The overarching goal of these initiatives is to increase the number and quality of applications for AY2019/2020.

In AY2018/2019, RSIS is hosting visiting faculty members teaching courses in the MSc (Asian Studies), MSc (International Political Economy), and MSc (Strategic Studies) programmes. They are Prof Gavin Flood (teaching Managing Inter-Religious Dynamics in a Plural Context), Prof Lee Hwok Aun (teaching Globalisation and Development), and Assoc Prof Antonio Rappa (teaching Special Forces). We will continue to invite distinguished international scholars to teach at RSIS.

“The professors were interesting, creative, and well-versed in the subject matter. I have learnt so much over the past 2 years.”

NATASHA D/O AMIN MOHAMMAD, MSc (International Political Economy), AY2017/2018

1998

IDSS launched its first academic programme, Master of Science in Strategic Studies, with 10 students.

2002

IDSS launched its second masters programme — the Master of Science in International Relations.

2003/2004

IDSS accepted its first doctoral student.

2010

RSIS introduced the two-year NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme to widen the choice for students.



MSc (Asian Studies) Class of 2018/2019



MSc (International Relations) Class of 2018/2019

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MSc (Strategic Studies) Class of 2018/2019



Students at the AY2018/2019 Orientation, 17 July 2018

“ This programme allows me to take a global macro perspective of the subject matter that I am engaged in, on top of the expertise that I already have.”

GAN RUI YUN, MSc (Strategic Studies), AY2017/2018

AY2017/2018 Student Awards



MSc (Strategic Studies) Programme
The United Overseas Bank
Gold Medal
CEDRIC LAW JOO SIANG



MSc (International Relations) Programme
The Singapore Technologies Engineering
Gold Medal
NATARAJAN AISHWARYA



MSc (International Political Economy) Programme
The Lion Group Gold Medal
NATASHA D/O AMIN MOHAMMAD



MSc (Asian Studies) Programme
The Rajabali Jumabhoy Foundation Gold Medal
SUKUMAR SURESH



The Tay Seow Huah Book Prize
JUNAIDAH BINTI JAFFAR

Doctoral Programme

RSIS' PhD programme also has a diverse and cosmopolitan student body which comprises 10 doctoral candidates of eight different nationalities. Some of these students are integrated into both RSIS institutional and individual faculty research programmes, thus enriching their learning experience whilst supporting a broad-based collegial research effort.

Four of our PhD students graduated in July 2018, raising the number of RSIS PhD graduates to 24. Their final theses topics included "Islamism and the Ideological Questioning of the Pancasila", "Historical and Contemporary Strategic Engagement in Cases of Competitive Security Dynamics", "The Devil and the Details: ASEAN's Struggle with its Economic Community and Implementation" and "Sanctions with Chinese Characteristics: The Effects of China's Sanctions Rhetoric on its Behaviour".



PhD Graduates at the 2018 Convocation

Two other candidates have submitted their theses and are awaiting the final examination.

Graduate Education

“RSIS being located in Singapore was the main reason I chose it to pursue my graduate studies. Asia is now the most economically dynamic region in the world, and some of the most consequential developments in international politics today are taking place in this region. Because of its unique history, key geographical location, and great cultural diversity, Singapore is the ideal gateway to experience and study about Asia.”

DANIEL GARCIA, MSc (Strategic Studies), AY2017/2018

Other Developments

Student exchange programmes

Through RSIS' partnership with the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, five RSIS masters students attended their US Foreign Policy Summer Programme in 2018 there, while one Elliott School masters student attended classes at RSIS during Trimester 3 of AY2017/2018.

Convocation

The RSIS class of 2018 comprising 187 masters students (including two NTU-Warwick Double Masters students) and four PhD students joined the 14th NTU Convocation Ceremony on 31 July 2018 at the Nanyang Auditorium.

The RSIS graduates were presented by the Dean of RSIS, Prof Joseph Liow. They included five RSIS academic award winners who have distinguished themselves through their outstanding academic performance: Mr Sukumar Suresh, winner of the Rajabali Jumabhoy Foundation Gold Medal for the best academic performance in MSc (Asian Studies); Ms Natasha D/O Amin Mohammad, winner of the Lion Group Gold Medal for the best academic performance in MSc (International Political Economy); Ms Natarajan Aishwarya, winner of the Singapore Technologies Engineering Gold Medal for the best academic performance in MSc (International Relations); Mr Cedric Law Joo Siang, winner of the United Overseas Bank Gold Medal for the best academic performance in MSc (Strategic Studies); and Ms Junaidah binti Jaffar, winner of the Tay Seow Huah Book Prize for the best dissertation.

Alumni

15th RSIS alumni dinner

Over 120 RSIS alumni, faculty, and staff attended the 15th RSIS Alumni Dinner on 3 August 2018. The evening of reunion saw 20 cohorts of alumni congregating at Hilton Hotel Singapore.

The RSIS Teaching Award, which recognises teaching excellence and outstanding contributions to the enhancement of teaching and learning at RSIS, was presented at the dinner by the Dean of RSIS, Prof Joseph Liow. The AY2017/2018 award winner was Asst Prof Anit Mukherjee.



RSIS Alumni Dinner 2018

Epigram Books Fiction Prize

Ms Hajar Ali was one of the eight nominees of the Epigram Books Fiction Prize 2018. Ms Hajar is an alumna of RSIS' Masters in Strategic Studies Programme.

RSIS Alumni Association events

The RSIS Alumni Association organised two successful networking events in 2018. The first was a joint talk and alumni-corporate mixer session with the Nanyang Business School on 16 May 2018. Titled "A Looming Trade War and its Commercial Implications", it had Prof Joseph Liow, Dean of RSIS, as one of the two panellists. The second event was a casual networking event on 5 September 2018 in Jakarta, which was attended by Indonesian alumni as well as members of the Indonesia Programme at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), and Assoc Prof Leonard Sebastian, Coordinator of the same programme.

External Education

Education for Other Organisations

RSIS is also actively involved in providing education for other organisations. RSIS' role in the education of Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) officers dates back to 1996, when IDSS was identified as the main source of strategic studies education by the SAFTI Military Institute (SAFTI MI) and the SAF at large. This relationship culminated with the SAF-NTU Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 2008, which recognised RSIS as the main conduit of senior officer education in the areas of strategic studies and military affairs in the SAF Continuing Education Masters Programme. Under this programme, RSIS is responsible for teaching modules at the Command and Staff Course and the Command and Staff Course (Executive), which are transferable accredited modules that count towards students' 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 in 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 complements the wide spectrum of courses taught at SAFTI MI, ensuring that SAF stays 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 IDSS. In 2018, MSP faculty also taught in the SAF's Senior Commanders' Programme, which was conducted for senior military officers.

In addition to 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.

Executive Programmes

Apart from teaching in the School's masters programmes, senior NSSP researchers share their insights with public officers at seminars and training courses. They are also involved in outreach activities for the young.

RSIS also conducts executive programmes for professionals. The Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme conducted its 4th Executive Programme from 12 to 16 November 2018. 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.



(From left to right, top to bottom)
Prof Joseph Liow, Prof Mely Caballero-Anthony
Assoc Prof Bhubbindar Singh
Prof Pascal Vennesson, Asst Prof Mohamed bin Ali
Assoc Prof Ang Cheng Guan, Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna

The programme covered the following themes: the global context of social cohesion and resilience building, civilisational conflict and dialogue, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding. Approximately 30 professionals in the areas of community development, education, business, religious leadership, and security, participated in the seminar-based programme, engaging members of the RSIS faculty and other international scholars on issues of religion, secularism, conflict, and dialogue. Two of the international scholars were Prof Patrice Brodeur of University of Montreal and Prof Tatsushi Arai of SIT Graduate Institution. Prof Brodeur spoke about the Canadian experience in building resilience within society while Prof Arai led a practical session on peacebuilding skills and techniques.

Outreach to Community and Youths



Prof Ralf Emmers (centre), Associate Dean of RSIS, with participants of the first run of the Study Programme for Ngee Ann Polytechnic OMF held from 11 to 13 June 2018

The Ngee Ann Polytechnic Overseas Merit Fellowship (OMF) programme is designed to broaden students' perspectives on regional and global issues affecting Singapore, develop in them a variety of skill sets, and inspire them to serve and make a difference in the community. The desired learning outcomes include developing critical thinking and reasoning skills, cultivating multi-disciplinary skills, mindset and knowledge building, and expanding global awareness and current affairs understanding, especially in relation to Singapore and ASEAN. As part of the OMF programme, participants attended a short Study Programme conducted by RSIS faculty/appointed distinguished speakers before going overseas.

The "Workshop on Tackling Religious Ideological Dimension of Religiously Motivated Violent Groups" was organised on 14 and 21 July by the Counter-Ideology Unit of the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), in partnership with the Singapore Islamic Scholars and Religious Teachers Association (PERGAS). As part of the periodical training of the Asatizah Recognition Scheme (ARS), the workshop was held at PERGAS to impart the knowledge of understanding extremist ideologies to ARS Tier 1 *asatizah* (clerics).



ICPVTR Counter-Ideology Unit during the question and answer session



Participants engaging in a group discussion

Mr Benjamin Ang, Senior Fellow and Coordinator of the Cyber and Homeland Defence Programme with the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), was one of the panel speakers at the public lecture titled "False Online Information: What is New from Research and What Can We Do About It?" on 31 August 2018. The lecture is one of NTU Singapore's community engagement initiatives aiming to help Singaporeans appreciate research and its benefits.



Mr Benjamin Ang (right), engaging the audience during the panel discussion segment at the lecture on 31 August 2018



Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna speaking at the "Strong Cities Network Global Summit 2018, held in Melbourne, Australia from 10 to 12 July 2018

Participating in the Ministry of Education's (MOE) Humanities and Social Sciences Research Programme (HSSR), senior RSIS researchers engaged students from secondary to junior college levels through interviews and the supervision of their projects.



Back row from left: Dr James M. Dorsey, Senior Fellow of RSIS; Assoc Prof Kumar Ramakrishna, Head of Policy Studies and Head of NSSP; and Dr Alistair D. B. Cook, Coordinator of the Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster and Relief Programme; with students of MOE's HSSR Programme

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ANNEX B

External Publications

Agama, Perda Agama dan Post-Islamism [Religion, Religion-Based Regulation and Post-Islamism]
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Amalan Beragama: Konteks Juga Penting [The Importance of Context in Practising Religion]
— Nursheila binte Abdul Muez, *Berita Harian*, 28 May 2018

Apabila S'pura Dilanda Lagi Banjir Kilat; Sikap Dan Langkah Betul Bagi Menghadapinya [Singapore Flash Floods; The Right Way and Attitude in Dealing with it]
— Mustazah bin Bahari, *Komentor Berita Mediacorp*, 19 January 2018

Bitcoin Memang Bikin Ribet [The Bitcoin is Confusing Indeed]
— J. Soedradjad Djiwandono, *Kompas*, 30 January 2018

Diplomasi Islam Moderat [Moderate Islam Diplomacy]
— Andar Nubowo, *Republika*, 13 February 2018

Dua Sudut Pelampauan: Golongan Puritan dan Liberal Dalam Beragama [Two Extremities in Islam: The Puritans and the Liberals]
— Mohamed bin Ali and Muhammad Mubarak Habib Mohamed, *Wasaat (No. 21)*, June 2018

Ekklusiviti: Jika Tidak Dibendung Boleh Bawa Perpecahan [Exclusivism: If Not Curbed, Could Lead to Disunity]
— Mohamed bin Ali, *Berita Harian*, 8 February 2018

Identiti Harus Satukan Pelbagai Kaum, Agama Dalam Kerukunan [Identity Should Unite the Various Races and Religions in Harmony]
— Mohamed bin Ali, *Berita Harian*, 20 August 2018

Kisah Tok Kadi, Antara Komedi Dan Reality [Commentary about the realities of marriage life — excerpts from the TV series titled Kisah Tok Kadi]
— Mustazah bin Bahari, *Komentor Berita Mediacorp*, 6 April 2018

Memikirkan Kembali Strategi Kontra Ekstremisme Kekerasan [Rethinking Counter Violent Extremism Strategies]
— Syafiq Hasyim, *Beritagar*, 14 May 2018

Menentang Orientalisme Kolonial: Kerumitan Identiti Bugis [Against Colonial Orientalism: The Complex Identity of Bugis]
— Farish A. Noor, *Berita Harian*, 12 June 2018

Menghayati Erti Pengorbanan Dalam Islam [Appreciating the Meaning of Sacrifice in Islam]
— Mohamed bin Ali, *Berita Harian*, 22 August 2018

Menolak Fahaman Jihad Melampau ISIS Dengan Kisah Uwais Al-Qarni [Refuting ISIS Jihad Propaganda with Uwais Al-Qarni's Story]
— Muhammad Haniff Hassan, *Komentor Berita Mediacorp*, 18 June 2018

Militan IS Bukan Jihadi Mahupun Salafi [IS Militants: Neither Jihadi nor Salafi]
— Mohamed bin Ali, *Berita Harian*, 16 April 2018

Pembakaran Bendera HTI, Representasi Makna Dan Literasi [Burning the HTI Flag, Representation of Meaning and Literacy]
— Syafiq Hasyim, *Beritagar*, 25 October 2018

Pendekatan Dakwah Perlu Berubah Sejalan Konteks dan Zaman [The Approach to Missionary Needs to Change in Line with Context and Time]
— Mohamed bin Ali, *Berita Harian*, 9 July 2018

Pendidikan Agama Yang Inklusif Harus Bermula Dari Kecil Lagi [Inclusivist Islamic Education Should Start from Young Age]
— Mohamed bin Ali, *Komentor Berita Mediacorp*, 23 February 2018

Pengajaran Daripada Serangan Surabaya — Pencegahan Penganasan Bermula Dalam Keluarga [Lessons from the Surabaya Attacks — Terrorism Prevention Starts from the Family]
— Remy Mahzam, *Berita Harian*, 28 May 2018

Perang Dagang, Perang Tariff [Trade War, Tariff War]
— J. Soedradjad Djiwandono, *Kompas*, 7 May 2018

Poros Wasathiyat Islam [The Axis of Wasathiyah Islam]
— Andar Nubowo, *Republika*, 11 May 2018

Remaja "Berdosa" Mudah Terpengaruh Dengan Fahaman Radikal ["Guilt" Led Teenagers to Radicalism]

— Syed Huzaifah bin Othman Alkaff, *Berita Mediacorp*, 19 March 2018

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— Remy Mahzam, *Berita Mediacorp*, 21 May 2018

Sifat Inklusif Dalam Kepelbagaian Agama Menurut Al-Quran [Inclusivism in Religious Plurality According to the Quran]

— Mohamed bin Ali, *Berita Harian*, 3 September 2018.

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— Mustazah bin Bahari, *Wasat Online (21 Edition)*, June 2018

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— Mohamed bin Ali, *Berita Harian*, 23 July 2018

Tentang Perdagangan Daring [On E-commerce]

— J. Soedradjad Djiwandono, *Kompas*, 8 January 2018

Usaha Pupuk Persefahaman Agama Keperluan Genting Bukan Satu Pilihan [Promoting Inter-Faith Understanding is a Critical Need, not Optional]

— Muhammad Haniff Hassan, *Komentari Berita Mediacorp*, 2 March 2018

Versi Baru Akhbar Al-Fatihin Diterbitkan, Ideologi ISIS Terus Ancam Asia Tenggara [The New Version of Al-Fatihin has been Published, the Ideology Continues to Threaten Southeast Asia]

— Syed Huzaifah bin Othman Alkaff and Jasminder Singh, *Berita Mediacorp*, 14 May 2018

S. T. LEE DISTINGUISHED ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

Professor Brahma Chellaney, Professor of Strategic Studies, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, on “From Partners to Foes: The Changing US-China Relationship and its Implications for Asia”, 30 October 2018

DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

- 1** Ambassador Su Ge, S. Rajaratnam Professor of Strategic Studies, RSIS; Co-Chair, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC); and Chairman, China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNCPEC), on “International Order and the Historical Journey of China’s Diplomacy”, 1 October 2018
- 2** Professor Evelyn Goh, Ngee Ann Kongsi Professor of International Relations, RSIS; Shedden Professor of Strategic Policy Studies, and Director of Research, Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University, on “Asia’s Age of Uncertainty: Globalisation and the Economic-Security Nexus”, 23 August 2018
- 3** Her Excellency Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy; and Vice-President of the European Commission, on “The European Union as a Global Actor”, 3 August 2018
- 4** Professor Robert N. Stavins, A. J. Meyer Professor of Energy & Economic Development, Harvard Kennedy School; Director, Harvard Environmental Economics Program; and Director, Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, on “What Can an Economist Possibly Have to Say about Climate Change (in the Age of Trump)”, 3 May 2018
- 5** Professor Dewi Fortuna Anwar, Distinguished Visiting Professor, RSIS, on “Indonesia’s Foreign Policy under President Joko Widodo”, 13 April 2018
- 6** Professor Richard Silbergliitt, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS; Senior Physical Scientist, RAND Corporation; and Professor, Pardee RAND Graduate School, on “Science and Technology Foresight: Preparing for an Uncertain Future”, 10 April 2018
- 7** Professor Wu Xinbo, RSIS Distinguished Visitor; Dean, Institute of International Studies, and Director, Center for American Studies, Fudan University, China, on “The Prospects of Sino-US Relations and Implications for the Asia-Pacific”, 29 March 2018
- 8** Professor Linda Lim, NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, RSIS; and Professor Emerita of Corporate Strategy and International Business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, on “Back to the Future: Singapore, China and Southeast Asia”, 21 March 2018
- 9** RSIS Distinguished Public Dialogue on “The Trump Administration and US Foreign Policy: A First-Year Report Card”, by Professor Michael E. Brown, Professor of International Affairs and Political Science, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University; 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; and Professor Vali R. Nasr, Dean, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 11 January 2018
- 10** Madam Yan Junqi, Vice-Chairwoman, Standing Committee, National People’s Congress of China; and President, Chinese Association for International Understanding (CAFIU), on “China and the World — After the 19th CPC National Congress”, 19 December 2017

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

- 1** Dr Cung Vu, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Former Associate Director, Office of Naval Research Global (Singapore), United States, Department of the Navy, on "Space Force", 2 November 2018
- 2** Ambassador Arif Havas Oegrosenom, Ambassador of Indonesia to Germany; and Former Deputy Minister for Maritime Sovereignty, Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs, Indonesia, on "Indonesia's Perspective on a Rules-based Order", 1 November 2018
- 3** Dr Ang Yuen Yuen, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Associate Professor of Political Science, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on "Autocracy with Democratic Characteristics: How the West Got China Wrong", 10 October 2018
- 4** Lior Tabansky, Visiting Fellow, Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS; and Head of Research Development, The Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center, Tel Aviv University, on "Total Defence and Hostile Influence Operations", 14 August 2018
- 5** His Excellency Ngurah Swajaya, Ambassador of Indonesia to Singapore, on "Democracy in Indonesia: The Convening of Simultaneous Local Elections in the Past Three Years", 20 July 2018
- 6** 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 Third/Fourth Industrial Revolution or Industry 4.0 — Security Implications", 18 May 2018

DEVELOPMENTS IN INDONESIA DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

- 1** Professor Dr K. H. Ma'ruf Amin, Chairman, Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI), on "The Emergence of Wasatiyyah Islam: Promoting 'Middle-Way' Islam and Socio-Economic Equality in Indonesia", 17 October 2018
- 2** Mr Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono, Executive Director, The Yudhoyono Institute, on "Unleashing the Potential of Young Indonesians: Opportunities and Challenges in a Vibrant Democracy", 13 July 2018
- 3** General (Ret) Dr Moeldoko, Presidential Chief of Staff for President Joko Widodo, Indonesia, on "Indonesia under President Joko Widodo's Administration: Achievements and Challenges in Securing the World's Largest Archipelago", 6 July 2018
- 4** Lieutenant General (Ret) Agus Widjojo, Governor, National Resilience Institute (Lemhannas), Indonesia; and Inaugural RI-Sing Fellow, 2018, on "Professionalism and Propensity for Reform in the Indonesian Military", 27 April 2018

Throughout the year, RSIS organised public lectures, conferences, workshops, seminars and roundtables on topics of interest to shed light and generate discussion on key developments in the region and the world. Below are highlights of the events we organised.

- 1** RSIS Roundtable on "Developments in Nuclear Energy in Southeast Asia: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities", organised by NTS Centre, RSIS, 11 December 2018
- 2** Professor Ian Hall, Professor of International Relations, Griffith University, on "Narendra Modi and the Reinvention of Indian Foreign Policy", 4 December 2018
- 3** Professor Harry Harding, Professor of Public Policy, University of Virginia; and Dr Syaru Shirley Lin, Lecturer, University of Virginia, on "The Rise of China and Its Implications for Taiwan, HK and the US", 26 November 2018
- 4** Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Singapore Executive Committee Meeting, organised by RSIS, 23 November 2018
- 5** Dr Charles Massey, Nuclear Security Officer, International Atomic Energy Agency, on "Science and Technology Needs in Nuclear Security Detection", 20 November 2018
- 6** Professor Jean Bogais, Associate Professor (Adjunct), School of Social and Political Sciences & Business School; and Associate, the Centre for International Security Studies and the Nanotechnology Research Institute, University of Sydney, Australia, on "Getting the Question of Technology Right: An Ethical Challenge in the Midst of Global Critical Juncture", 19 November 2018
- 7** BCS-SRP Joint Seminar 2018 on "Countering Fundamentalism: Perspectives from Buddhism and Other Religions", jointly organised by Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme, RSIS; and Buddhist College of Singapore, 17 November 2018
- 8** Dr Peter Chalk, Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation, on "Maritime Terrorism", 15 November 2018
- 9** Workshop on "The Future Regional Security Architecture: The Role of Minilaterals" by the Regional Security Architecture Programme, IDSS, 15 November 2018
- 10** RSIS-EWCW Conference on "Asia Matters: US-Indo Pacific Relations at the 13th East Asia Summit", jointly organised by RSIS and East-West Center in Washington, 14 November 2018
- 11** Associate Professor Enze Han, Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Hong Kong, on "International Condemnation and China's Enticement: Myanmar's Foreign Policy Predicament", 14 November 2018
- 12** Dr Johannes Peterlik, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria, on "The Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union", 12 November 2018
- 13** 4th SRP Executive Programme 2018, organised by the Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme, RSIS, 12–16 November 2018
- 14** Indonesia-Singapore Young Leaders Scenario Planning Workshop 2018, jointly organised by the Indonesia Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS; and S. Rajaratnam Endowment, 8–9 November 2018
- 15** Workshop on "Cyclone Nargis Ten Years On: A Decade of New Humanitarian Partnerships in Southeast Asia", organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 8 November 2018
- 16** Workshop on "The UK Parliamentary Committee: Fake News and Disinformation", organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 8 November 2018
- 17** Mrs Barbara Lochbihler, Member of the European Parliament, on "Human Rights and the Prevention of Violent Extremism", 2 November 2018
- 18** Professor Brahma Chellaney, Distinguished Speaker, RSIS, and Professor of Strategic Studies, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, on "A Rules-Based Order? The Challenge of Building A 'Free and Open' Indo-Pacific Region", 31 October 2018
- 19** Professor Gabriel Ben-Dor, Distinguished Visiting Professor, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Rector Emeritus and Director, National Security Studies, School of Political Sciences, University of Haifa, Israel, on "Understanding How Small States Succeed in a Rapidly Evolving and Challenging Strategic Environment: One Israeli View", 31 October 2018
- 20** Professor Gabriel Ben-Dor, Distinguished Visiting Professor, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Rector Emeritus and Director, National Security Studies, School of Political Sciences, University of Haifa, Israel, on "Building a Strong National Identity for a Globalised, Multi-Ethnic, Immigrant Society: Some Observations", 29 October 2018
- 21** Lim Aik Hoe, Director of the Trade and Environment Division, World Trade Organization, on "Making Trade Work for the Environment, Prosperity and Resilience", 29 October 2018
- 22** Shaykh Sayyid Muhammad al-Yaqoubi, author of "Refuting ISIS: A Rebuttal of its Religious and Ideological Foundations", on "Contextualisation of Religious Thought in Plural Societies", 29 October 2018
- 23** Trade Policy Workshop organised by the Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, 24–25 October 2018

- 24** Workshop on “Closer Cooperation between the Republic of Korea and Singapore in an Era of Uncertainty”, jointly organised by RSIS and Busan University of Foreign Studies, **19 October 2018**
- 25** Mr Travis Wheeler, Research Associate, South Asia Programme, Stimson Center, on “Southern (Dis)Comfort: Strategic Competition and Uncertainty in South Asia”, **17 October 2018**
- 26** Mr Walter Lohman, Director, Asian Studies Center, The Heritage Foundation, on “Trump’s Asia Policy at the Midway Point”, **12 October 2018**
- 27** The 7th ERIA Editors’ Roundtable on “ASEAN and Indo-Pacific: Challenges Ahead”, organised by RSIS and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, **6–7 October 2018**
- 28** 2018 Southeast Asia Counter-Terrorism Symposium: A Collective Approach, organised by RSIS, **4–5 October 2018**
- 29** The Singapore-Vietnam Track 1.5 Security Dialogue, organised by RSIS, **2 October 2018**
- 30** Ms Kathy Lai, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Singapore, on “Enhancing Singapore’s External Economy: Challenges and Prospects in the Evolving Global Economic Environment”, **28 September 2018**
- 31** 4th SRP Distinguished Lecture and Symposium on “Dialogue in Asia and the West: Interreligious Relations in a World of Conflict and Violence”, organised by the Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies Programme, RSIS, **22 September 2018**
- 32** Workshop on “Countering Extremism: Now What?”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, **10–11 September 2018**
- 33** Indian Ocean Conference 2018 on “Building Regional Architecture”, at Hanoi, Vietnam, jointly organised by the India Foundation; the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam; RSIS; and the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies, **27–28 August 2018**
- 34** Professor Christopher A. Kojm, Distinguished Visiting Professor, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Professor of Practice at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, USA, on “Effectively Connecting the Dots in a Complex, Uncertain and Fast-Paced World: Human, Institutional and Technological Factors”, **21 August 2018**
- 35** Professor Christopher A. Kojm, Distinguished Visiting Professor, National Security Studies Programme, RSIS; and Professor of Practice at the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, USA, on “Current Global and Regional Trends that National Security Policy Communities Should Be Following”, **17 August 2018**
- 36** 20th Asia Pacific Programme for Senior Military Officers (APPSMO), organised by IDSS, **5–11 August 2018**
- 37** RSIS Seminar on Multilateralism Studies — “Brexit: The Disintegration of Europe?” by Dr Sypros Economides, **2 August 2018**
- 38** Book launch by Assistant Professor Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman, Coordinator of the Malaysia Programme, IDSS, on “Hizbut Tahrir Indonesia and Political Islam: Identity, Ideology and Religio-Political Mobilisation”, **27 July 2018**
- 39** RSIS-Middle East Institute Panel Discussion on “Spectrum of Islamism in the Middle East and Southeast Asia”, by Assistant Professor Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman, Assistant Professor, and then Coordinator of Malaysia Programme, IDSS; Dr Enrica Fei, Department of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter; and Associate Professor Emmanuel Karagiannis, Department of Defence Studies, King’s College, London, **26 July 2018**
- 40** Workshop on “Understanding and Countering Disinformation, Online Falsehoods and Fake News”, organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, **24–25 July 2018**
- 41** Yang Berhormat Nik Nazmi bin Nik Ahmad, Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Youth Chief; and Member of Parliament, Malaysia, on “What’s in Store for a “New Nation”? Reformasi, Legacy, and the Future of Racial Politics in Malaysia Baru”, **19 July 2018**
- 42** Dr Ronald Huisken, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Adjunct Associate Professor, Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University, on “Flashpoint Korea: How has this Crisis Eluded Resolution for Seven Decades?”, **12 July 2018**
- 43** Launch of Report on “Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2018”, by Mr Hervé Lemahieu, Director, Asian Power and Diplomacy Program, Lowy Institute; and Ms Bonnie Bley, Research Fellow, Asian Power and Diplomacy Program, Lowy Institute, **11 July 2018**
- 44** RSIS Panel Seminar on “The 2018 Indonesian Simultaneous Regional Elections: Characteristics, Implications and Trends”, by Dr Alexander R. Arifianto, Research Fellow; Mr Keoni Marzuki, Senior Analyst; Ms Chaula Rininta Anindya, Research Analyst; Mr Chen Jieyang Jonathan, Associate Research Fellow; Mr Adri Wanto, Associate Research Fellow; Mr Dedi Dinarto, Research Associate; and Mr Emirza Adi Syailendra, Senior Analyst; all from the Indonesia Programme of IDSS, **10 July 2018**
- 45** Conference on “Chinese Public Diplomacy in East Asia and the Pacific”, organised by AidData; the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); and the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI); in partnership with RSIS, **27 June 2018**

- 46** Track II Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI) Workshop on “Counter-Terrorism, Counter-Radicalisation and Cybersecurity”, organised by RSIS, 26–28 June 2018
- 47** Professor Özlem Tür, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; Professor of International Relations, and Chair of the Department of International Relations, Middle East Technical University, Turkey, on “Turkey and the Syrian Civil War: Re-thinking Identity and Interest”, 23 May 2018
- 48** RSIS Panel Seminar on “Post-Election Analysis of Malaysia’s GE14: Its Results and Implications”, by Assistant Professor Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman, Assistant Professor, and Coordinator of Malaysia Programme, IDSS; Associate Professor Farish Noor, Coordinator of the PhD Programme, RSIS; Mr Rashaad Ali, Research Analyst, Malaysia Programme, IDSS; Ms Chan Xin Ying, Research Analyst, Malaysia Programme, IDSS; and Mr Prashant Waikar, Research Analyst, Malaysia Programme, IDSS, 18 May 2018
- 49** Consultation on “Rules-Based ASEAN — Process of Forging Legal Instruments”, jointly organised by the ASEAN Secretariat; the ASEAN-US Partnership for Good Governance, Equitable and Sustainable Development and Security (PROGRESS); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ); and CMS, 16–27 May 2018
- 50** Regional Seminar on “Disarmament and Non-proliferation for ASEAN Countries — Preventing Ballistic Proliferation: Between Confidence-Building Measures and Technological Development”, jointly organised by Military Transformations Programme, IDSS; European External Action Service (EEAS), European Union; and Foundation for Strategic Research (FRS), Paris, 15 May 2018
- 51** Roundtable with Dr Cung Vu, RSIS Visiting Senior Fellow, on “Data Analytics and National Security: Capitalising on Data Analytics for our Work on National Security and Counter Terrorism”, 15 May 2018
- 52** Roundtable on “Revisiting China-India Rivalry in the Globalisation Era”, with Professor T. V. Paul, Visiting Professor, RSIS; Dr Selina Ho, Assistant Professor of International Affairs, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS; and Dr Collin Koh, Research Fellow, Maritime Security Programme, IDSS, 9 May 2018
- 53** RSIS-World Trade Organization Parliamentarian Workshop, organised by the Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, 7–9 May 2018
- 54** 12th Asia-Pacific Programme for Senior National Security Officers (APPSNO), organised by the Centre of Excellence for National Security, RSIS, 6–11 May 2018
- 55** Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Regional Security Order Meeting, jointly organised by Australia CSCAP and RSIS, 5–6 May 2018
- 56** Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Regional Security Outlook 2019 and ASEAN Regional Forum Supplement Meeting, organised by RSIS, 5 May 2018
- 57** 2nd ASEAN Media Forum, jointly organised by ASEAN Secretariat; RSIS; and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), 4 May 2018
- 58** Dr Alvin Chew, Adjunct Fellow, RSIS, on “Energy Security Challenges and Available Technology Options for Singapore”, 3 May 2018
- 59** 15th ASEAN Leadership Forum on “Future Proof ASEAN: Strengthening Resilience, Promoting Innovation”, jointly organised by Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI); RSIS; ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN BAC); and Social Innovation Park (SIP), 28 April 2018
- 60** Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery-RSIS Maritime Roundtable on “Is a Single Reporting Centre the Answer to Timely Reporting, and Prompt Response Against Piracy and Sea Robbery?”, organised by the Maritime Security Programme, IDSS, 25 April 2018
- 61** Mr Hirubalan V. P., Senior Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore; and Colonel Aaron Beng, Director (Policy), Defence Policy Office, Ministry of Defence, Singapore, on “Outlook on Singapore’s ASEAN Chairmanship Year”, 5 April 2018
- 62** Track II Network of ASEAN Defence and Security Institutions (NADI) Annual Meeting, organised by RSIS, 3–4 April 2018
- 63** NTS-Asia Consortium Annual Conference on “Resilience in the Face of Disruptions”, organised by the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, RSIS, 27–28 March 2018
- 64** His Excellency Nasrullah Khan, High Commissioner of Pakistan, Singapore, on “The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: Its importance for Pakistan and the One Belt One Road Initiative”, 27 March 2018
- 65** Professor Wu Xinbo, RSIS Distinguished Visitor; Dean, Institute of International Studies, and Director, Center for American Studies, Fudan University, China, on “China: In Search of a Liberal Partnership International Order”, 27 March 2018
- 66** Professor Linda Lim, NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, RSIS; and Professor Emerita of Corporate Strategy and International Business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, on “Challenges Facing China’s Belt-and-Road Initiative”, 26 March 2018

- 67** The Trilateral Commission Singapore Plenary Meeting, organised by the Trilateral Commission Secretariat with support by RSIS, 23–25 March 2018
- 68** Mr Evan Rogerson, Distinguished Visiting Fellow RSIS; Former Director of the Agriculture and Commodities Division of the WTO Secretariat Geneva, on “WTO in the Balance”, 23 March 2018
- 69** Mr Han Fook Kwang, Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Editor-at-Large, *The Straits Times*, on “Fake News in the Media: Challenges and Responses to Manage Impact”, 20 March 2018
- 70** Dr Alexander Görlach, Professor, Harvard University College, on “The Global Resurgence of Religious and Nationalistic Ideologies”, 16 March 2018
- 71** Professor Linda Lim, NTUC Professor of International Economic Relations, RSIS; and Professor Emerita of Corporate Strategy and International Business, Stephen M. Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, on “What’s Up with US Trade, Investment and Immigration Policy?”, 16 March 2018
- 72** 5th Annual RSIS-Centre for Naval Analyses Workshop on “East Asian Maritime Issues — Indo-Pacific Maritime Issues: Connectivity, Balance and Cooperation”, jointly organised by the Maritime Security Programme, IDSS; and Centre of Naval Analyses, 7–8 March 2018
- 73** Workshop on “A Global Partnership or a Relationship Oversold? The India-US Strategic Relationship”, organised by the South Asia Programme, IDSS, 2 March 2018
- 74** Workshop on “The 14th Malaysian General Elections: Analysis and Implications”, organised by the Malaysia Programme, IDSS, 28 February 2018
- 75** Dr Frank Umbach, Adjunct Senior Fellow, RSIS; Research Director, European Centre for Energy and Resource Security, King’s College, London; and Senior Associate, Centre for European Security Strategies, on “The Energy-Security Nexus of Major ASEAN-Countries: Implications for Maritime Security Policies and the South China Sea’s Territorial Disputes”, 23 February 2018
- 76** Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan, Ambassador-at-large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on “Evolving Regional Architecture in Asia: Emerging Challenges and Maintaining ASEAN’s Regional Role”, 9 February 2018
- 77** Mr Said Faisal, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Senior Advisor to Minister/Head of BNPB (National Disaster Management Agency of Indonesia), on “AHA Centre — The First 5 Years”, 9 February 2018
- 78** Dr Noeleen Heyzer, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, RSIS; and Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations (2007–2015), on “Mediation for Peace: Conflict Prevention and Early Action”, 7 February 2018
- 79** Workshop on “Countering the ISIS Threat to Multicultural Societies”, organised by the National Security Studies Programme, RSIS, 5 February 2018
- 80** His Excellency Bruce Gosper, Australia’s High Commissioner to Singapore, on “Changing Regional Dynamics in Asia: Australia’s Engagement with the Region”, 2 February 2018
- 81** Conference on “Regional Maritime Security Outlook 2018”, organised by the Maritime Security Programme, IDSS, 31 January–1 February 2018
- 82** Ms Janet Lim, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Former UN Assistant High Commissioner (Operations) for Refugees, on “The Challenge of Solutions for Refugee Crises in the World Today”, 31 January 2018
- 83** 11th Terrorist Analyst Training Course, organised by the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, RSIS, 29 January–9 February 2018
- 84** RSIS-Hindu Centre Seminar on “Countering Fundamentalism — Dharmic and Abrahamic Perspectives”, by Professor Julius Lipner, Emeritus Professor of Hinduism and the Comparative Study of Religion in the University of Cambridge; Dr Paul Hedges, Associate Professor; Dr Mohamed bin Ali, Assistant Professor, both with the SRP Programme; and Mr S. Ravenderan, former Vice-President of the Hindu Centre, 27 January 2018
- 85** His Excellency Dr Usen Suleimen, Ambassador of Kazakhstan, Singapore, on “One Belt One Road Initiative: Challenges and Opportunity for Kazakhstan”, 26 January 2018
- 86** Mr Said Faisal, Visiting Senior Fellow, RSIS; and Senior Advisor to Minister/Head of BNPB (National Disaster Management Agency of Indonesia), on “Catalysts for Change: Natural Disasters in ASEAN”, 25 January 2018
- 87** Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Nuclear Energy Experts Group Meeting, jointly organised by the Pacific Forum and RSIS, 22–23 January 2018
- 88** Mr Katsuyuki Kawai, Special Advisor for Foreign Affairs to the President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP); and Member of the House of Representatives, on “The North Korea Crisis, the Rise of China, and a Fresh Start for the Abe Administration: Transition of Japan’s Foreign and Security Policies”, 16 January 2018
- 89** Workshop on “China’s Neighbourhood Relations”, organised by the China Programme, IDSS, 5 January 2018

ANNEX E

Forthcoming Events

TERRORISM ANALYSTS TRAINING COURSE

21 JANUARY–1 FEBRUARY 2019

ICPVTR will be conducting its 12th Terrorism Analysts Training Course from 21 January to 1 February 2019. This annual training course aims to bring together analysts and scholars to improve their professional competence and development. It will also explore new frontiers in counter-terrorism research, analyses and practices. Covering four broad areas — Terrorism Primer, Global and Regional Threat Landscape, Counter-Terrorism Response, and Research and Methodology — this course strives to deliver a holistic perspective aimed at building the knowledge and capacity of analysts specialising in counter-terrorism.

HADR PROGRAMME WORKSHOP ON EMERGING POWERS AND THE HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM

FEBRUARY 2019

As emerging powers like China, India and Brazil increasingly provide humanitarian aid, it is important to understand the emerging role of these countries in the provision of humanitarian action, the potential interaction between traditional and new donor countries, and the role of Southeast Asia in global humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts. The Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Programme workshop will bring together scholars to look at the use of HADR as a platform to foster cooperation between countries in the region, and examine how these emerging powers' aid provision will shape the global humanitarian system.

NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAMME ANNUAL DIALOGUE ON “NATIONAL SECURITY IN A COMPLEX ENVIRONMENT: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR SINGAPORE”

21 FEBRUARY 2019

The National Security Studies Programme will be organising its inaugural National Security Studies Programme Annual Dialogue (NSSPAD) on 21 February 2019. The theme for this by-invitation-only event is “National Security in a Complex Environment: Challenges and Prospects for Singapore”. Its target audience is second-year Singaporean students from all faculties of Singapore's six public-funded universities.

NTS-ASIA CONSORTIUM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MARCH 2019

The Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia) Annual Conference brings together consortium members to take stock of the group's activities for the year and chart the direction of NTS for the future. The convention also gives members and non-member partners the opportunity to discuss prevailing non-traditional security issues affecting the region, such as climate change, natural and man-made disasters, and cybersecurity threats.

STSP DISTINGUISHED VISITOR PROGRAMME

MARCH 2019

In March 2019, the Science and Technology Studies Programme (STSP) will host Dr Noreen A. Hynes under its Distinguished Visitor Programme. While at RSIS, Dr Hynes will be delivering a public lecture and meet with key RSIS stakeholders and staff members. Dr Hynes is affiliated with the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the Schools of Medicine and Public Health University. She is currently an Associate Professor in the School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and is jointly appointed in the School of Public Health in the Department of International Health. She has over 30 years of medical and public health experience in both international and domestic settings. Her career encompasses basic and applied research, epidemiology, public health, clinical medicine, and the regulatory aspects of medical countermeasures for emerging infectious diseases.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE AND INTER-RELIGIOUS SYMPOSIUM

3 APRIL 2019

There is a growing trend of religious exclusivism that affects societal relations in plural societies. The Studies in Inter-Religious Relations in Plural Societies (SRP) Programme's Distinguished Lecture and Inter-religious Symposium will attempt to understand this growing trend, locate its causes in a world of growing religiosity and increasing religious fundamentalism, and explore resources within religious traditions to counter this exclusivism. Religious studies scholars, both local and from abroad, will also discuss the impulses that texts and traditions provide for religious communities to embrace inclusivism in interreligious relations, notwithstanding the fundamental differences that exist within and between religions. This lecture and symposium will be held as part of SRP's commemoration of its 5th anniversary.

13TH ASIA-PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS (APPSNO)

8–12 APRIL 2019

APPSNO is the annual flagship conference of the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS). It is organised specifically for senior government officials from the Asia Pacific region 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 for APPSNO 2019 is “National Security in the Age of Disruption”. As rapid disruption presents both challenges and opportunities for national security, a whole-of-society collaborative approach is crucially needed by governments, institutions, and society in tackling present and future disruptions. This conference seeks to explore and foster dialogue on the impact of disruption to national security and how disruptions can be channelled into opportunities for adaptable and responsive policymaking.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY CONFERENCE

MAY 2019

The International Maritime Security Conference (IMSC 2019) will be jointly organised by IDSS’ Maritime Security Programme and the Republic of Singapore Navy. The event, held biennially, will bring together key naval practitioners of the region to discuss ways to promote practical cooperation with the aim of building safer and more secure seas in the Asia Pacific.

RSIS-WTO PARLIAMENTARIAN WORKSHOP

JUNE 2019

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 WTO and 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.

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

4–6 JULY 2019

In collaboration with the School of Social Sciences in NTU Singapore, RSIS will be hosting the International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Singapore from 4 to 6 July 2019. The conference will bring together scholars of international studies across the Asia Pacific region to present research in different areas of international studies and engage in inter-disciplinary exchanges.

RSIS WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY PUBLIC PANEL AND EXHIBITION

AUGUST 2019

NTS Centre’s HADR Programme will be organising World Humanitarian Day in August 2019. 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.

21ST ASIA PACIFIC PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS (APPSMO)

1–9 AUGUST 2019

Inaugurated in 1999, this annual event organised by IDSS’ Military Studies Programme will be held in August 2019. 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.

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