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MISSION

Studying South Asia

ISAS is dedicated to research on contemporary South Asia. The Institute seeks to promote understanding of this vital region of the world, and to communicate knowledge and insights about it to policy makers, the business community, academia and civil society, in Singapore and beyond.

Afghanistan



Bangladesh



Bhutan



India



Maldives



Nepal



Pakistan



Sri Lanka



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Breaking New Ground

With ISAS poised to celebrate its first decade of dedicated studies and focussed public outreach activities, the institute looks forward to pursuing our mission with even greater vigour in the years to come.

The year 2013/2014 was an important year for ISAS. It was a year of intense activity and it was a year which saw our global signature event, 'South Asian Diaspora Convention' gaining considerable traction. The Convention brought together people from different countries of South Asia living in various parts of the world engaged in a wide variety of business and civic activities. The event which took place in November 2013 saw the participation of political leaders like Singapore's two Deputy Prime Ministers and the Foreign Minister, the former Finance Minister of India, Mr P Chidambaram, Prof Gowher Rizvi from Bangladesh and prominent businessmen like Anand Mahindra from India, Abdul Razak Dawood from Pakistan and Binod Chaudhary from Nepal.

SADC 2013 broke new ground in two ways. First it initiated the process of reaching out to the World Bank with two of their senior officials attending and contributing at the Conference. The proposition is to access the World Bank to facilitate a smooth flow of the South Asian Diaspora's skills and potential investments towards South Asia. The World Bank could either partner the Diaspora-investors or provide them with comfort against some specific forms of risk generally associated with investing

in South Asia. Linking South Asia with its Diaspora will be consistent with the World Bank's development mandate. For the Diaspora investors, risk-mitigated investment, made possible by the World Bank, will make it more attractive for them to invest in the region they have emigrated from. Overtime this could lead to greater regional economic integration and this in turn could bring in FDI from non-South Asian sources. It will be the first significant step in a long journey.

The second ground breaking event at SADC was the recognition of entrepreneurial success achieved by the South Asian Diaspora members. In a high-profile celebration of enterprise, Singapore's President, Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, presented the 'Outstanding Member of the South Asian Diaspora Award' (OMSADA) to Mr Murli Kewalram Chanrai, Chairman of the Kewalram Chanrai Group, a US\$ 1-billion global company at a glittering Gala Dinner on the first day of SADC 2013.

Consistent with our broad mandate, ISAS has gone the extra mile in meaningful public-outreach activities. In July 2013, we hosted a Public Lecture by India's then External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid. Indeed, in the year under review, ISAS took a bold initiative of



holding a series of public fora to discuss the issues, trends, and personalities in India's General Election 2014. Right up to the polling days in April-May 2014 and beyond, ISAS continued to use the public platform to discuss India's political and economic trend-lines in the context of what turned out to be a defining General Election. These public discussions in Singapore proved popular.

ISAS has also held activities covering the other countries of South Asia. Mention should be made of the launch of The Encyclopedia of the Sri Lankan Diaspora at the SADC 2013. An ISAS Colombo Colloquium was also organised on 3 April 2014. Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister, Prof G L Peiris, was a notable participant when the Encyclopedia was launched in Sri Lanka.

During the year, ISAS has developed close professional links with certain

international organisations. Issues of combating terrorism and violent extremism in South Asia have been extensively explored by ISAS, in partnership with the New York-based Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (which later became the Global Center on Cooperative Security) and the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate. The objective is to facilitate the involvement of the South Asian civil society in the implementation of the UN counter-terrorism strategy. I should commend, in particular, the efforts of Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow at ISAS and a former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, in making this exercise possible.

At a different level, I should also mention the partnership-memoranda that ISAS has signed with Brookings, India and the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute for

International Relations and Strategic Studies in Colombo.

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AMBASSADOR GOPINATH PILLAI
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Institute of South Asian Studies
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Synergising Research Efforts

Having settled down at our new premises, we are looking forward to celebrating the 10th anniversary of the founding of ISAS and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and India.

I am happy to report that ISAS monitored, virtually on a real-time basis, the rapid and complex political and economic developments in South Asia, especially India and Pakistan, during FY2013/14. The long and sensitive countdown to India's General Election 2014, as well as the return of Nawaz Sharif to power in Pakistan in 2013 and that country's democratic challenges, have been amply explored in ISAS research papers. On foreign policy issues, the unusual two-in-a-year summit meetings between India and China in 2013, as well as the bloodless but tense military standoff between them, were also watched closely and commented upon.

Besides keeping abreast of current developments in South Asia, ISAS reinforced its focus on longer-term academic research on themes of contemporary relevance to the sub-continent. Streamlining our research areas for greater synergy, we created five Research Programmes – Politics and Governance; Security and International Relations; Strategic and Multilateral Linkages; Trade and Economics; and Singapore, Southeast Asia and Diaspora. Researchers' meetings are held regularly, twice a week whenever possible, to discuss

research themes and current affairs of direct relevance to South Asia.

In the year under review and the following months, some notable developments have taken place at the Institute. While we have had a fairly compact and stable research team over the past several years, I wish to place on record our appreciation of the scholarly work of Prof S D Muni, who moved on from ISAS in early-January 2014 after a number of years of close association with this Institute. We have welcomed on board Assoc Prof Rahul Mukherji as Head of Research and Honorary Senior Fellow, and Dr Rajesh Rai as Assistant Director and Senior Research Fellow. Dr S Narayan, who served as Head of Research for a number of years and whose association with ISAS can be traced to its formative phase, stays on as Visiting Senior Research Fellow. ISAS has, in concert with its stakeholders, launched a new initiative, hosting Dr Duvvuri Subbarao, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as the first Distinguished Visiting Fellow.

Our research output – in the form of ISAS Briefs, Insights, Working Papers, and Special Reports – has remained quite impressive in scope and substance, looking at current and



long-term issues of relevance to South Asia (with a touch of history where appropriate). The future of Afghanistan in the context of the likely pullout of US troops from there, the growing importance of Indian Ocean, the connectivity between India's Northeast and Southeast Asia, Singapore's relations with India, the changing internal and international profile of India (including its relations with major powers), and the developments in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka continue to animate our intellectual pursuits. These subjects have been covered not only in our research papers but also in our newsletters.

Several books by ISAS scholars have been published during FY2013/14 and in the following months – *Diaspora Engagement and Development in South Asia*, edited by Tan Tai Yong and

Md Mizanur Rahman; *The Political Economy of South Asian Diaspora*, edited by Gopinath Pillai; *Political Economy of Reforms in India*, by Rahul Mukherji; *Globalization and Deregulation: Ideas, Interests, and Institutional Change in India*, by Rahul Mukherji; *The Trans-Pacific Partnership, China, and India: Economic and Political Implications*, by Amitendu Palit; *Being Muslim in South Asia: Diversity and Daily Life*, edited by Robin Jeffrey and Ronojoy Sen; *Indians in Singapore 1819-1945: Diaspora in the Colonial Port City*, by Rajesh Rai; *Migrant Remittances in South Asia: Social, Economic and Political Implications*, edited by Md Mizanur Rahman, Tan Tai Yong, and AKM Ahsan Ullah (the last mentioned editor being an external scholar).

A notable event in the life of ISAS during FY2013/14 was the relocation of our office from the Bukit Timah

Campus of the National University of Singapore to an enclave that houses some international organisations such as APEC Secretariat, Asia-Europe Foundation, and UNDP Centre of Excellence, etc. Having settled down at our new premises, we are looking forward to celebrating the 10th anniversary of the founding of ISAS and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and India.

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YEAR IN REVIEW (2013/2014)



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I 2013

1 April

India

The Supreme Court in a landmark verdict rejects Swiss firm Novartis' plea for a patent for modification of Glivec, a drug that fights a form of chronic blood cancer. Green signal for cheaper generic drugs.

Nepal

Supreme Court suspends attempt by the government to set up a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate crimes committed during the country's 10-year civil war.

3 April

Afghanistan

Taliban militants disguised as soldiers attack a courthouse in the capital of the Farhan province and try to free Taliban prisoners on trial. The attack leaves 50 people dead and another 90 injured.

7 April

Bangladesh

The Norwegian Trade Minister Mr Trond Giske met Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni. He said Telenor would invest more in Bangladesh, especially in 3G services through Grameen phone. He also expressed his country's interest to invest in shipbuilding/recycling and oil and gas sectors of Bangladesh.

19 April

Bangladesh

The 1st Bangladesh-Bhutan-India trilateral meeting on connectivity and transit was held on 19 April 2013 in Dhaka. The Bangladesh delegation was led by Ms Mashfee Binte Shams, Director General (South Asia), Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Bhutanese delegation was led by Mr Dasho Bap Kesang, Ambassador of Bhutan in Bangladesh and the Indian delegation was led by Mr Virendra Kumar, Director (Works), Ministry of Railways. The meeting was held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere.

Pakistan

Court orders the arrest of Gen Pervez Musharraf over his attempt to impose house arrest on judges during his military rule in March 2007. He returned from British exile in March to contest parliamentary elections.

9 April

Bangladesh

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated Air Force Base Bangabandhu at Kurmitola. Bangladesh Air Force stepped into a new era with the induction of avant garde aircraft. The aircraft include F-7BG-1 and FT-7BG-1 fighter planes and MI-171 SH helicopters. The government had been working towards developing the armed forces through modernising the army, navy and air force.

22 April

Bangladesh

Parliament elects Abdul Hamid as Bangladesh's new president, following the death in March of Zillur Rahman. Abdul Hamid, the speaker of Bangladesh's parliament, has been elected unopposed as president. Hamid is a 69-year-old stalwart of the ruling Awami League party who has been serving as acting president after the death of his predecessor Zillur Rahman on March 20.

23 April

Bangladesh

Two Joint Working Groups on trade and shipping have been launched to realise the potential for enhanced trade and connectivity between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The agreements were signed when Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque and his Sri Lankan counterpart Karunatilaka Amunugama met at the second Foreign Office Consultation in Colombo. Officials reviewed the relations between the two countries and discussed the progress made in implementing the decisions made during the visit of Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa to Bangladesh in 2011 and at the fourth Joint Economic Commission in 2012.

24 Apr

Bangladesh

Rana Plaza, an eight-story commercial building, collapsed in Savar, a sub-district in the Greater Dhaka Area, the capital of Bangladesh. The search for the dead ended on 13 May with the death toll of 1,129. Approximately 2,515 injured people were rescued from the building.

3 May

Pakistan

Chaudhry Zulfiqar Ali, a Pakistani special prosecutor working on the Benazir Bhutto murder case, was shot dead in Islamabad while driving to court.

2 May

Pakistan

Indian prisoner, Sarabjit Singh succumbed to injuries sustained during a scuffle with fellow inmates, at Jinnah Hospital, Lahore. Conversely, the government of Pakistan strongly condemned the death of Pakistani prisoner Sanaullah on 9 May in a hospital in Chandigarh, India, succumbing to the brutal injuries inflicted upon him during an attack in a jail in the Indian Kashmir.

29 April

Afghanistan

President Karzai has admitted that the CIA had been dropping off bags of cash, totalling tens of millions of dollars, at his office for more than a decade.

26 April

Bangladesh

The 39th meeting of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) deliberated on developments in Fiji and discussed several country and thematic situations informally. Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni, MP chaired the meeting held at London's Mulborough House.

5 May**India**

China ends three-week stand-off and pulls out troops from Daulat Beg Oldi sector in Ladakh.

Bangladesh

Following a violent protest by Hefajat-e Islam, an extremist organisation, the government's used more than 10,000 police and military forces to suppress the violence. Much of the day's events were telecast live on national television before the government ended coverage. Several sources reported that more than 30 were dead.

6 May**India**

The Supreme Court clears the decks for the commissioning of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant in Tamil Nadu.

10 May**Bangladesh**

Woman found alive in rubble 17 days after collapse - Reshma Begum survived on biscuits and by breathing through a pipe amid wreckage of Rana Plaza in Dhaka, and was rescued.

11 May**Pakistan**

General Elections held on 11 May. Taliban conduct systematic campaign of attacks and intimidation, but fail to deter largest turnout of voters since 1970. A week later, a senior member of Imran Khan's Movement for Justice (PTI) party, Zahra Shahid, was shot dead outside her home in Karachi.

29 May**India**

India and Japan sign a joint statement on speeding up talks on civil nuclear deal after summit-level talks between Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and Shinzo Abe in Tokyo.

23 May**India**

The Union Cabinet decides to grant 'classical' language status for Malayalam.

21 May**India**

Defence Secretary Shashi Kant Sharma is appointed as the 12th Comptroller and Auditor-General.

20 May**Afghanistan**

President Karzai visits India to seek greater military aid from the Indian Government during his India visit.

India

India and China sign eight agreements, including one to increase the frequency of exchange of hydrological data.

17 May**Bangladesh**

Foreign Minister Dr Dipu Moni met US Secretary of State John Kerry.

30 May**Bangladesh**

A reserve of magnetic rock used to produce iron has been found at Makshidpur of Hakimpur upazila in Dinajpur - for the first time in Bangladesh, says the Geological Survey of Bangladesh (GSB). Apart from the magnetic rock reserve, the GSB has also found a 10-foot thick layer of limestone during an exploration under the second phase of a geo-scientific project for mineral resources.

India

India and Thailand sign an Extradition Treaty, after talks between Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and Yingluck Shinawatra in Bangkok.

31 May to 13 July**Bhutan**

National Assembly Election held 2nd ever parliamentary elections in the country. It had a turnout of about 80%.

1 June**Afghanistan**

Afghanistan army takes command of all military and security operations from NATO forces.

India

N R Narayana Murthy is reappointed Infosys Chairman two years after his retirement. His son Rohan Murthy was appointed his "Executive Assistant."

16 June**Bangladesh**

The Child Bill 2013, passed on June 16, 2013 by the National Parliament, was published through a gazette notification on June 20. The new act is harmonised with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and has referred to the CRC in the preamble and replaced the Child Act 1974.

14 June**Bangladesh**

The US Labor Department will give \$2.5m (£1.6m) to help improve the enforcement of fire and safety standards and ensure better protection of workers. The grants come amid concerns over safety standards in Bangladesh's garment factories, one of the biggest employers in the country.

5 June**Afghanistan**

Staff Sergeant Robert Bales is accused of killing 16 Afghanistan civilians in two villages. The soldier pleads guilty in order to avoid the death penalty. Residents of the Afghanistan village where the rampage took place are angered that he escaped the death penalty.

Pakistan

Nawaz Sharif takes oath as Prime Minister of Pakistan, following the Pakistan Muslim League (N)'s victory (166 seats) in the 2013 general election; vowing to improve relations with India and ease decades of mistrust. PTI won 35 seats while PPP won 45 seats.

YEAR IN REVIEW (2013/2014)

20 June

Afghanistan

Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai walks out of talks with the Taliban in Doha following controversy over their embassy. The nameplate attached to the Taliban's new office in Qatar read "Political Office of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan". This is how the Taliban referred to Afghanistan when it controlled the country from 1996 to 2001. Afghanistan also suspends long-term security negotiations with the US.

27 June

Bangladesh

The US has suspended trade privileges for Bangladesh until it improves workers' safety conditions in the clothing industry. US Trade Representative Michael Froman pointed to several recent fatal accidents in its huge clothing sector. EU action could have a much bigger impact, as its duty-free privileges specifically cover garments, which account for 60 per cent of Bangladesh's exports to Europe.

1 July

India

India's first dedicated navigation satellite, the 1,425-Kg IRNSS-1A, is put into orbit after launch from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

Jamia Millia University Vice-Chancellor Najeeb Jung is appointed Lt Governor of Delhi and K K Paul is named Meghalaya Governor.

4 July

Nepal

Floods and landslides kill 50, displace 12,000 people.

16 July

India

The Supreme Court allows dance bars in Maharashtra shut down seven years ago, to reopen.

14 July

India

India closes the 163-year-old Telegram Service.

13 July

Bhutan

Opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP) wins, bagging 32 of 47 parliamentary seats.

India

The reactor at the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project attains criticality (i.e., begins to operate steadily and normally).

10 July

Bangladesh

A group of major North American retailers announced the signing of the Bangladesh Worker Safety Initiative. GAP, Walmart and 15 others signed the accord to improve conditions for workers in the Bangladesh garment industry.

9 July

Nepal

India's External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid on a day long visit to Kathmandu.

29 July

Bhutan

PDP Leader Tshering Tobgay formally assumes the office of Prime Minister of Bhutan.

Nepal

Tiger population in Nepal goes up by 63% since 2009; reaches 198.

30 July

India

The UPA Coordination Committee agrees to the division of Andhra Pradesh.

31 July

Pakistan

Taliban raids Central Prison and frees nearly 250 of their comrades.

1 August

Bangladesh

A Bangladesh court declared as illegal the country's main Islamic party, Jamaat-e-Islami, effectively banning it from a general election due early next year. Party activists took to the streets in the capital, Dhaka, and other towns including Bogra, Jessore and Gaibandha.

India

Sujatha Singh takes over as Foreign Secretary.

3 August

Afghanistan

Three suicide attackers set off their explosive-laden car outside the consulate killing 9 civilians and wounding 24 others. No Indian officials were killed. Taliban denied any responsibility for the attack.

14 August

India

The Navy's kilo-class submarine INS Sindhurakshak sinks after twin explosions at the Mumbai naval dockyard.

12 August

India

INS Vikrant, India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, is launched at Cochin Shipyard Limited.

11 August

India

Subramanian Swamy merges the Janata Party with the BJP.

10 August

India

The compact pressurised water reactor on board India's nuclear-powered submarine, INS Arihant, achieves begins operating. This is the culmination of 25 years' of effort.

6 August

Afghanistan

Monsoons rains and flash floods across parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan killed over 130 people dead and displaced thousands. Over 70 people were killed in Kabul.

Pakistan

Defence Minister A K Anthony says ceasefire a violations from Pakistani side are double the number in January-August 2012. This comes after 5 Indians were allegedly killed by Pakistani troops.

5 August**Sri Lanka**

President Mahinda Rajapaksa attended the opening ceremony of the China-built Colombo South Harbour, which is the island's biggest port and is intended to make Colombo a strategic shipping hub.

21 August**Bhutan**

China's Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin visits Bhutan, meets PM Tobgay.

26 August**India**

The Lok Sabha passes the National Food Security Bill, 2013 after a six-hour debate.

30 August**Bhutan**

PM Tobgay makes first official visit to India. His first foreign visit since assuming office.

2 September**Pakistan**

Chair of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Development, hosted the 33rd Session of the D-8 Commission in Islamabad. The D-8 Commissioners from Member Countries (Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey) and D-8 Secretary-General Dr Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi attended the meeting. The meeting reviewed progress in intra-D-8 cooperation in several areas in the context of roadmap of cooperation from 2008 to 2018.

12 September**India**

President Pranab Mukherjee presents the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2012 to President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia.

Nepal

Kathmandu closes down following strike called by opposition parties in protest against government plans for elections in November.

10 September**Nepal**

Nepal agrees to enforce a UN freeze on bank accounts of over 200 terror suspects, including Dawood Ibrahim; officials however said they had no information of Dawood having any assets in the country.

9 September**Pakistan**

Mamnoon Hussain sworn in as the 12th President of Pakistan following the 2013 presidential election.

5 September**India**

The BRICS group moves towards creating a \$100-billion Currency Reserve Fund when it announces individual contribution during the G-20 meeting in St Petersburg.

3 September**India**

Chief Economic Adviser Raghuram Govind Rajan takes over as the 23rd RBI Governor for three years. He succeeds Dr Duvvuri Subbarao.

13 September**India**

A fast track court in New Delhi awards death penalty to the four convicts in the December 16, 2012 gang rape and murder case.

15 September**Afghanistan**

Lieutenant Nigara, the highest ranking female police officer in Helmand province, was shot and killed on her way to work less than three months after the July 3 assassination of her predecessor, Lt Islam Bibi.

22 September**Pakistan**

More than 80 people are killed in a double suicide bombing at a church in Peshawar; the deadliest attack so far against Christians in Pakistan. Taliban-linked Islamists claim responsibility.

24 September**Nepal**

5th Indo-Nepal joint military exercise begins in north India.

25 September**Sri Lanka**

As part of the effort to develop the tourism industry in Sri Lanka at a juncture where Chinese tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka is on a steady rise, three agreements related to the fields of education, tourism and cultural affairs were signed between Sri Lanka and China.

26 September**Nepal**

Nepal recalls its ambassador to Qatar after she compared the emirate to an "open jail" for thousands of Nepali migrants who face abuse from employers there.

3 October**India**

The former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Prasad Yadav is sentenced to five years rigorous imprisonment, disqualified from Parliament and banned from elections for 11 years for his part in the long-running "fodder scam."

The Union Cabinet gives approval to a Home Ministry proposal to divide Andhra Pradesh and create Telangana State.

2 October**Bangladesh**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation stone of the Rooppur nuclear power plant in the country's northwest, which will have two 1,000 megawatt reactors costing up to \$4 billion. Bangladesh signed a deal in November 2011 with the Russian state-owned nuclear giant - Rosatom to build the power station and has secured soft loans from Moscow to finance 90 percent of the project.

30 September**Pakistan**

Nawaz Sharif and Manmohan Singh meet in New York; agree to work towards Line-of-control (LOC) ceasefire.

27 September**Sri Lanka**

Sri Lanka celebrated World Tourism Day, with several events being held in places around the country, such as a beach cleaning programme, a tree planting programme and painting competitions for school.

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4 October

India

India launches JENVAC, the first indigenous vaccine to protect children from Japanese encephalitis.

Sri Lanka

Economic Development Minister Basil Rajapaksa assured the government's fullest support for small and medium scale entrepreneurs and self-employed persons to start and maintain their own businesses.

6 October

Bangladesh

India's commercial export of power to Bangladesh commenced on Saturday with the inauguration of the Bangladesh-India Power Transmission Centre at western Bherampur, adjacent to West Bengal. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and India's Power Minister Farooq Abdullah attended the ceremony in Bheramara of Kusthia district while Prime Minister Manmohan Singh addressed the event through video-conference from New Delhi. The power is being imported under a memorandum of understanding signed during Ms Hasina's visit to India in 2010.

7 October

India

Arundhati Bhattacharya takes over as the State Bank of India chairperson, the first woman to be appointed to the top job.

8 October

Sri Lanka

The sixth annual world Rubber Conference, organised by the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries in collaboration with the Plantation Industries Ministry, was held in Sri Lanka.

23 October

Bangladesh

The extradition treaty between Bangladesh and India came into effect with the handing over of the instruments of ratification of the much-awaited pact. The two countries will now be able to exchange convicts or undertrials as and when required. Bangladesh Home Secretary C Q K Mostak Ahmed and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pankaj Saran signed the documents.

India

India and China sign nine pacts, including the Border Defence Cooperation Agreement, after talks between Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and Li Keqiang in Beijing.

Pakistan

Nawaz Sharif meets US President Barack Obama in Washington and urges him to stop drone strikes.

22 October

Bangladesh

Bangladeshi and Indian officials were supposed to hold a ceremony laying the foundation stone for the Rampal power plant, a massive new coal-fired plant that will sit on the edge of the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest. However, the governments suddenly cancelled the ceremony, instead announcing that the project had already been inaugurated in early October by the countries' heads of state via a less-ornate Skype call. While the governments say the change was made because of busy schedules, activists contend the sudden scuttling of the ceremony was more likely due to rising pressure against the coal plant, including a five-day march in September that attracted thousands.

11 October

Afghanistan

In a surprise visit to Afghanistan, John Kerry urges President Karzai to sign the security pact.

24 October

India

The Foreign Investment Promotion Board approves Tata-Singapore Airlines proposal to set up a full service airline in India.

Nepal

India resumes military aid to Nepal after nine years of suspension.

29 October

Pakistan

Prime Minister Sharif attended the 9th World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF), Excel, London.

31 October

Pakistan

The 7th Regional workshop on Police Officers, Prosecutors, and Judges on Countering Terrorism was organised in Islamabad with the cooperation of the United Nations and the Center on Global Counter Terrorism Cooperation.

1 November

Pakistan

Hakimullah Mehsud, leader of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) killed by a US drone attack. A week later, Maulana Fazlullah was elected by the Pakistani Taliban as its new chief.

13 November

Maldives

The Maldives has been elected unopposed to the UN Human Rights Council for a second term.

19 November

India

German Chancellor Angela Merkel is awarded the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2013.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh inaugurates Bharatiya Mahila Bank, the first all-women commercial bank in Mumbai.

The Supreme Court allows jailed persons to contest elections.

Nepal

Voting ends for the election of a new Constituent Assembly. Official turnout of 70%

Pakistan

Pakistan's PM visited Thailand at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Thailand Ms Yingluck Shinawatra, held comprehensive discussions on a range of issues, including enhancement of trade and investment ties.

16 November

India

Aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya is inducted into the Indian Navy.

Maldives

Abdulla Yameen, the half brother of former strongman Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, defeated former president Mohamed Nasheed, securing 51.3% of the popular vote.

14 November

Sri Lanka

China Harbor Engineering Country signed up to build two hotels and a golf course in Sri Lanka with investment exceeding 500 million US dollars, on the sidelines of the Commonwealth leaders' summit in Colombo.

24 November**Afghanistan**

The committees underlined that inking of the agreement with Washington was in the national interest of Afghanistan and therefore should be signed as soon as possible. However, President Karzai announced that the BSA would only be signed after the presidential elections.

25 November**Afghanistan**

In an unannounced visit to Afghanistan, US NSA, Susan Rice, meets with President Karzai and stresses that the US would have no choice but to remove all troops from Afghanistan in case a BSA is not reached between the two countries.

Bangladesh

Bangladesh Election Commission announced that the 10th general election would be held on 5 January 2014.

29 November**Pakistan**

General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani retires from his position of Chief of Army Staff for 6 years. He is succeeded by Lt General Raheel Sharif.

30 November**India**

Emperor Akihito of Japan arrives in New Delhi on a six-day state visit.

5 December**India**

The Union Cabinet approves the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill, 2013 for the creation of a Telangana State with 10 districts, paving the way for the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh.

11 December**India**

The Supreme Court sets aside the July 2, 2009 Delhi High Court verdict decriminalising gay sex.

Pakistan

Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry retired from his position, (tenure 2005 to 2013); Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani succeeded him.

10 December**Pakistan**

A meeting between Mr Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Pakistan and Mr Bijan Namdar Zangeneh, Minister of Petroleum, Iran held in Tehran decided to fast track implementation of the IP Gas Pipeline Project and to formulate a road map to address the challenges and have effective coordination and cooperation.

8 December**India**

In Chhattisgarh, the BJP wins a third consecutive term.

The BJP emerges as the single largest party, winning 31 seats in the Delhi Assembly elections, but falls short of majority. The Aam Aadmi Party in its first attempt at elections wins a surprising 28 seats.

The BJP scores a landslide victory in the Rajasthan Assembly polls bagging 162 states in the 200-member House.

The BJP wins the Madhya Pradesh assembly elections for the third time and gets a two-thirds majority.

12 December**India**

India's Deputy Consul-General in New York, Devyani Khobragade is arrested and handcuffed after being charged with visa fraud.

13 December**Afghanistan**

During his meeting with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh they discussed various bilateral issues, including Afghanistan's request for military hardware.

Bangladesh

Bangladesh executes Islamist leader and convicted war criminal Abdul Quader Mollah over deaths in war of independence. Supreme Court upholds death sentence on the Islamist leader of the Jamaat-e-Islami party, who was convicted in February of crimes against humanity during the 1971 war of independence. He became the first person to be executed for war crimes related to the Bangladesh Independence War, resulting in violent protests by the Islamist opposition.

18 December**Bangladesh**

The successful convening of the First Joint Study Group of BCIM Economic Corridor marked the official launch of the intergovernmental process of BCIM-EC.

28 December**India**

Arvind Kejriwal is sworn in as Chief Minister of Delhi at the Ramlila Maidan.

24 December**Bhutan**

The European Union Electoral support Team visits Bhutan

Nepal

Nepal's Maoist Party agree to join the new constituent assembly, ending a month-long political deadlock.

20 December**Bangladesh**

Bangladesh has finalised a deal to purchase two Ming-class submarines from China. The deal, which is waiting for final approval from the Finance Ministry, for the two submarines is worth \$203.3 million. It would be paid by Bangladesh during the fiscal year 2017-2018, with the submarines being delivered in 2019. Seventeen Bangladeshi sailors are being trained to operate the submarines, presumably in China.

19 December**Bangladesh**

Thousands of people stormed the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka on Wednesday to protest against Islamabad's reaction over the execution of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abdul Quader Molla. He was convicted of 'war crimes' in 1971, which was the first execution of an alleged war criminal in the country. The incident took place when Pakistan Parliament passed a resolution condemning the execution of Bangladeshi JI's secretary-general who was hanged on 12 December 2013. Ultimately, Bangladesh summoned Pakistan's High Commissioner in Dhaka to lodge its protest over the resolution adopted by the National Assembly of Pakistan.

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30 December

India

Army chief General Bikram Singh takes over as the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee in New Delhi.

31 December

India

Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha takes over as the 24th Chief of the Air Staff from Air Chief Marshal N A K Browne at Vayu Bhawan in New Delhi.

2014

2 January

Sri Lanka

The Ministry of Higher Education announced that a student-centred education system would be introduced in the country's universities from this year. Starting in the arts, social sciences and management faculties, the new system will include the introduction of subject-oriented textbooks for the purposes of building a creative generation of students.

3 January

Bhutan

Government launches e-Governance initiative.

5 January

Bangladesh

General elections were held in Bangladesh on 5 January 2014, in accordance with the constitutional requirement that the election must take place within the 90-day period before the expiration of the term of the Jatiyo Sangshad on 24 January 2014. The elections were controversial, with almost all major opposition parties boycotting and 154 of the total 300 seats being uncontested. 21 people were killed on polling day.

India

GSLV-D5 successfully launches GSAT-14 from the Sriharikota centre.

21 January

Sri Lanka

President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom departs on a State Visit to Sri Lanka.

17 January

Afghanistan

A Taliban suicide squad attacked a popular Lebanese restaurant in the diplomatic quarter in Kabul leaving 21 people dead, including the IMF country head. This was the worst attack on foreign civilians since 2001.

16 January

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka was awarded with the "Best Travel Destination" Award at the Annual Travel Award Ceremony of the Travel and Leisure Magazine of China. The Travel and Leisure Magazine identified Sri Lanka as the Best Travel Destination through an opinion poll conducted among its Journalists and Readers in China.

12 January

Bangladesh

Sheikh Hasina sworn in as Prime Minister. Sheikh Hasina has been sworn in as Bangladesh's prime minister for her second straight term after an election marred by violence and boycotts. The new cabinet was also sworn in, during a televised ceremony in Dhaka.

8 January

Afghanistan

10th anniversary of the ratification of the Afghanistan Constitution.

23 January

Maldives

Three very important agreements were signed between the Governments of Maldives and Sri Lanka - MoU on combating Transnational Crime and Developing Police Cooperation between Sri Lanka and the Maldives; MoU for Vocational Training and Skills Development between Sri Lanka and the Maldives; and MoU on Sports Cooperation between Sri Lanka and Maldives.

25 January

Maldives

Indian government has allowed a 90-day exemption on visa for Maldivian travelling to the country on medical purposes. The restriction on a 60-day gap between two entries has also been lifted. Medical visa holders would be no longer required to report to the Foreign Regional Registration Office (FRRO) if their visa is for less than 180 days.

27 January

Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka began hosting an Asian Volleyball Technical Seminar at the Youth Training Centre (held from the 27th to the 31st of January) under the Asian Volleyball Confederation.

29 January

Bhutan

The Council of Ministers lifts the ban on the import of furniture and alcohol into the country.

2 February

Afghanistan

The start of the Afghanistan Presidential Campaign.

10 February

Nepal

Sushil Koirala, President of the Nepali Congress wins vote to become Prime Minister; backed by Communist Party of Nepal.

5 February

Afghanistan

Candidates in the Afghanistan Presidential elections have indicated that they would sign the bilateral Security Agreement should they come to power.

4 February

Bhutan

Asian Development Bank (ADB) opens office in Bhutan. ABD President Mr Takehiko Nakao visited Bhutan for the opening.

Maldives

Maldives Chief of Defence Force Major General Ahmed Shiyam made a four-day visit to India. During his visit, he met India's military leadership, including Defence Minister A K Antony and the armed forces chiefs. During the meetings, the two sides discussed ways to enhance defence ties including the steps needed for strengthening Maldivian armed forces.

Pakistan

The first ever Pakistan-Finland Business Summit was inaugurated by the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Syed Tariq Fatemi, at the Serena Hotel, in presence of the Finnish Ambassador, Mr Rauli Suikannen.

15 February

Bangladesh

An audiovisual message purported to be from al-Qaeda 'chief' Ayman al-Zawahiri urged the Muslims in Bangladesh to wage an intifada to confront the "crusader onslaught against Islam". Posted in Jihadology.net, the message alleged thousands of people were being killed in the streets of Bangladesh for protesting the "collusion of the anti-Islam secular Government with a bunch of transgressing secularists". Titled "Bangladesh: A Massacre behind a Wall of Silence", the message was released on January 14, but it surfaced in the media only on February 15.

16 February

Nepal

Nepal Airlines plane carrying 18 passengers crashes after taking off from the resort town of Pokhara.

17 February

Pakistan

Former president Pervez Musharraf goes on trial on treason charges.

19 February

India

Parliament passes the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014. The act attempts to codify provisions to protect street vendors.

21 February

Pakistan

President Mamnoon Hussain meets Chinese Premier Li Keqiang; talks of deepening strategic partnership between the two countries for socio-economic progress and prosperity.

5 March

India

The Chief Election Commissioner of India (CEC), V S Sampath, announces the schedule for general elections. Voting to be held in nine phases from 7 April to 12 May with results announced on 16 May. Simultaneous elections for the state legislatures of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim.

4 March

Bhutan

PM Tobgay attends opening of the Third BIMSTEC Summit in Myanmar.

3 March

Bangladesh

Bangladesh Prime Minister holds discussions with Myanmar leaders. BIMSTEC Permanent Secretariat will start functioning in Dhaka in May. Heads of states and governments from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand Prime Minister's special envoy took part in the BIMSTEC Summit in Nay Pyi Taw.

27 February

India

Two officers die in the submarine INS Sindhuratna after a fire.

25 February

Sri Lanka

The government rejected the United Nations' high commissioner for human rights Mr Navi Pillay's call for an international war crimes investigation into the country's civil war.

13 March

Sri Lanka

Government data revealed that tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka rose by 27 per cent in February 2014 from a year ago, with visitor totals climbing every month.

15 March

Bangladesh

Bangladesh deploys two patrol aircraft and two navy frigates to carry out search for the missing Malaysian aircraft.

Sri Lanka

The second phase of the Southern Expressway from Pinnaduwa in Galle to Godagama in Matara was declared open by President Mahinda Rajapaksa, allowing vehicles to reach Matara from Kottawa in one and a half hours.

19 March

Bangladesh

Bangladeshi opposition leader Khaleda Zia was ordered on Wednesday to stand trial over charges that she and her associates embezzled about £400,000 in a case that could see her jailed for life. The two-time prime minister will go on trial from 21 April, according to lawyers at a hearing of a special anti-corruption court in Dhaka, held only weeks after her arch rival Sheikh Hasina was re-elected.

US handed over Nazmul Maksud, accused of attempting to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed on August 11, 1989. Murad was arrested by the US Homeland Security Service from Atlanta on February 2, 2012.

28 March

Pakistan

United Nation's Human Rights Council adopts Pakistan sponsored resolution on Armed Drones. An interactive panel to discuss on legal questions pertaining to this issue will take place at the 27th Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva to be held in September 2014.

26 March

Pakistan

Government and Taliban representatives meet in North Waziristan for peace talks, with a cease-fire at the top of the agenda.

25 March

Bhutan

New Zealand Delegation led by former Prime Minister Jim Bolger visits Bhutan.

20 March

Bangladesh

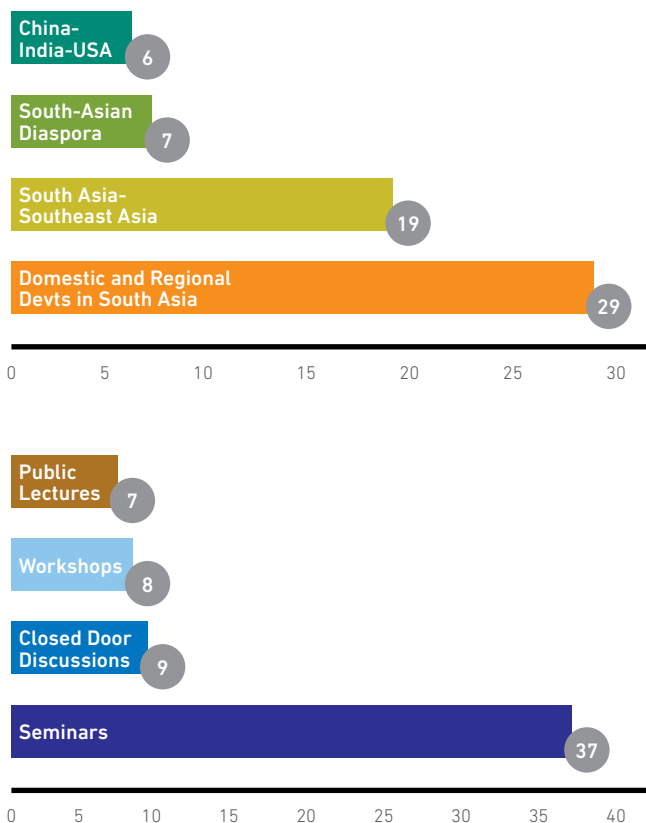
Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Mr Md Shahidul Haque had bilateral talks with his Indian counterpart Mrs Sujatha Singh at the Indian Ministry of External Affairs. He also met Indian Commerce & Industries Secretary, Shipping Secretary and Water Resources Secretary.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

For FY2013/14, ISAS focused on **four** key areas:

- Domestic and Regional Developments in South Asia
- South Asia and Southeast Asia
- China-India-United States
- South Asian Diaspora

Research Dissemination through seminars & workshops



Research Initiatives Supported by Government Grants & Tote Board

DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH ASIA

In FY2013/14, ISAS continued its focus on domestic and regional issues in South Asia with the following research projects:

Inclusive Growth

ISAS studied the region's overall socioeconomic trajectory and implications for stability and change in the next decade. A key thrust in this program was a study on economic drivers, rural-urban development, social media, youth, women and politics in South Asia. Also issues of religion, citizenship and minorities across South Asia were researched to better understand the changing socioeconomic patterns in the region.

Elections in the Region

This study focused on constitutional, electoral, legal and educational reforms that had a significant impact on domestic political dynamics. A study was conducted on state elections which analysed the performance of major national as well as regional parties in India. ISAS also studied the changing dynamics of state relations with the military, civil society, religious institutions and the judiciary.

Interstate Relations in South Asia

ISAS continued its study on interrelationships between states in the region, conflicts and prospects for regional cooperation. These included projects in capital markets integration and security cooperation in post-2014 Afghanistan. Combined with fieldwork, the study provided diverse perspectives and arguments for a more nuanced perspective of interstate relations in South Asia. ISAS also studied South Asia as a regional system and their interaction with the extra-region states and other actors in the international system. ISAS continued its cooperation with UN related think tanks based in New York and South Asia to assess and evaluate the implementation of the UN Counter-terrorism strategy in South Asia.

Growth-Net 2nd Annual Meeting (23-25 March 2014, New Delhi, India)

Prof Tan Tai Yong Director ISAS and Mr Lin Chung Ying Diplomat-in-Residence attended a three-day 2nd Annual Meeting of Growth Net in New Delhi. The theme of the conference was "Reviving Growth: Reversing the tide". ISAS was listed as one of the 14 institutional partners of this conference. Prof Tan spoke on "Education: Combining the government and the private sector roles to meet a national priority". There were five other speakers; among them was Mr S Ramadorai, Vice Chairman, Tata Consultancy Services and Adviser to the Prime Minister of India. About 150 participants attended the conference. It was co-organised by the Ananta Centre, which was formerly part of Aspen Institute India, and Smadja & Smadja, Strategic Advisory (established in 2001 in Switzerland and the USA). ISAS Chairman, Amb Gopinath Pillai, spoke at the first Growth Net meeting in March 2013.

On the sidelines of the conference, Prof Tan and Mr Lin met up with Mr Nikhil Sinha, Vice Chancellor of Shiv Nadar University, a private liberal arts college located in Haryana. Mr Lin paid a courtesy call on the Director of the Vivekananda International Foundation, Mr Ajit Doval. Mr Doval was subsequently appointed as the National Security Adviser in the new Modi government on 30 May 2014.

SOUTH ASIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

ISAS developed research outputs and conducted high-level consultations to understand the dynamics of South Asian bilateral and multilateral diplomatic relations with Southeast Asian countries.

South and Southeast Asia Engagement

ISAS continued to embark on major research initiatives by engaging regional participants through workshops, field trips and an annual South Asia/India-ASEAN roundtable. The themes that were explored included India's economic and strategic relations with Southeast Asia; the spread of Islamic radicalism from South to Southeast Asia; migration; bilateral economic ties and South-Southeast Asia cooperation. The study also drew implications for South Asia on Myanmar's democratic reforms, corporate India's inroads into Indonesia, and security cooperation with Vietnam. Bilateral and multilateral arrangements were studied in greater depth, drawing implications for ongoing regional development and stability.

Northeast Region of India (NER) and ASEAN

The study focused on NER states and the issue of connectivity with ASEAN. The research traced India's Look East Policy and prospects for sub-regional economic cooperation, people-to-people exchange, land, air and water-way connectivity. The impact of India-ASEAN FTA in fostering NER-ASEAN connectivity was also explored. Singapore's role in the growth of NER-ASEAN connectivity was also studied.

Delhi-Dialogue VI (6-7 March 2014, New Delhi, India)

The India-ASEAN Delhi Dialogue is an annual international conference of political and economic leaders, officials, academics and opinion-makers of ASEAN countries with their Indian counterparts. The forum deliberates on how to intensify and broaden political, strategic, economic and civil society interaction between India and the ASEAN region. Now in its sixth instalment, it has become an important aspect of India's 'Look East' policy as well as enabling the ASEAN region to understand the imperative for a comprehensive annual dialogue between ASEAN member states and India. The Delhi Dialogue VI was organised by India's Ministry of External Affairs, with the support of various institutes within India and the ASEAN region. ISAS was one of the partner institutes, together with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in India Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta.

ISAS Chairman, Amb Gopinath Pillai, chaired the plenary session on Regional Architecture in Asia Pacific: Roles of India and ASEAN while ISAS Director, Prof Tan Tai Yong, made a presentation at the panel discussion - 'The Way Forward.' ISAS will continue to be involved as a partner organisation in the Delhi Dialogue process for 2015, to be held again in New Delhi, India.

ISAS-MISIS Workshop (18 February 2014, Myanmar)

ISAS collaborated with the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) in Yangon and organised a workshop in Myanmar. The long-term objective of the workshop is to strengthen ISAS' understanding of Myanmar's perspective of ASEAN-India relations, which is an important area of research. The workshop consisted of two panel discussions. Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr Robert Chua, delivered the opening remarks. A panel comprising experts from South Asia and ASEAN looked

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at the different aspects of security, politics and development. A second panel, consisting of experts from Myanmar provided their perspective of the Northeast.

ISAS-RGIIM-FICCI Workshop, Shillong (4 March 2014, Shillong, India)

ISAS organised a study trip to Shillong, to develop an understanding of Northeast India in the context of ASEAN-India relations. The workshop was organised in partnership with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Shillong and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and industry (FICCI). About 100 participants attended the keynote address and about 20 people attended the closed door panel discussion. The workshop held at the Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management, Shillong, India, consisted of three panel discussions. The Chief Minister of Meghalaya was the keynote speaker. Panel one discussed about the economics and business of the Northeast region and the potential role of Southeast Asia; the second panel focused on centre-state relations and how these may impact the region's engagement with external neighbours; and the final panel studied Northeast in the context of India's Look East Policy. Besides facilitating the development of a strong knowledge base on Northeast India, the trip provided an opportunity to identify and develop networks in the region.

CHINA-INDIA-UNITED STATES

South Asian Perspectives of Developments in China

As both India and China are major powers, ISAS research focused on regional perspectives on the rise of China and India as a maritime and naval power and its implications for the region. Comparative studies on 'India-China Federalism', and 'Media and Civil Society' served to better understand the growth trajectory of India and China and their competition for resources in the region.

China-India-US

Indian, US and Chinese maritime security concerns and responses, which converge in the Indian Ocean and South China Sea continued to be researched extensively. The Chinese edition of C Raja Mohan's book 'Samudra Manthan: Sino-Indian Rivalry in the Indo-Pacific' was launched in Beijing, China, in February 2014. The book is on maritime security issues impacting China, India and US relations.

SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORA

The programme consolidates research from policy, business and academic domains. The research programme develops thought leadership themes and fosters South Asian Diaspora engagement in the region.

Diaspora and Development: South Asian Diaspora Engagement in South Asia

The research programme examined existing policies aimed at engaging diaspora for development purposes. It also studied the policy context and factors that facilitated their mobilisation. It helped to provide insights into development needs and strategies to which diasporas can contribute and the role of diaspora-driven initiatives. Existing programmes and incentives in home countries that favour relations with diasporas were extensively researched.

Encyclopedic Works

ISAS aims to document South Asian transnational communities and their political, economic and cultural links with their homeland. We have published the Encyclopedia of Indian Diaspora and the Encyclopedia of Sri Lankan Diaspora. We hope to continue the research and publish on other South Asian communities in the next three years with an exhibition component that reaches out to the public.

SADC 2013

Building on the success of the inaugural 2011 convention, the second international South Asian Diaspora Convention (SADC) was held in Singapore on 21 and 22 November 2013 at Suntec Singapore. Over 1,000 participants from 16 countries attended the two-day conference. The convention brought together more than 40 of the region's leading policy makers, business leaders, celebrated authors, award winning journalists and civil society leaders for an enriching discussion. The speakers discussed and debated critical topics in business, economy, policy, and the arts that would affect the region's future and its role in global geopolitics in the 21st century. Dignitaries who graced the occasion included DPM Teo Chee Hean, DPM Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Foreign Affairs and Law Minister K Shanmugam, India's Finance Minister P Chidambaram and Chief Minister of Assam, India, Tarun Gogoi.

At the SADC 2013 Gala Dinner, Chairman of Kewalram Chanrai Group, Mr Murli Kewalram Chanrai was presented with the inaugural Outstanding Member of the South Asian Diaspora 2013 award by HE President Tony Tan Keng Yam. The Dinner was held at the Raffles City Convention Centre on the first day of the conference on 21 November 2013.

Overseas Events

Event: ISAS-FICCI-EAS Workshop

Topic: ASEAN-INDIA: Connectivity and Cooperation

Date: 27 August 2013

Venue: JW Marriott Hotel Jakarta, Conference Room

ISAS has, in recent years, incorporated the India-ASEAN relationship as one of its core research agenda. More specifically, ISAS has been at the forefront of multi-disciplinary research, analysing the prospects for enhanced India-ASEAN connectivity. In association with two other leading organisations that have made important contributions to the debate on India-ASEAN connectivity – the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Economic Research Institute for Asean & East Asia (ERIA), ISAS organised in Jakarta a half-day workshop on 27 August 2013 – on the theme of India-ASEAN connectivity.

The main aim of this workshop was to provide a platform for academics, diplomats and the business community in Jakarta to engage in a discussion on two major facets of the India-ASEAN connectivity theme. The first concerned the economic dimension of this interface, with a specific focus on the opportunities and challenges faced by the businesses in both India and the ASEAN countries. The second concerned the character of India-ASEAN maritime relations. By understanding India much more accurately, ASEAN member states would be in a better position to appreciate and navigate around some of the hurdles facing enhanced India-ASEAN connectivity.



Speakers and moderators at the ISAS-FICCI-EAS workshop on 'India-ASEAN Connectivity', held in Jakarta on 27 August 2013.

Event: ISAS Workshop

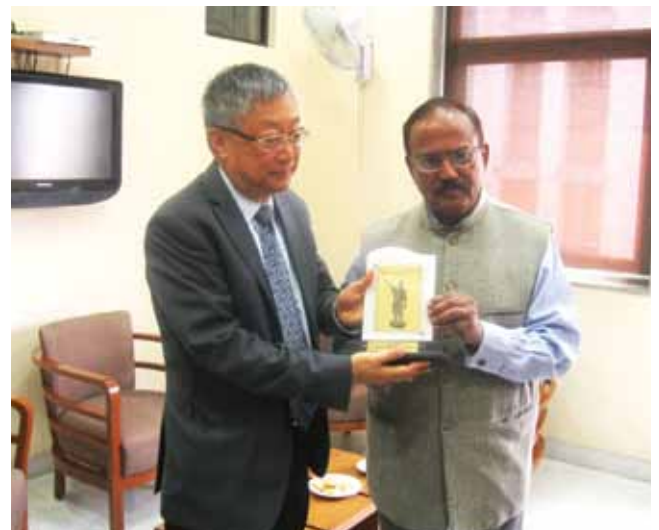
Topic: Northeast Region Myanmar

Date: 18 February 2014

Venue: Myanmar, Yangon

Pursuing a research initiative to study connectivity between India and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), ISAS held a workshop, in partnership with the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), in Yangon on 18 February 2014.

The ISAS-MISIS workshop explored the mutual economic interests of India and Myanmar, such as border area development, trade, and tourism. Academics and policy makers spoke of various opportunities as well as challenges in enhancing connectivity – from leveraging the geographical contiguity to tackling security issues at the border. Many problems at the Indo-Myanmar border are common to both – insurgency, arms smuggling, low economic and social development. These could be mitigated with concerted efforts from the two governments.



Mr Lin Chung Ying, (Left) Diplomat-in-Residence at ISAS, and Mr Ajit Kumar Doval in New Delhi on 24 March 2014, over two months before Mr Doval assumed office as the National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi. Mr Doval had addressed the workshop on "Connecting India to ASEAN", which ISAS, in association with MISIS, had held in Yangon (Myanmar) on 18 February 2014.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Event: ISAS - IIM Joint Event Shillong Workshop
Topic: The Issue of Northeast Connection with Southeast Asia
Speaker: Dr Mukul Sangma Chief Minister, Meghalaya
Date: 4 March 2014
Venue: Shillong, Meghalaya, India

The workshop organised by the Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore – in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Shillong and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) – brought together policy makers, scholars, media persons and businessmen for a dialogue on the challenges of connecting Northeast India to Southeast Asia. The deliberations also centred on the ways in which the constraints could be overcome.

This was the fourth ISAS workshop exploring the issue of Northeast's connection with Southeast Asia.



Prof Tan Tai Yong, (Right) with Chief Minister of the Indian state of Meghalaya, Dr Mukul Sangma, (second from Left) at the workshop organised by ISAS, in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management (IIM)-Shillong and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, in Shillong (India) on 4 March 2014.

Event: ISAS - Brookings, India Joint Event
Topic: Regional Energy Security
Speakers: Dr Subir Gokarn (Brookings), Dr S Narayan, Dr Amitendu Palit
Date: 5 March 2014
Venue: 18 Friends Colony West, New Delhi

A workshop on gas pricing was held with Brookings, India. The workshop in New Delhi on 5 March, served to analyse the impact of gas pricing on the power, fertiliser and the CNG sectors. Data for generation from two power plants were taken up for analysis, and the fixed and variable costs determined, projecting the sensitivity of output tariff on the basis of the pricing of gas. Dr S Narayan from ISAS and Mr Rahul Tongia from Brookings presented the papers.



(L – R) Dr Amitendu Palit (Senior Research Fellow), Dr S Narayan (Head Research, ISAS), Mr Rahul Tongia (Non-Resident Fellow, Brookings), Dr Subir Gokarn (Director, Research at Brookings India), Prof Tan Tai Yong (Director, ISAS).

Event: Delhi Dialogue VI

Topic: Realizing the ASEAN-India Vision for Partnership and Prosperity

Date: 6-7 March 2014

Venue: The Oberoi, New Delhi / Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)

The India-ASEAN Delhi Dialogue is an annual regional conference of political and economic leaders, officials, academics and opinion-makers in ASEAN countries with their Indian counterparts. The forum discusses how to intensify and broaden political, strategic, economic and civil society interaction between the two regions. The forum had not only entered into the lexicon of India's 'Look East' policy but also drew attention to the need for a comprehensive annual dialogue between the two partners.

The theme for this year's Delhi Dialogue VI was "Realizing the ASEAN-India Vision for Partnership and Prosperity".

H E Salman Khurshid Minister External Affairs Republic of India delivered the Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session on March 6, 2014 at The Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi. This was followed with addresses by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR, the Secretary General of ASEAN and Deputy Ministers and Vice Ministers of other ASEAN countries.

The two day event was hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in partnership with the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI). It was supported by the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore, the SAEA Group Research, Singapore, and Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Jakarta.



Panellists at a session of the India-ASEAN 'Delhi Dialogue VI', in New Delhi on 7 March 2014: Prof Tan Tai Yong Director, ISAS (second from Left) and Amb Rajiv K Bhatia, Director-General, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) (third from Left), among others.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Distinguished Speakers

Event: ISAS Public Lecture

Topic: India and Southeast Asia: Today and Tomorrow

Speaker: H E Salman Khurshid, Minister of External Affairs, Republic of India

Date: 3 July 2013

Venue: The Pod, National Library Board Building

As China and the United States seek to refashion today's unsettled global order, India remains committed to its core principle of strategic autonomy. Speaking at the public lecture organised by the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), the Republic of India's Minister of External Affairs, Salman Khurshid, explored India's approach to foreign policy in the new millennium. He outlined the relationship between India, the US and China, highlighting India's active engagement with China in spite of recent border tensions and the rocky Sino-Indian relationship of the past. The lecture explored key issues of diplomacy and India's approach to balancing its role as a rising power with a global profile. It also addressed views of India being a constrained South Asian regional power in the face of growing pressure from other global players.



India's External Affairs Minister, Mr Salman Khurshid, (right) at a dialogue session following his ISAS Public Lecture in Singapore on 3 July 2013.

Event: ISAS – IHC – SICCI Joint Event with H E Shri Salman Khurshid

Topic: Focus on Business & Economy

Speaker: Honorable Minister of External Affairs of India, Shri Salman Khurshid

Date: 28 October 2013

Venue: Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

On 23 October 2013, India External Affairs Minister, Mr Salman Khurshid spoke about the Indian economy and foreign policy. This was followed by an interactive session chaired by Amb Gopinath Pillai, Chairman ISAS. The event was coorganised by ISAS and the High Commissioner of India in Singapore at Marina Bay Sands. The town-hall-like conversation addressed the economic imperatives of India's foreign policy and the new expectations of India's role in Asia.



Event: MFA-ISAS Group Study Visit Programme (GSVP)

Topic: Outlook for India: With Young Members of the Parliament of India

Date: 5 July 2013

Venue: National University of Singapore (Bukit Timah Campus)

Panellists: Mr Sushanta Borgohain, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Thowra, Assam, Indian National Congress (INC); Mr Jayant Chaudhary, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD); Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Paschim Champaran, Bihar, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP); Mr Sanjay Kumar Jha, Senior Party Leader, Janata Dal United [JD(U)], Former Member of Legislative Council (MLC), Bihar; Mr Neeraj Shekhar, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Ballia, Uttar Pradesh, Samajwadi Party (SP); Mr Kalikesh Singh Deo, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Bolangir, Odisha, Biju Janata Dal (BJD); Mr Manicka Tagore, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu, Indian National Congress (INC).

Event: ISAS Roundtable Discussion: India Politicians Group Study Visit Programme (GSVP)

Topic: Indian Elections

Date: 13 February 2014

Venue: National University of Singapore (Bukit Timah Campus)

Panellists: Ms Poonamben Jat, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Kachchh, Gujarat, Bharatiya Janata Party; Mr Nitin Navin, Member of Legislative Assembly, Bankipur Bihar, General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJP's Youth Wing); Mr Hibi Eden, Member of Legislative Assembly, Ernakulam, Kerala, Indian National Congress; Ms Vani Tripathi, National Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party; Ms Shazia Ilmi, National Spokesperson; and Member of the National Executive, Aam Aadmi Party; Dr Sudhanshu Trivedi, National Spokesperson and Political Advisor to the BJP President, Bharatiya Janata Party; Mr Ritesh Pandey, Director, Bahujan Samaj Party office, Jalalpur, Uttar Pradesh, Bahujan Samaj Party.

As part of the India-Singapore Parliamentary Friendship Group, six politicians from four different political parties in India visited NUS' Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) on 5 July 2013 and seven politicians on 13 February 2014. They participated in roundtable discussions with ISAS researchers, which touched on many critical issues in India,

such as the involvement and attitudes of young people in politics, high inflation rates, gender discrimination, women's security, corruption, the effectiveness of the political and judicial system, and prospects of change in the upcoming Indian elections.

The delegation also took the opportunity to ask ISAS researchers questions about Singapore, such as the role of free press in Singapore and the major challenges for the nation in the years ahead.



Five young parliamentarians from India sharing their thoughts at an ISAS Panel Discussion in Singapore on the 'Outlook for India' on 5 July 2013: ISAS Chairman, Amb Gopinath Pillai (third from left at the main table), presided over the session.



Group Study Visit Programme (GSVP), Dialogue at ISAS on 13 February 2014

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Closed Door Sessions



Topic: ISAS Closed Door Discussion
Speaker: H E Dr T C A Raghavan, High Commissioner of India
Date: Tuesday, 18 June 2013



Topic: Sri Lanka – South Asia Economic Relations: Trends and Opportunities
Speaker: Dr Sarath Amunugama, Deputy Minister of Finance & Planning – Sri Lanka
Date: Tuesday, 21 January 2014



Topic: Pakistan and Afghanistan: Some Reflections
Speakers: Amb George Moose & Ms Judith Kauffman
Date: Thursday, 6 February 2014



Topic: Abenomics: The implications for Asian economies
Speaker: Ms Yoriko Kawaguchi, Professor, Meiji Institute for Global Affairs (Japan's Former Foreign Minister)
Date: Friday, 7 February 2014



Topic: Look East Policy
Speaker: Mr Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, India
Date: Friday, 14 February 2014



Topic: Transforming Our Cities
 Postcards of Change
Speakers: Dr Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations
Date: Friday, 21 March 2014

Ambassador Series



Topic: ISAS Ambassadors' Series: Spain and Asia-History of a 'Non Meeting'

Speaker: H E Mr Federico Palomera, Ambassador of Spain to the Republic of Singapore

Date: Wednesday, 10 July 2013



Topic: ISAS Ambassador Series:

The Emergence of the Global South

Speaker: H E Mr Alfredo Toro Hardy, Ambassador of Venezuela to the Republic of Singapore

Date: Tuesday, 12 November 2013



Topic: ISAS Ambassador Series:

Strategic Stability in South Asia

Speaker: Amb Tariq Osman Hyder, Director, Environment, Energy and Development Associates (EED)

Date: Friday, 29 November 2013



Topic: ISAS Ambassador Series:

Challenges for Emerging Economies:

The case of Mexico

Speaker: His Excellency Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin

Date: Monday, 24 February 2014

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Selected Seminars, Colloquim, Roundtables

Topic: ISAS Seminar: Post-Colonial Democracy, and its Discontents – The View from Pakistan

Speakers: Dr Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, Assistant Professor, Political Economy, National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan

Date: 4 April 2013



An ISAS Seminar, in Singapore, on Pakistan's democratic experience: Dr Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, a Pakistani scholar, (right) and Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, ISAS Senior Research Fellow, (left) in dialogue with the audience on 4 April 2013.

Topic: ISAS Seminar: Afghanistan - A Zero Sum Game for India and Pakistan

Speakers: General Mahmud Ali Durrani, Former Ambassador and National Security Advisor, Government of Pakistan

Date: 15 April 2013



Topic: The Link Between Terrorism in South East Asia and South Asia

Speaker: Mr Nehchal Sandhu, Deputy National Security Advisor, India

Date: 10 April 2013



Topic: ISAS Seminar: India and ASEAN: Diversity, Democracy and Diplomacy

Speakers: Mr Sudhir Devare, Ram Sathe Chair Professor, Symbiosis International University, NOIDA and Pune

Date: 6 June 2013



Topic: ISAS Panel Discussion: Partition of 1947: Implications for the Future of Democracy

Speakers: Mr Karti Chidambaram, Member, All India Congress Committee; Ms Pamposh Dhar, Proprietor, Teratai; Consultant Writer and Editor Mr P S Suryanarayana, Editor (Current Affairs), Institute of South Asian Studies

Date: 10 June 2013



Topic: ISAS Colloquium: Challenges of Governance, Administrative Reforms and Integrity in a Developing Country: The Case of Bangladesh

Speaker: Mr Muhammad Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh

Date: 19 March 2014



Topic: ISAS Roundtable on 'Fragile Cities': ISAS-IPI (International Peace Institute)

Speaker: ISAS Roundtable on 'Fragile Cities': ISAS-IPI (International Peace Institute)

Date: 25-26 March 2014



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Topic: ISAS Seminar: Mazaar, Bazaar: Design and Visual Culture in Pakistan

Speaker: Ms Saima Zaidi, Lecturer, University of Karachi

Date: 9 May 2013

In her book discussion, which took place at ISAS on 9 May 2013, Zaidi said that the intent of the book was: "To discover who we are as a nation. Through this work and the images, I have been able to explore and communicate it (our identity)." With over 33 contributions from leading experts in one book, she delves into Pakistan's consumer culture and icons and said that, for her, compiling the book "Wasn't just a labour of love, but a labour of love and torture since it took (her) six years to assimilate all these wonderful things."



Event: ISAS Seminar

Topic: Progress and Challenges of Political and Economic Reform in Myanmar: Implications for South Asia

Speaker: Prof Ibrahim A Gambari, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Date: 14 May 2013

Venue: National University of Singapore – Bukit Timah Campus

Many international observers were surprised by the sudden and rapid reforms that Myanmar underwent following the controversial 2010 elections that marked the transition to democratic rule. The détente between the military rulers and the opposition National League for Democracy led by Aung San Suu Kyi played a key role in overcoming historical obstacles and reaching a common framework on which to build a bold new vision for Myanmar.

Prof Ibrahim Gambari, UN Special Envoy/Adviser to Myanmar from 2006 to 2009, was one of the key actors during the transition between impasse and rapprochement between the military and opposition. In this seminar, he reflected on his experiences and showed how the role of mediation played a crucial part in transforming the deadlock that had built up over the years. He also discussed the challenges of political and economic reforms and how the nature of this unique political transformation will affect future prospects for addressing them and the implications for South Asia.



Dr Iftekhar Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow at the Institute for South Asian Studies (ISAS) and Prof Ibrahim A Gambari, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies.

Event: ISAS-CGCC Workshop

Topic: The role of Women and Civil Society in Strengthening Community Resilience against Violent Extremism in South Asia

Date: 5-6 September 2013

Venue: Institute of South Asian Studies
(Bukit Timah Campus)

International counterterrorism efforts and policies have increasingly acknowledged the importance of civil society in countering violence and extremism in South Asia. The role of women and their contributions in strengthening resilience within communities, as well as the gender dimension of radicalisation and mobilisation, are vital components of this effort. That said, there is a need for regional cooperation in developing holistic responses to an increasingly transnational threat.

With this in mind, the Institute of South Asian Studies and the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation, with support from the government of Norway, initiated this workshop as a platform for regional experts and practitioners from diverse professional backgrounds and nationalities to explore the issues of gender and extremism. The workshop produced productive conversations regarding the unique opportunities and challenges faced by South Asian states in effectively implementing programmes to tackle these issues.

**Event:** ISAS Panel Discussion

Topic: In partnership with DARPAN: Bengali International Film Festival 2013

Date: 6 September 2013

Venue: Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

We have heard of Hollywood, Hindi cinema's Bollywood and the Tamil Kollywood. We now have Tollywood, films in Bengali from the capital of Bengal, Kolkata.

As part of the second edition of Darpan Singapore, Bengali International Film Festival and in celebration of 100 years of Indian cinema, Darpan in partnership with ISAS hosted a panel discussion with some of India's celebrated film makers. These included directors, Girish Kasaravalli, Subhash Ghai and Srijit who engaged with the audience in a question-and-answer session. Mr Edward Ong, from the Films Consultative Panel of the Media Development Authority (MDA), Singapore was a member of the panel discussion.



Mr Edward Ong, Mr Girish Kasaravalli, Subhash Ghai and Srijit Mukherjee

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Event: ISAS-Routledge Joint Event

Topic: Seminar on South Asia Archive

Date: 28 October 2013

Venue: National University of Singapore (Bukit Timah Campus)

What began as a conversation between academics at a café in Oxford turned into the launch of the largest online resource the subject area has ever seen. Routledge's South Asia Archive is a fully searchable digital archive, encompassing millions of pages of valuable research and teaching materials from the mid-18th to the mid-20th century. The initiative was undertaken by Taylor & Francis with the support of the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS). It features material spanning the social sciences and humanities, including rare, interdisciplinary primary and secondary sources, gathered from across the Indian subcontinent.

The launch commenced with a panel discussion as Barry Clarke, Managing Director at Taylor & Francis Asia Pacific, delivered the opening remarks.



Dr Boria Majumdar, Editor, South Asia Archive

Book Talks

THE NOVEL 'JORASANKO' BY ARUNA CHAKRAVARTI

13 September 2013

Treasury Building Auditorium, Singapore



A book titled *Jorasanko* by Aruna Chakravarti was launched in an event, jointly organised by the Tagore Society and Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS). The book recreates the life and world of womenfolk of Tagore's family who lived in the traditional family home "Jorasanko".

In a sprawling narrative that spans a unique phase in the history of Bengal and India, Aruna Chakravarti provides a fascinating account of how the Tagore women influenced and were in turn influenced by their famous male counterparts; the times they lived in and the family they belonged to.

Mrs Vijay Thakur Singh, India's High Commissioner to Singapore, was the Guest of Honour who launched the book. Recognising the work that Tagore Society has been doing in Singapore, particularly for celebrations of Gurudev's birthday last year, the High Commissioner commented about the works and life of Tagore, his unparalleled wisdom, concerns for humanity and about his writings which were always in favour of unity, harmony and peace. Bangladesh High Commissioner to Singapore and his spouse were also present on the occasion.

INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY AND REGIONAL MULTILATERALISM BY ARNDT MICHAEL, UNIVERSITY OF FREIBURG

26 September 2013

Bukit Timah Campus



Michael's book *India's Foreign Policy and Regional Multilateralism* won the Association of Third World Studies' Cecil B Currey Book Award and the German-Indo Society's Gisela Bonn Award 2013. The book was launched at ISAS on 26 September 2013.

The South Asian Association for Regional Association (SAARC) was first suggested by Bangladesh in 1978 and after years of negotiations, it was founded in 1985. Given this cooperative mechanism, Prof Michael asks why South Asia has not developed a NATO-like (collective security) mechanism to-date. He interviewed more than sixty decision-makers during his research to evaluate South Asian attempts at regionalism from 1947 to 2013. His fieldwork in the region was primarily in India and at the SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal. In his book he argues that the world has become one of regions as evidenced by the Nobel Peace Prize given to the European Union in 2012, but that South Asia's efforts at regional integration and organisation remain far behind those of other parts of the world.

ISLAM AND SOCIETY: SOCIOLOGICAL EXPLORATIONS BY PROF RIAZ HASSAN

10 October 2013

Bukit Timah Campus

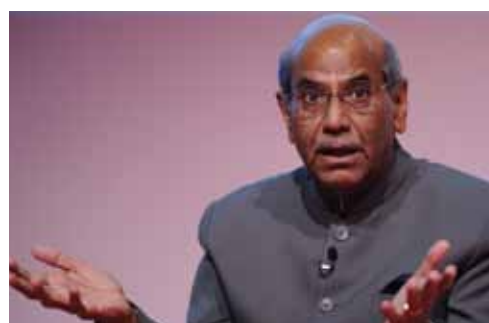


Despite a growing sophistication in the study of Islam, our understanding of the religion continues to be hampered by deeply ingrained presuppositions, especially in the context of South Asian religious history. The religion has always generated interest as well as intellectual curiosity. But since 9/11 there has been a growing interest in Islam, one of the world's largest religions, and how it influences its followers. Many works of serious scholarship have appeared since then to explain the religion not only to the West but also to its followers. Riaz Hassan's book *Islam and Society* is more than another title to the growing shelf of books on Islam. The book followed by the discussion launch on 10 October 2013 explored the nexus between the ideology of Islam and Society and the importance of understanding Islam as a socially constructed reality. The discussion focused on the 'Muslim factor' in South Asian politics and other key debates about the role of Islam in the modern world.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

South Asian Diaspora Convention 2013 (SADC)





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ISAS Events (Seminars, Workshops, Lectures, Conferences)

S/N	Topic	Speaker	Date
1	ISAS Seminar: Post-Colonial Democracy, and its Discontents: The View from Pakistan	• Dr Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, Assistant Professor, Political Economy, National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan	4 April 2013
2	Joint Event with MEI with Sultan Armed Forces Defence Studies of the Centre of the Sultanate of Oman	• Group Captain Yaqub Abdullah AL Afifi Director of Defence Studies Centre	10 April 2013
3	The Link Between Terrorism in South East Asia and South Asia	• Mr Nehchal Sandhu, Deputy National Security Advisor, India	10 April 2013
4	ISAS Seminar: Afghanistan - A Zero Sum Game for India and Pakistan	• General Mahmud Ali Durrani, Former Ambassador and National Security Advisor, Government of Pakistan	15 April 2013
5	India in South Asia: Domestic Identity Politics and Foreign Policy from Nehru to the BJP	• Prof Patel Tulsi, Professor of Sociology, University of Delhi	30 April 2013
6	ISAS Seminar: Mazaar, Bazaar: Design and Visual Culture in Pakistan	• Ms Saima Zaidi, Lecturer, University of Karachi	9 May 2013
7	ISAS Seminar: Progress and Challenges of Political and Economic Reform in Myanmar: Implications for South Asia	• Prof Ibrahim Gambari, Distinguished Fellow, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies	14 May 2013
8	ISAS Seminar: Japan-India Maritime Collaboration in the Indian Ocean Region: Opportunities and Challenges	• Dr Rupakjyoti Borah, Assistant Professor of International Relations, School of Liberal Studies, Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University	16 May 2013
9	ISAS Seminar: India and ASEAN: Diversity, Democracy and Diplomacy	• Mr Sudhir Devare, Ram Sathe Chair Professor, Symbiosis International University, NOIDA and Pune	6 June 2013
10	ISAS Panel Discussion: Partition of 1947: Implications for the Future of Democracy	• Mr Karti Chidambaram, Member, All India Congress Committee • Ms Pamposh Dhar, Proprietor, Terataii; Consultant Writer and Editor • Mr P S Suryanarayana (ISAS)	10 June 2013
11	ISAS Closed Door Discussion: With H E Dr T C A Raghavan, High Commissioner of India	• H E Dr T C A Raghavan High Commissioner of India to Singapore	18 June 2013

ISAS Events (Seminars, Workshops, Lectures, Conferences)

S/N	Topic	Speaker	Date
12	ISAS Seminar: The paradox of Economic Progress and dislike for Daughters in India by Prof Tulsi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Tulsi Patel Department of Sociology, North Campus, University of Delhi 	26 June 2013
13	ISAS Public Lecture: India & South East Asia: Today and Tomorrow by H E Salman Khrushid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Salman Khrushid, Minister of External Affairs, Republic of India 	3 July 2013
14	ISAS Panel Discussions: Outlook For India: With Young Members of the Parliament of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Young Indian Parliamentarians 	5 July 2013
15	ISAS Ambassadors' Lecture Series: Spain and Asia - History of a 'Non Meeting'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H E Mr Federico Palomera, Ambassador of Spain to the Republic of Singapore 	10 July 2013
16	ISAS- SMU Joint Event: Challenges and Strategies for Doing Business in India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amb Gopinath Pillai (ISAS) Prof Rajendra Srivastava, Provost & Deputy President Singapore Management University Dr S Narayan (ISAS) 	18 July 2013
17	ISAS-EAI Joint Event: Federalism in India and China	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Kaushiki Sanyal, Senior Analyst, Bharti Institute of Public Policy Indian School of Business Dr Supriyo De, Officer on Special Duty to the Chief Economic Adviser Dr Bo Zhiyue, Senior Research Fellow, EAI Dr Sarah Y Tong, Senior Research Fellow, EAI Ms Yao Jielu, Reaerch Assistant, EAI Dr Zhao Litao, Senior Research Fellow, EAI Dr Qian Jiwei, Research Associate, EAI Prof Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Managing Trustee and Research Director, India Development Foundation Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University Dr Liang Yongjia, Professor Chinese Agriculture University Dr Zhou Zhihua. Visiting Research Fellow, EAI Prof Robin Jeffrey (ISAS) 	15-16 August 2013
18	ISAS Panel Discussion: What is Wrong with the Indian Economy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Managing Trustee and Research Director, India Development Foundation; Director, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University Dr Supriyo De, Officer on Special Duty to the Chief Economic Adviser, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India 	16 August 2013

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ISAS Events (Seminars, Workshops, Lectures, Conferences)

S/N	Topic	Speaker	Date
19	ISAS Public Lecture: United Nations Peace Operations in South and Southeast Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian Martin, United Nations Official Former Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Libya 	21 August 2013
20	ISAS Seminar: Asean-India: Connectivity And Cooperation (Indonesia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H E Mr Anil Kumar Nayar, Singapore's Ambassador to Indonesia H E Mr Gurjit Singh, Indian Ambassador to Indonesia & ASEAN 	26 August 2013
21	ISAS Workshop: Strengthening Community Resilience Against Violent Extremism In South Asia: What role for Women and Civil Society.	Hosted by the Institute of South Asian Studies and the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation	5-6 September 2013
22	ISAS Panel Discussion: Changing Films: Cinema as a social change maker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Subhash Ghai : Film Maker Mr Girish Kasaravalli : Film Maker Mr Srijit Mukherji : Film Maker Mr Edward Ong: Member FCP Media Development Authority, Vice President SPPA 	6 September 2013
23	ISAS Book Launch - The Novel 'Jorasanko'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aruna Chakravarti 	13 September 2013
24	ISAS Seminar: India and the South China Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Robin Jeffrey (ISAS) Mr Subhash Ghai : Film Maker Mr Girish Kasaravalli : Film Maker Mr Srijit Mukherji : Film Maker Mr Edward Ong: Member FCP Media Development Authority, Vice President 	16-17 September 2013
25	ISAS - SASP Joint Event - Visit by Altius students from Kerala, India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Priyadas G Mangalath, Chief Coordinator, ALTIUS Prof Tan Tai Yong (ISAS) Assoc Prof Vineeta Sinha, Head, South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences 	17 September 2013
26	ISAS – IHC Joint Event: People, Ports and Places: The Narrative of Indian Communities in Singapore and Southeast Asia”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amb Gopinath Pillai (ISAS) Dr Rajesh Rai (ISAS) Prof Tan Tai Yong (ISAS) Amb Kesavapany Prof Prasenjit Duara, Director, Asia Research Institute (NUS) 	26 September 2013
27	ISAS Book Talk on India's Foreign Policy and Regional Multilateralism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Arndt Michael, Voordinator of the Colloquium politicum at the University of Freiburg and lecturer at the Department of Political Science, Chair for International Relations, University of Freiburg. 	9 October 2013

ISAS Events (Seminars, Workshops, Lectures, Conferences)

S/N	Topic	Speaker	Date
28	ISAS Book Launch cum Panel Discussion: Islam and Society: The Implications for South Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury (ISAS) • Prof Riaz Hassan (ISAS) • Mr Shahid Javed Burki (ISAS) • Associate Prof Syed Farid Alatas (NUS) 	23 October 2013
29	ISAS – IHC – SICCI Joint Event with H E Shri Salman Khurshid on 'Focus on Business & Economy'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorable Minister of External Affairs of India, Shri Salman Khurshid 	28 October 2013
30	ISAS Seminar: ISAS-Routledge Research Seminar on South Asia Archive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boria Majumdar, Editor, South Asia Archive • Barry Clarke, Managing Director, Taylor & Francis Asia Pacific 	28 October 2013
31	ISAS Ambassador Series: The Emergence of the Global South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H E Mr Alfredo Toro Hardy, Ambassador of Venezuela to the Republic of Singapore 	12 November 2013
32	ISAS Public Lecture: The Coming 'Crisis' in Indian Foreign Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Harsh V Pant, Reader in International Relations Department of Defence Studies, King's College London (United Kingdom) 	13 November 2013
33	ISAS Conference: South Asian Diaspora Convention	Keynote Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister, Singapore • Mr P Chidambaram, Finance Minister, India 	21-22 November 2013
34	ISAS Book Launch - Encyclopedia of Sri Lankan Diaspora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Dr Tony Tan • Mr J Y Pillay 	21 November 2013
35	ISAS Ambassador Series: Strategic Stability in South Asia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb Tariq Osman Hyder, Director, Environment, Energy and Development Associates, (EED) 	29 November 2013
36	ISAS Workshop : Chinese and Indian Businesses: Implications of Going Global	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Klaus E Meyer • Prof Jane Lu • Dr Amitendu Palit (NUS) 	6 January 2014
37	ISAS Closed-Door Discussions with Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb Gopinath Pillai (ISAS) • Prof Tan Tai Yong (ISAS) • Dr Iftekhar Chowdhury (ISAS) • Dr S Narayan (ISAS) 	21 January 2014
38	ISAS Closed-Door Discussions with Sri Lanka Foreign Minister Dr Amugama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sarath Amunugama Deputy Minister of Finance & Planning - Sri Lanka 	4 February 2014
39	Delhi Workshop for Youth Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof John Harriss (ISAS) • Dr S Narayan (ISAS) • Mr Rahul Advani (ISAS) 	4 February 2014
40	Closed Door Discussion with Amb George Moose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb George Moose • Ms Judith Kauffman 	7 February 2014

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41	ISAS Closed-Door Discussion with former Japan FM Yoriko Kawaguchi	• Ms Yoriko Kawaguchi, Visiting Professor, Meiji Institute for Global Affairs, Former Foreign Minister, Japan	7 February 2014
42	ISAS Seminar: 'Demographic Transition: Is it a Boon or a Bane for Indian Development?'	• Jayan Jose Thomas	12 February 2014
43	ISAS Roundtable Discussion: India Politicians Group Study Visit Programme (GSVP)	• Young Indian Parliamentarians	13 February 2014
44	ISAS Closed-Door Discussion: Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Policy Dialogue and Discussion	• Multiple Speakers	17 February 2014
45	ISAS Workshop: Northeast Region Myanmar	• Mr Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor (Keynote)	14 February 2014
46	ISAS Closed Door Discussion with Mr Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, India	• Mr Anil Wadhwa	20 February 2014
47	ISAS Ambassador Series: Challenges for Emerging Economies: The case of Mexico	• His Excellency Rogelio Granguillhome Morfin	24 February 2014
48	ISAS Seminar: Southern Asia and the Global Nuclear Disorder by Dr Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu	• Dr Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu	25-26 February 2014
49	ISAS - University of Sydney Research Roundtable on 'India's Employment Challenges: Determinants, Dynamics and Dimensions	• Prof John Harriss, Visiting Research Professor, (ISAS)	27 February 2014
50	ISAS Seminar: Reporting Asia: An Indian Foreign Correspondent on China and Indonesia	• Pallavi Aiyar	3 March 2014
51	ISAS-IIM Joint Event Shillong Workshop	• Dr Mukul Sangma, Chief Minister, Meghalaya	5-6 March 2014
52	ISAS - Brookings, India Joint Event- (Regional Energy Security), New Delhi	• Dr Subir Gokarn (Brookings) • Dr S Narayan (ISAS) • Dr Amitendu Palit (ISAS)	6 March 2014
53	ISAS-RIS-AIC Dialogue on India - Singapore Relations, New Delhi	• Amb Shyam Saran, Chairman, RIS and National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)	6 March 2014
54	Delhi Dialogue -Realizing the ASEAN-India Vision for Partnership and Prosperity	• Prof Tan Tai Yong (ISAS) • Dr Sinderpal Singh (ISAS) • Regional Guests	6-7 March 2014
55	ISAS Colloquium: Challenges of Governance, Administrative Reforms and Integrity in a Developing Country: The Case of Bangladesh	• Mr Muhammad Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance., Government of Bangladesh	19 March 2014

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56	ISAS-CLC Joint Event : Urban Waste & Water sector in India: Challenges and Lessons from Singapore	• Dr Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations	21 March 2014
57	ISAS Closed door session with Dr Isher Judge	• Dr Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations	21 March 2014
58	ISAS-SMU-CLC Public Lecture: "Clean Water & Waste Management: An Approach to Integrated Planning of Water and Sanitation"	• Dr Isher Judge Ahluwalia, Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations	25 March 2014
59	ISAS Roundtable on 'Fragile Cities': ISAS-IPI (International Peace Institute)	• Francesco Mancini, IPI • Andrea Ó Súilleabháin, IPI	25-26 March 2014
60	ISAS Seminar: Beyond Manmohan Singh: Indian Foreign Policy After the Elections	• Prof Chilamkuri Raja Mohan (ISAS), Visiting Research Professor	31 March 2014
61	ISAS Public Lecture: Game changer in India? What to expect in the national elections	• Dr Ronojoy Sen (ISAS)	31 March 2014

MEDIA PRESENCE

South Asian Diaspora Convention (SADC) 2013 Media Coverage

Media coverage for SADC 2013 surpassed the coverage of the inaugural SADC in 2011, with substantial coverage in international media. The total number of media exposures for SADC 2013 was 494, which included print, broadcast, wire services and online coverage. This was about 30 percent more than the media coverage in 2011. SADC 2013 also attracted several international media, compared to only a couple of international media presence for the SADC 2011.

The PR value of the media coverage in 2013 was substantially higher than in 2011. The PR value of media coverage (excluding online coverage value) generated for SADC 2013 was S\$3,026,871. This was S\$617,488 more than the PR value of the media coverage for SADC 2011.

S/N	Media Industry	Exposure in 2013	Exposure in 2011
1.	Print Media	61	42
2.	Broadcast Media	37	50
3.	Wire Services	21	7
4.	Online Sites	375	247
Total Exposure		494	346
Total PR Value		S\$3,026,871	S\$2,409,383

SADC Coverage in International Print and Broadcast Media; and Wire Services

A. PRINT MEDIA

S/N	International	Local (Singapore)
1.	Assam Tribune	Lianhe Zaobao
2.	Bureaucracy Today	Tabla!
3.	Business Standard	Tamil Murasu
4.	Daily The Pak Banker	The Business Times
5.	Deccan Chronicle	The Straits Times
6.	Hindustan Times	
7.	Financial Chronicle	
8.	Free Press Journal	
9.	Indian Express	
10.	India Infoline Research	
11.	Kashmir Images	
12.	Kashmir Monitor	
13.	Mint Asia	
14.	New Indian Express	
15.	Samay Live	
16.	South China Morning Post	
17.	The Asian Age	
18.	The Economic Times	
19.	The Economic Times – Delhi Edition	
20.	The Economic Times – Kolkata Edition	
21.	The Economic Times – Mumbai Edition	
22.	The Express Tribune	
23.	The Financial Express	

A. PRINT MEDIA

S/N	International	Local (Singapore)
24.	The South Asian Times	
25.	The Statesman	
26.	The Sunday Guardian	
27.	The Telegraph	
28.	The Times of India	

B. BROADCAST MEDIA

S/N	International	Local (Singapore)
1.	BBC – Asia Business Report	Channel NewsAsia (SADC 2013 mentioned as ticker)
2.	BBC – India Business Report	Channel NewsAsia – Business Singapore
3.	Bloomberg	Channel NewsAsia – First Look Asia
4.	CNBC – Beyond Borders (Business)	Channel NewsAsia – News
5.	CNBC Cash Flow	Channel NewsAsia – Singapore Today
6.	CNBC Squawk Box	Channel 5
7.	Reuters / ET Now – Market Senses	Channel 8
8.	Reuters / ET Now – Market @ Lunch	Channel U
9.		938Live FM News
10.		Oli 96.8FM News
11.		RIA 89.7FM News
12.		Warna FM News
13.		Vasanatham Tamil News

C. WIRE SERVICES







S/N	Media
1.	Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)
2.	Press Trust of India (PTI)
3.	United News of India (UNI)
4.	Xinhua.net

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Media Coverage April 2013 to March 2014

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Media Channels










 Australia	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India Quarterly: A Journal of International Affairs On Line Opinion: E-Journal of Social and Political Debate The Australian The Conversation
	Websites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Asia Forum: http://www.eastasiaforum.org/ Centre for Gravity Series The Interpreter: www.lowyinterpreter.org/ ABC Net: www.abc.net.au/ The Age (Aust): http://www.theage.com.au/
	Radio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBS Radio Australia Radio Australia
 Bangladesh	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangladesh Today
	Websites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-Line Opinion and Bangladesh Development Report
 Belgium	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Europe's World
 Canada	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Affairs Times Colonist
	Websites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> India-Canada Outlook: http://www.indocanadaoutlook.com/ Circle (University of British Columbia): https://circle.ubc.ca/ Global Brief: http://globalbrief.ca/ Asian Century Institute (ACI): http://asiancenturyinstitute.com/
 China	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> China Daily Global Times
 Finland	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish Journal of International Affairs

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 France	Radio <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radio France Internationale
 Germany	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welt Trends
 Hong Kong	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asia Times Online
 India	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily News and Analysis • Economic and Political Weekly • Economic Times • Financial Express • India Review • India Express • Journal of South Asian Development • Money Control • The Hindu • Times of India Websites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Standard: http://www.business-standard.com/ • Global Research Forum on Diaspora and Transformation (GRFDT): http://www.grfdt.com/ • Indian Panorama: http://www.indianpanorama.in/about_us.html • News Track India: http://www.newstrackindia.com/ • NewsYaps: http://www.newsyps.com/ • Rediff News: www.rediff.com/ • India Seminar.com: http://www.india-seminar.com/ • Indian Strategic Studies: strategicstudyindia.blogspot.com/ • Indian Defence News <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zee News
 Iran	Online Journals/ Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Tribune
 Mexico	Websites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDESP Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace Program: http://ldesp.wordpress.com/

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	Online Journals/ Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Himal South Asia
Nepal		
	Online Journals/ Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times of Oman
Oman		
	Online Journals/ Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Times • Express Tribune • Pakistan Today
Pakistan	Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Recorder (Pakistan): http://www.brecorder.com/pakistan.html
	Online Journals/ Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulf Times
Qatar		
	Online Journals/ Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Channel News Asia • Tabla! • Ridge Magazine (NUSSU) • Tamil Murasu • Straits Times • Business Times • Today
Singapore	Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESI (Energy Studies Institute): http://www.esi.nus.edu.sg/ • Today Online
	Radio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediacorp 938 Live (News Analysis)
	Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Africa: http://allafrica.com/
South Africa		
	Online Journals/ Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Tribune
Sri Lanka		
	Online Journals/ Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
Sweden		
	Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISN Eth Zurich The International Relations and Security Network (ISN): http://www.isn.ethz.ch/
Switzerland		

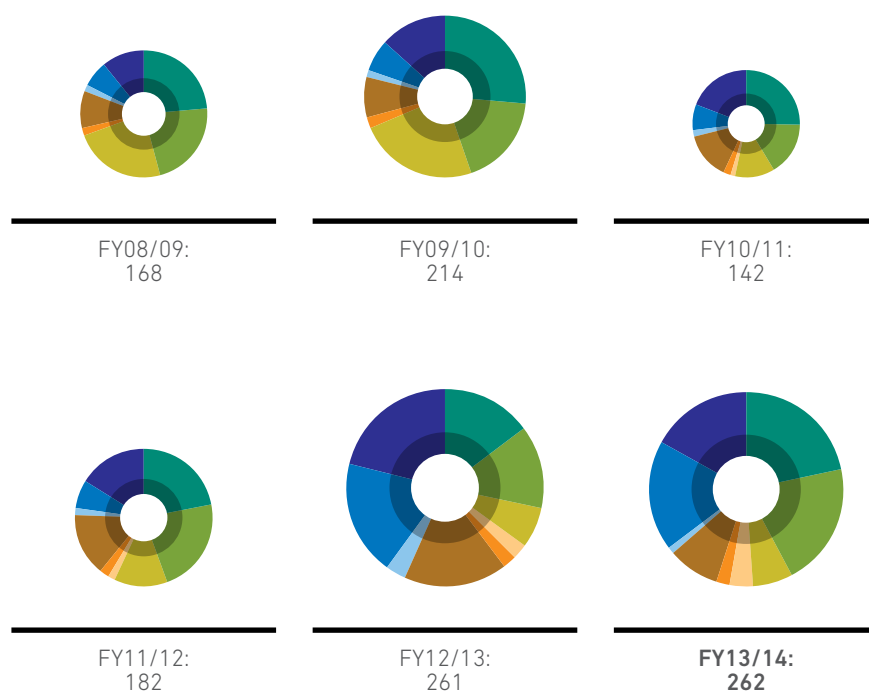
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Thailand		
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	Websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Asia Monitor: www.asia-monitor.com
	News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BBC World News
	Online Journals/ Newspapers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India Quarterly: A Journal of International Affairs • Contemporary South Asia • Defense News • Georgetown Journal • The Wall Street Journal • Journal of Burma Studies • Small Wars Journal • International Migration, Wiley Online (John Wiley & Sons) • Journal of Agrarian Change, Wiley Online (John Wiley & Sons) • Asia Society Bulletin • Journal of International Law • The Middle East Journal • Washington Quarterly
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	News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associated Press

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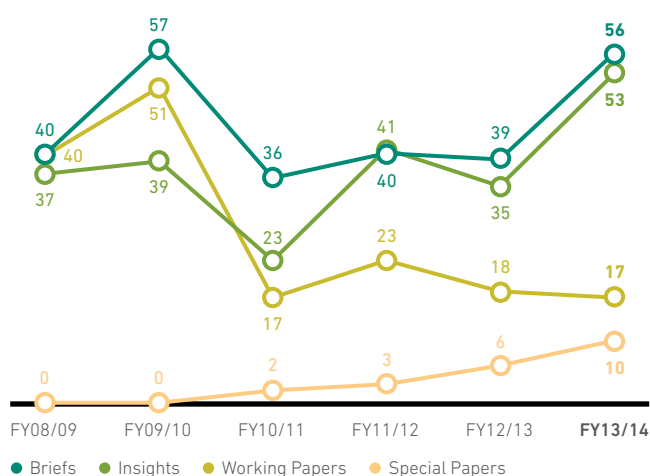
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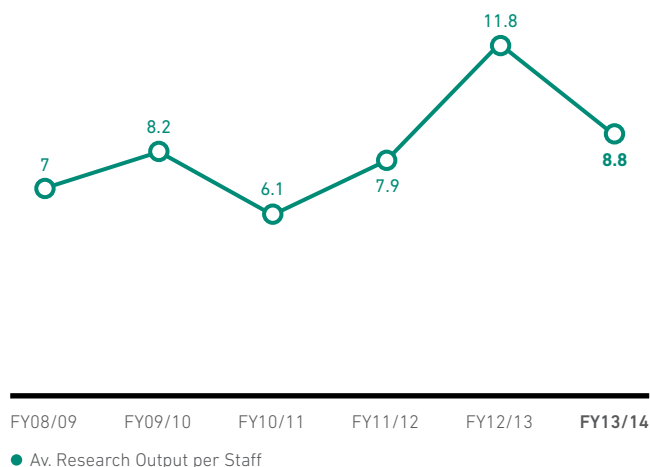
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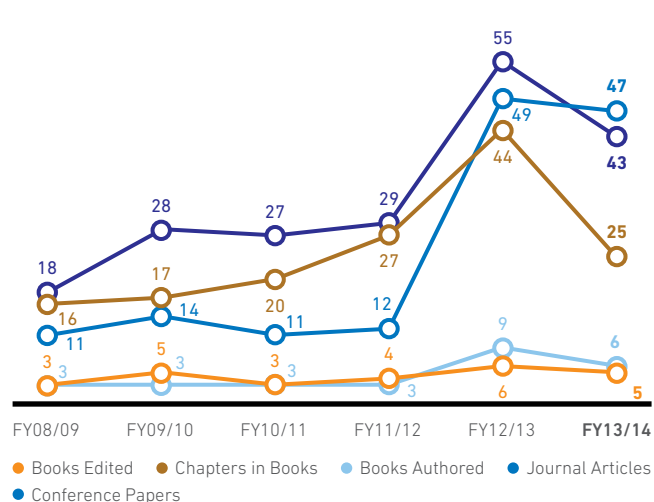
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241: The Road Ahead for Aam Aadmi Party	Ronojoy Sen, Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	20 January 2014
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243: Power-Rivalry in Asia: New Arms Race and Lessons from Ukraine	Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow, ISAS	13 March 2014
244: CPI-Bonds in India: A Troubled Take-off	Chandrani Sarma, Research Assistant, ISAS	13 March 2014
245: Youth and Aam Aadmi Party	Rahul Advani, Research Assistant, ISAS	28 March 2014

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171: India's Role in 1971 Bangladesh War: Determinants of Future Ties	Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	2 April 2013
172: A Turbulent Pakistan: India's Choices in Response,	S D Muni, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	8 April 2013
173: Youth and Politics in India-I	Rahul Advani, Research Associate, ISAS	18 April 2013
174: Youth and Politics in India-II	Rahul Advani, Research Assistant, ISAS	14 August 2013
175: Bangladesh at a Crossroads: A Political Prognosis	Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	7 May 2013
176: Economics of Pak-Afghan Relations	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	24 September 2013
177: Factors Driving Drug Abuse in India's Punjab	Rahul Advani, Research Assistant, ISAS	24 September 2013
178: Non-Proliferation and WMD Debate: The Relevance to South Asia	Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow, ISAS	2 October 2013
179: The Pakistan-US Parleys	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	11 November 2013
180: South Asian Diaspora: A Changing Landscape	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	19 March 2014
181: South Asia's Economic Changes and Diaspora Groups	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	19 March 2014
182: State of Injustice: The Indian State and Poverty	John Harriss, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	20 March 2014
183: Rural Tamil Nadu in the Liberalisation Era: What Do We Learn from Village Studies?	John Harriss, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS and Dr J Jeyaranjan, Institute for Development Alternatives, Chennai (India)	24 March 2014
184: Indian Military Diplomacy: Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief	C Raja Mohan, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	26 March 2014
185: Is India Making Waves in South China Sea?	Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy, Research Associate, ISAS	26 March 2014
186: Extremism: Pakistan in Search of a Solution	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	28 March 2014

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Connecting India to ASEAN: Challenges and Opportunities in India's Northeast	General (Retired) J J Singh, Governor of Arunachal Pradesh	10 April 2013
11: The Way Forward for Northeast India	Laldinkima Sailo, Research Associate, ISAS	18 April 2013
12: Manifestoes and Political Preferences in Pakistan	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	24 April 2013
ISAS Visits King's India Institute, London	A delegation from ISAS visited King's India Institute to discuss collaboration opportunities. Click the link to read about the visit	2 May 2013
Prof Tan Tai Yong's Exclusive Interview on ISN's newsletter, Partner Pulse	Prof Tan Tai Yong was interviewed by International Relations and Security Network during his recent official trip to Geneva	3 May 2013
13: India's Strategic Autonomy Mantra	P S Suryanarayana, Editor (Current Affairs), ISAS	5 July 2013
14: The Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor: Salient Features and Recent Developments	Mr Vijay Bhalaki, Director, Athena Infonomics	8 July 2013
15: Skill Development Initiatives in India	Sandhya Srinivasan, Consultant (Public Policy) at Athena Infonomics India Pvt Ltd	11 July 2013
16: Debating India's Look-East Engagement: Singapore's Contribution	S D Muni, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	12 July 2013
Connecting India To Asean: Opportunities and Challenges in India's Northeast - Workshop Report	Dr S Narayan, Senior Research Fellow, ISAS and Laldinkima Sailo, Research Associate, ISAS	20 August 2013
Speech by Mr P Chidambaram at Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore on 21 November 2013	Mr P Chidambaram, Finance Minister, Republic of India	21 November 2013
Speech by Deputy Prime Minister, Coordinating Minister For National Security And Minister For Home Affairs Teo Chee Hean at the Second South Asian Diaspora Convention on Thursday 21 November 2013 at the Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore	Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Singapore, Coordinating Minister For National Security And For Home Affairs	27 November 2013
17: Economic Zones in Bangladesh: Unbound Opportunities for Foreign Investment	Zaara Zain Hussain, Research Assistant, ISAS	28 November 2013

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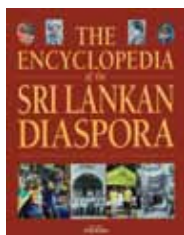
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3	C R Mohan, 'India's Maritime Diplomacy'. In Hemant Kishan Singh and Sanjay Pulipaka, Asia's Arc of Advantage: India, ASEAN and the US: Shaping Asian Architecture (New Delhi: ICRIER).	2013
4	C R Mohan, 'India's Role in Southeast Asian Security'. In Ajaya Kumar's ed. India-ASEAN Defence Relations (Singapore: RSIS).	2013
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10	Hema Kirupalani, 'Introduction'. In South Asian Diaspora: Patterns of Socio Economic Development.	2013
11	Hema Kirupalani, 'Singapore'. In Peter Reeves, Hema Kiruppalini, and Rajesh Rai (eds). The Encyclopedia of the Sri Lankan Diaspora. Singapore: Editions Didier Millet (EDM Books).	2013
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6	Kale Sunila Sand Rahul Mukherji. "How colonial legacies still shape Indian governance: power and telecommunications in comparison." Governance Volume 26 Iss.1. pp.1-4.	2013
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Impact Factor Journal Outputs

S/N	ISAS Peer Reviewed Journal Publications 1 April 2013-31 March 2014		Impact Factor (IF) Score
1	CR Mohan	Prague as the Nonproliferation Pivot' <i>Washington Quarterly</i> , Vol. 36, No. 2, (May 2013), pp. 109-22	0.656
2	Mizanur Rahman	Gendering Migrant Remittances: Evidence from Bangladesh and the United Arab Emirates, <i>INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION</i> , Volume 51, Issue Supplement s1, pages e159-e178, July 2013	1.109
3	John Harriss	'Does 'Landlordism' Still Matter? Reflections on Agrarian Change in India', <i>Journal of Agrarian Change</i> , Vol. 13, No. 3, (13 July 2013), pp 351-64	2.748
4	John Harriss	John Harriss and Craig Jeffrey. "Depoliticizing Injustice: A Review Article on Red Tape: Bureaucracy, Structural Violence and Poverty in India". <i>Economy and Society</i> , Vol. 42 No. 3, (August 2013), pp 507-520	2.402
5	John Harriss	"Audacious Reforms? India's New Rights Agenda: An Introduction". <i>Pacific Affairs</i> , Special Section. Vol. 86, No. 3, (September 2013), pp 561-568	0.552
6	Shanthie Mariet D' Souza	Shanthie Mariet D' Souza. "India's Evolving Policy Contours towards Post- 2014 Afghanistan". <i>Journal of South Asian Development</i> . Vol. 8 No. 2, (August 2013), pp 185-207	0.235
7	Ronojoy Sen	"Going Beyond Mere Accounting: The Changing Role of India's Auditor General," <i>The Journal of Asian Studies</i> , Vol. 72, Issue No. 4, (November 2013), pp 801-811	0.671

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S/N	Title	Publication Date
1	Rahul Mukherji, 'Political Economy of Reforms in India.' New Delhi: Oxford University Press.	2014
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4	Robin Jeffrey and Sen Ronojoy (eds) 'Being Muslim in South Asia: Diversity and Daily Life'. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.	May 2014
5	Amitendu Palit, 'The Trans Pacific Partnership, China and India: Economic and Political Implications'. New York: Routledge.	19 May 2014
6	Rahul Mukherji, 'Globalization and Deregulation: Ideas, Interests and Institutional Change in India.' New Delhi, London, New York: Oxford University Press.	August 2014
7	Rajesh Rai, 'Indians in Singapore, 1819 - 1945: Diaspora in the Colonial Port City.' New Delhi: Oxford University Press, India.	October 2014
8	Md Mizanur Rahman, Tan Tai Yong, and AKM Ahsan Ullah (eds) 'Migrant Remittances in South Asia: Social, Economic and Political Implications.' London: Palgrave Macmillan.	November 2014
9	Shahrukh Rafi Khan, Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, Sohaib Bodla (2014). 'The Military and Denied Development in the Pakistani Punjab: An Eroding Social Consensus.' UK: Anthem Press.	November 2014
10	Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, 'Bangladesh: Reflections on an Emergent Nation.' Singapore: MarketAsia Books.	December 2014
11	Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, 'Pakistan: A Diplomat's Insights.' Singapore: MarketAsia Books.	December 2014
12	Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, 'The UN and the WTO: A South Asian Perspective.' Singapore: MarketAsia Books.	December 2014
13	Sharma, Navrekha, & Ghoshal, Baladas (2014). 'India's Relations with Indonesia.' Singapore: MarketAsia Books.	December 2014
14	David Malone, C Raja Mohan and Srinath Raghavan (eds). 'Oxford Handbook on Indian Foreign Policy.' New York: Oxford University Press.	2015
15	John Harriss and Craig Jeffrey, 'Keywords for Modern India.' Oxford: Oxford University Press.	2015
16	Shahid Javed Burki, Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Riaz Hassan, 'Afghanistan: The Next Phase', Melbourne: Melbourne University Press.	January 2015
17	S Narayan & Laldinkima Sailo (eds), 2014, 'Connecting India to ASEAN: Opportunities and Challenges in India's Northeast.' India: Manohar Publishers.	March 2015
18	Suryanarayana P S, 'Smart Diplomacy: Exploring China-India Synergy', Singapore: World Century.	April 2015

PARTNERSHIPS

Research Collaboration

Partnership is at the heart of everything ISAS does. Our substantial expertise—both intellectual acumen and practical experience—cuts across diverse issues and settings. These valuable assets combined with our long legacy of trust have made us a regional partner of choice. Local and international organisations have been keen to tap into our research strengths and networks. For FY2013/14, ISAS had signed six new MoU's and renewed one, increasing the number of formal agreements to 36 since its inception in 2005.



MoU with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

Left-to-Right: H E Mr Anil Kumar Nayar (Singapore's Ambassador to Republic of Indonesia), Prof Tan Tai Yong (Director, ISAS), Mr Alwyn Didar Singh (Secretary-General, FICCI), H E Mr Gurjit Singh (India's Ambassador to Republic of Indonesia, Timor Leste and ASEAN)

ISAS has identified the India-ASEAN relationship as one of its core areas for research. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has been at the forefront of industry engagement with Indonesia. ISAS therefore organised a half-day workshop on 27 August 2013 on the theme "India-ASEAN Connectivity" and renewed its MoU with FICCI. The MoU was signed by Prof Tan Tai Yong, Director ISAS and Mr Alwyn Didar Singh, Secretary-General, FICCI and witnessed by both Singapore and India's Ambassadors to the Republic of Indonesia, H E Mr Anil Kumar Nayar and H E Mr Gurjit Singh respectively.



MoU with Brookings, India

Left-to-Right: Prof Tan Tai Yong (Director, ISAS), Amb Gopinath Pillai (Chairman, ISAS), Dr Subir Gokarn (Director of Research, Brookings India), Mr Vikram Singh Mehta (Executive Chairman, Brookings India).

The MoU with Brookings, India signed on 21 November 2013 on the sidelines of the South Asian Diaspora Convention 2013 involves cooperation in the fields of energy research, geo-politics and geo-economics, exchange of expertise and researchers and joint publications. Both institutions will hold joint conferences, seminars, and workshops. At the MoU ceremony, Prof Tan Tai Yong, Director of ISAS, stressed the importance of cooperating with specialized global centers such as Brookings India, pointing to the role that the center and ISAS could play in influencing policy.

MoUs

MOUS SIGNED BETWEEN 1 APRIL 2013 AND 31 MARCH 2014

1 April	9 April	27 August	6 September	1 November	21 November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian Development Research Institute, Bihar, India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), India (renewal) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Library Board, Singapore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brookings, India Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute for International Relations and Strategic Studies in Colombo, Sri Lanka

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1	Académie Diplomatique Internationale, Paris, France
2	Asia Research Institute (ARI), Singapore
3	Asian Development Research Institute, Bihar, India
4	Aspen Institute India, New Delhi, India
5	Athena Infonomics, New Delhi, India
6	Australia-India Institute, New South Wales, Australia
7	Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Dhaka, Bangladesh
8	Brookings, India
9	Center for South Asian Studies, Institute of International Studies
10	Confederation of Indian Industries, New Delhi, India
11	East Asian Institute (EAI), Singapore
12	Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi India
13	Fudan University, Shanghai, China
14	Griffith University, Queensland, Australia
15	Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi, India
16	Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Mumbai, India
17	Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka
18	Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore
19	International Relations and Security Network, Zurich, Switzerland
20	Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan
21	Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute for International Relations and Strategic Studies in Colombo, Sri Lanka
22	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), Singapore
23	Lowy Institute, Sydney, Australia
24	Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), India
25	Middle East Institute (MEI), Singapore
26	National Library Board, Singapore
27	Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India
28	Peace Study Group, Department of History, University of Calcutta, India
29	Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab, India
30	Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India
31	Singapore Business Federation, Singapore
32	Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce, Singapore
33	Standard Chartered Bank, Singapore
34	The India China and America Institute, Atlanta, USA
35	The Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore India
36	University of Mumbai (Dept of Economics), Mumbai, India

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ISAS Website



<http://www.isas.nus.edu.sg/>

The ISAS website (www.isas.nus.edu.sg) was created in 2005 and has since grown in content with regular postings disseminated to policy makers, academic, business community and the public. The website ranks 9,914th in the world (amongst the 30 million domains) as reported by 'webstatsdomain'. A low-numbered rank means that this website gets lots of visitors. It improved from the rank of 11,209 in 2012/13. About 25.9% of the website's traffic is from Singapore. ISAS web pages are ranked 6 out of 10 for accessibility and readability. The search engine optimization score has increased from 32% in 2011/12 and 46% in 2012/13 to 51% in 2013/14. The website saw a total of 33,841 visits with 21,082 unique visitors. It has registered some 101,257 page views with a duration of 2.35 minutes per page view. Every visitor had clicked on an average of 3 pages on the website.

ISAS Website	FY2012/13	FY2013/14
Site Visits	30,495	33,841
Unique Visitors	20,225	21,082
Page Views	91,572	101,257
No. of Pages Visited	3.3	3
Duration of Visit	2.2 mins	2.35 mins

South Asian Diaspora Website



<http://www.southasiandiaspora.org/>

The South Asian Diaspora website started in December 2011 and ranks 1,699,339 in the world, with roughly 425 daily unique visitors. In FY2013/14 it had registered 38,426 site visits which reflected a 30% increase from FY2012/13. Unique visitors increased by 18% and page views by 45%. The average duration of each visit was 1.5 minutes as against 58 seconds in FY2012/13.

SADC Website	FY2012/13	FY2013/14
Site Visits	29,392	38,426
Unique Visitors	26,802	31,718
Page Views	48,758	70,934
No. of Pages Visited	1.66	1.9
Duration of Visit	58 secs	1.5 mins

YouTube



<http://www.youtube.com/user/isasnus2>
<http://www.youtube.com/user/isasnus1>

ISAS started using Youtube for video content dissemination on 8 December 2011. ISAS has two youtube channels: (<http://www.youtube.com/user/isasnus1>; and <http://www.youtube.com/user/isasnus2>). The Institute had uploaded public events organised by ISAS captured on video to this site. The site now has 191 video uploads of ISAS workshops, symposiums, book launches, seminars and conferences. For FY2013/14 ISAS had uploaded some 67 videos which attracted 43,405 new page views. About 113 new subscribers have been added to the site in FY2013/14. Subscribers and eyeballs to the site have increased to 194 and 74,571 respectively.

YouTube	FY2011-13	FY2013/14 (New)	FY2013/14 Cumulative (8 Dec 2011)
Video Uploads	124	67	191
Subscribers	81	113	194
Page Views	31166	43,405	74,571

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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE PAPERS

Conference Papers

Name

Amitendu Palit	<p>"TPP and Asian Regionalism" at an International Conference at the Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, China, May 2014.</p> <p>"Emergence of Southern Multinationals and Implications for Europe" at an International Conference of the EU Cooperation on Science & Technology, University of Iceland, Iceland, May 2014.</p> <p>Case Study of Mumbai (co-authored) at Cities Under Stress Workshop organized jointly by IPI and ISAS, New York, June 2014.</p>
Laldinkima Sailo	"'Looking east' through northeast: Development and connectivity" at The British Association for South Asian Studies 28th Annual Conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, London, 2-4 April 2014.
Md Mizanur Rahman	"The Road Less Travelled: Mobility in Southeast Asian Societies" at the Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Brunei, 31 March - 1 April 2014.
Prachi Srivastava	"Under-financing Education and the Rise of the Private Sector: the case of India" at the Conference on Education in Asia in 2014: What global issues?, CIEP (Centre international d'études pédagogiques), France, 12-14 June 2014.
Rahul Advani	<p>"Culture and Consumption: India's Soft Power in Southeast Asia" at The British Association for South Asian Studies 28th Annual Conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, London, 2-4 April 2014.</p> <p>"Aspiration in the time of uncertainty: The desires and realities of young people in India" at a Workshop on 'Youthful Futures? Aspirations, Education and Employment in Asia', Asian Research Institute, NUS, Singapore, 5-6 May 2014.</p>
Robin Jeffrey	"India's worlds of waste" at the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) conference, at University of Western Australia in Perth. 8-10 July 2014.
Ronojoy Sen	<p>"Dustbin of Sentiment? The Directive Principles in the Indian Constitution and the Muslim minority" at the 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies, Panel 11 - Thinking the 'Muslim Minority' in South Asia, organized by The European Association for South Asian Studies (EASAS) at University of Zurich, Switzerland, 23-26 July 2014.</p> <p>"Secularism and Religious Freedom," Workshop on the Oxford Handbook of the Indian Constitution, New Delhi, 17-20 July 2014.</p>
Sinderpal Singh	"India-Southeast Asia Relations: Unpacking the Narrative(s)" at The British Association for South Asian Studies 28th Annual Conference, Royal Holloway, University of London, London, 2-4 April 2014.

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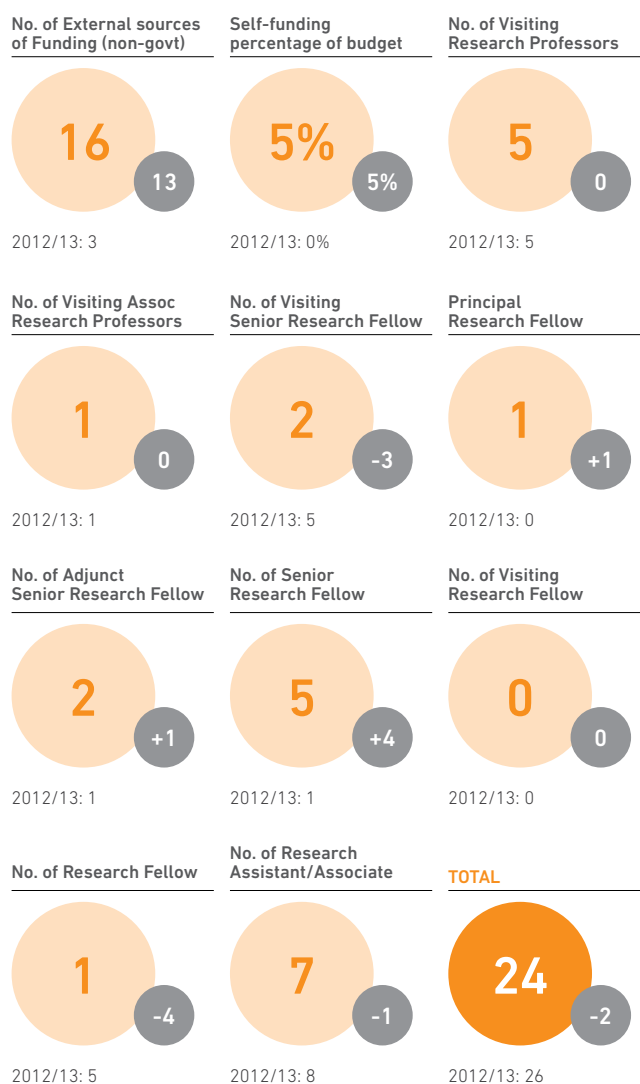
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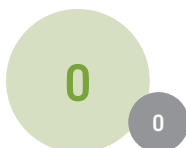
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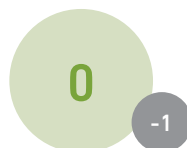
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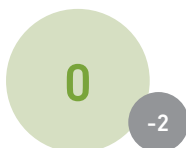
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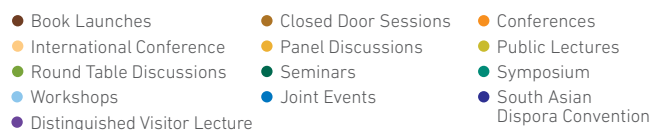
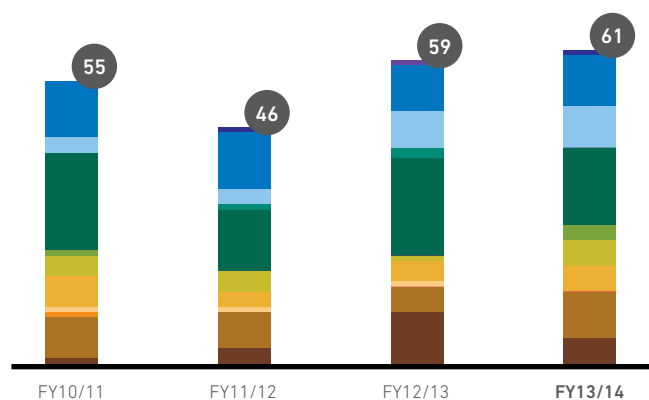
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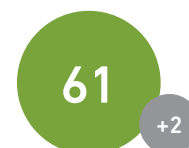
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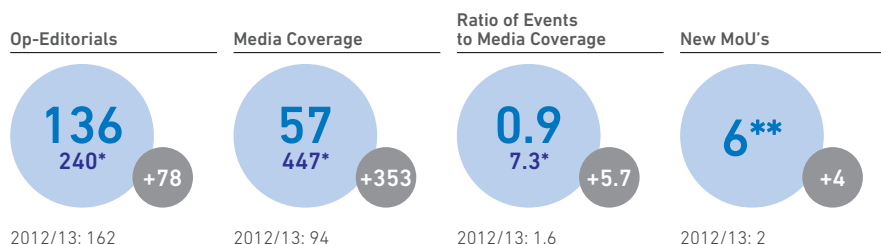
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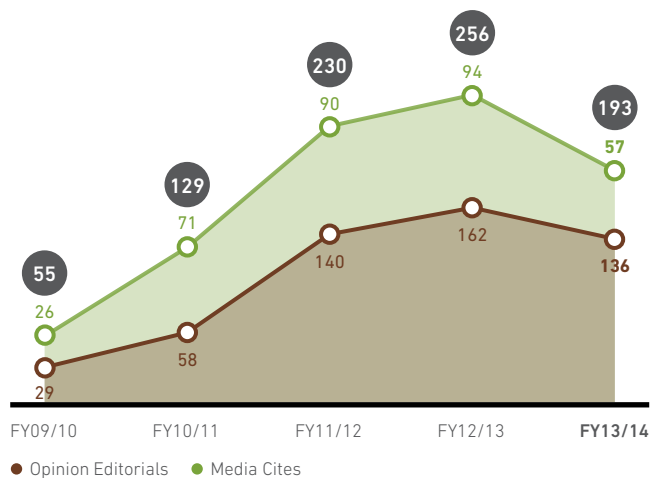
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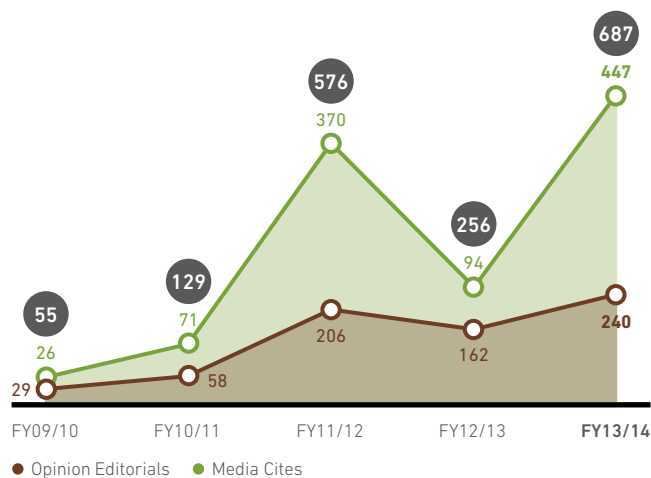
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Minister Shanmugam (seated seventh from Left) with ISAS Chairman, Director, Board Members, and Staff, at the new premises of ISAS on 22 April 2014.



L-R: Prof Tan Tai Yong, Director, ISAS, Amb Gopinath Pillai, Chairman, ISAS, Mr K Shanmugam Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law, Republic of Singapore.



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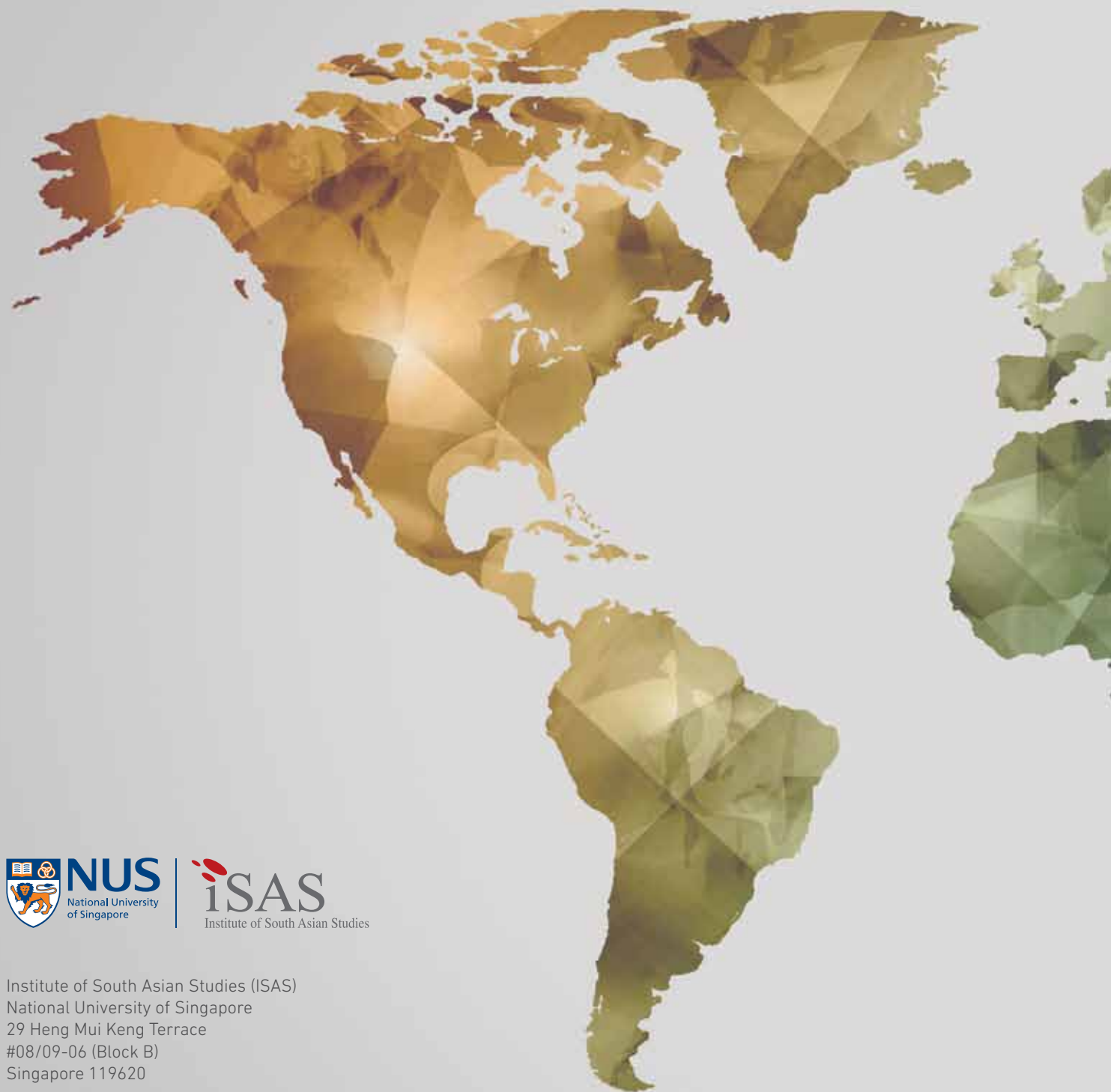
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