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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 policymakers, the business community, academia and civil society, in Singapore and beyond.



# Chairman's Message

Year of Ideas and Activities



I am pleased to report that in the year under review (2012/2013), the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) intensified its outreach activities while maintaining its robust agenda of research on a wide range of issues connected with South Asia.

The two most significant public events that ISAS organised during the year were the 'Singapore Symposium 2012' held, in association with the Aspen Institute India, in New Delhi on 12 July 2012 and the 'ISAS Eighth International Conference on South Asia' held in Singapore on 22 November 2012. At the Dialogue session of the Symposium in New Delhi, Singapore's Prime Minister, Mr Lee Hsien Loong, focussed on the dynamics of a fast-changing world order whose contours might be determined by America, China and India. Delivering a special address during the same Symposium, Singapore's Minister for Education, Mr Heng Swee Keat, spoke about the prospects of cooperation between Singapore and India in technical education and skills development.

The ISAS Eighth International Conference provided the platform for further thoughts on India and China as potential players in a future global order when Singapore's Emeritus Senior Minister, and ISAS Patron, Mr Goh Chok Tong, delivered a seminal keynote address in which he gave a resounding call for China-India strategic leadership for global good. In another 'ISAS Symposium', held in Singapore on 23 November 2012, India's then-Ambassador to China, Dr S Jaishankar, brought into sharp focus the contending narratives about China-India relationship 50 years after their brief Himalayan war

of 1962; and he also pointed to the possibilities of bilateral cooperation in the economic and other spheres.

Special mention must be made of the 'ISAS Public Lecture' on 6 December 2012 which generated a groundswell of interest among all South Asians when Mr Imran Khan, leader of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (Movement for Justice), outlined his vision of a stable Pakistani state at peace with itself and with neighbouring India. In an earlier seminar held on 22 August 2012, ISAS teamed up with the High Commission of Pakistan in Singapore and the Singapore Business

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Federation to explore a nuanced theme of 'Future Pakistan – Business Today'. ISAS has in collaboration with the New York-based Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (CGCC) and with the support of the United Nations, embarked on a project for the implementation of the UN counter-terrorism strategy in regard to South Asia. The effort is to hold a couple of workshops at the ISAS headquarters every year, subject to external funding. Two workshops, one in June and the other in December of 2012, were held to mutual satisfaction.

The South Asian Diaspora studies form another important research area for ISAS. It has also organised a non-partisan and not-for-profit external platform for generating business and other linkages among the various sub-groups of the South Asian Diaspora. The first South Asian Diaspora Convention (SADC) was held in Singapore in July 2011. And in the course of Fiscal Year 2012-2013, a period of intense preparations for SADC 2013, ISAS held its first academic workshop on South

Asian Diaspora, in Singapore, on 27 and 28 September 2012.

Another of the core areas of research at ISAS – the connectivity between India's Northeast and Southeast Asia – has also come into focus as an outreach activity of the Institute. Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, General (Retired) J J Singh of India, spoke at an ISAS workshop on this theme in Singapore on 20 March 2013. An earlier workshop on the same theme, with an outreach to relevant stakeholders in India, was held in New Delhi on 13 July 2012.

A special category of 'ISAS Closed Door Sessions' was launched during FY 2012-2013, with the idea of encouraging ISAS staff and select invitees to interact with policy makers and public figures in candid discussions on a closed door basis. Under this arrangement, the Permanent Secretary of Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Bilahari Kausikan; and the Managing Director of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, Mr Ravi Menon participated in two separate sessions.

For ISAS, FY 2012-2013 was indeed a year of external outreach and internal work, as encapsulated in the first Annual report of ISAS released by Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Law, Mr K Shanmugam, on 29 January 2013. It traced the evolution of ISAS since its inception in July 2004, and outlined our activities of the year 2011-2012. With this second Annual Report we intend to chronicle the activities of the Institute on a regular annual basis.

**Ambassador Gopinath Pillai**  
Chairman  
Institute of South Asian Studies;  
Ambassador-at-Large  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



# Director's Message

Taking Research in  
the ISAS Stride

I am pleased to report that ISAS has had a productive year in FY 2012-13. As many as nine books, including some edited volumes, were published by ISAS scholars, either resident at the institute or linked to it. Numerous research papers of varying extent and intensity – as ISAS Briefs, Insights, Working Papers and Special Reports on a variety of political, economic, social and foreign policy issues of interest to South Asia and countries beyond it – were also published during the year. These are encapsulated in this annual report.

The subjects covered in the books are either directly relevant to South Asia as a collective entity or of interest to one or more countries in that sub continent. Of these publications in the year under review, 'Sino-Indian rivalry in the Indo-Pacific' is a conspicuous theme in pristine strategic studies. The study focuses on India as a rising South Asian state and China as a potential global player as well as the United States as the current predominant power. Significantly, a book of such a strategic orientation came as a sequel to an earlier ISAS book in the previous year on the nuances of South Asian perspectives, as evident in several countries in that region, about a resurgent China.

ISAS organised two independent panel discussions on this montage of ideas. The debate, on 1 February 2013, on 'Constructing the Indo-Pacific Region: The Maritime Rise of China and India' was followed by the exchange of views,

on 4 February 2013, on 'Rising China and Emerging India: Impact on South Asia'. Aside from such strategic aspects of an emerging Sino-Indian paradigm, China-India economics had formed the core-study of another ISAS book published in the previous financial year.

Briefly, the subjects covered in three of the ISAS books launched in FY 2012-2013 relate to one or more contemporary aspects of India, Pakistan, and an Afghanistan in transition. Perspectives on South Asia's security and other challenges form the subject matter of two other books.

The book on Pakistan by a scholar who spent several years at ISAS is a portrayal of the second most-populous

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South Asian country as a garrison state with all that it embodies. Perspectives on Sri Lanka's long ethnic conflict and continuing crisis form the substance of a book, with the interesting title of 'Long War, Cold Peace', by a well-known Sri Lankan diplomat who has had considerable association with ISAS.

A resident ISAS scholar has traced India's foreign policy from Nehru to the Bharatiya Janata Party from the angle of domestic identity politics. Yet another book, with an ISAS scholar as its lead-editor, shines the spotlight on migration policy in South, East, and Southeast Asia.

ISAS has adopted the South Asian Diaspora as a subject for intensive scrutiny with a view to fostering the

emerging signs of togetherness among the various groups of migrants from different countries of that region. An academic workshop focussed on the Diaspora from this region was held in September 2012, signalling the resolve of ISAS to take this research domain very seriously indeed.

Under the ISAS banner, research and outreach activities in regard to two other key focus areas – (1) Connectivity between India's Northeast and Southeast Asia, and (2) Youth and Politics in India – gained traction in the year under review. Two workshops were held, one each in New Delhi and Singapore, to explore the connectivity challenges and opportunities. Work on an ISAS book on this issue began during the course of FY 2012-2013.

As for the study of youth and politics in India, ISAS is engaged in partnership with Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, the Asia Development Research Institute in Patna, and the Madras Institute of Development Studies in Chennai. Spade work was begun in the year under review, and progress is expected.

ISAS submitted a special report: "ASEAN-India Relations- Future Directions" as an informal input to the ASEAN-India Eminent Persons Group meeting. The ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit held on 20 December 2012 in New Delhi, India, adopted some of the recommendations. ISAS, Confederation Indian Industries and the Aspen Institute, India jointly organised the 6th India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue (ISSD), held in New Delhi from 25-26 February 2013.

**Professor Tan Tai Yong**  
**Director**  
**Institute of South Asian Studies**



# Management Board



**Ambassador Gopinath Pillai**  
*Chairman*  
Executive Chairman  
Savant Infocomm Pte Ltd



**Mr Ng How Yue**  
*Member*  
Second Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Trade and Industry



**Prof Wang Gungwu**  
*Member*  
Chairman, East Asian Institute  
(term ends in May 2013)



**Mr Sat Pal Khattar**  
*Member*  
Chairman, Khattar Holdings Pte Ltd;  
and Co-Chairman,  
Singapore-India Partnership Foundation



**Prof Tan Eng Chye**  
*Member*  
Deputy President (Academic Affairs);  
and Provost, NUS



**Prof Tan Tai Yong**  
*Member*  
Vice Provost (Student Life), NUS; and  
Director, Institute of South Asian Studies



**Mr Bilahari Kausikan**  
*Member*  
Permanent Secretary (2001-2013),  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



**Mr Girija Pande**  
*Member*  
Executive Chairman  
Apex Advisors Pte Ltd, Singapore



**Dr S Nasim**  
*Member*  
Global Chief Executive Officer  
Meinhardt Group International Ltd



# Management Team & Cluster Heads



**Prof Tan Tai Yong**  
Director



**Mr Johnson Paul**  
Senior Associate Director



**Mr Shahid Javed Burki**  
Visiting Senior Research Fellow



**Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury**  
Senior Research Fellow



**Dr S Narayan**  
Head (Research); and  
Visiting Senior Research Fellow



**Dr Amitendu Palit**  
Head (Partnerships & Programmes); and  
Senior Research Fellow



**Prof Robin Jeffrey**  
Visiting Research Professor



**Prof Sukh Deo Muni**  
Visiting Research Professor  
(term ends in January 2014)



# Research Professors & Senior Research Fellows



Prof Tan Tai Yong



Dr S Narayan



Dr Amitendu Palit



Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury



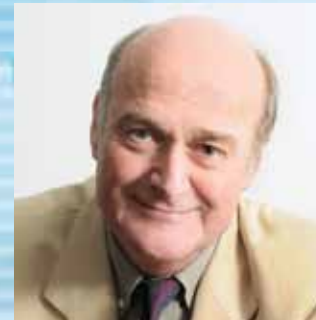
Prof C Raja Mohan



Prof Riaz Ul Hassan



Prof Robin Jeffrey



Prof John Harriss



Prof Sukh Deo Muni  
(terms ends in January 2014)



Assoc Prof Razeen Sally



Mr Shahid Javed Burki



Amb See Chak Mun



Dr Nalin Mehta  
(term ends in Sept 2013)



Dr Md Mizanur Rahman



Dr Ronojoy Sen

## Research Fellows



Mr Didier Chaudet  
(term ends in April 2013)



Dr Shanthie Mariet D'Souza



Dr Sinderpal Singh



Dr Rajshree Jetly  
(term ends in August 2012)



# Research Assistants



Mr Ishraq Ahmed  
(term ends in July 2013)



Ms Hema Kiruppalini  
(term ends in Sept 2013)



Ms Mamta Sachan Kumar  
(term ends in January 2013)



Mr Laldinkima Sailo



Mr Rodney Sebastian  
(term ends in July 2012)



Ms Pratima Singh  
(term ends in August 2013)



Ms Gloria Spittel  
(term ends in October 2013)



Ms Anusha Thallam  
(term ends in May 2012)

# Interns



Mr Rahul Advani



Ms Christabel Neo



Mr Johnson Paul



Mr P S Suryanarayana



Mr Kirby Khoo Kian Sim



Mr Samuel Neo Thiam Teng



Ms Jacqueline Goh Choi Jee  
(term ends in June 2013)



Ms Kamarunnisa Shaul Hameed  
(term ends in February 2013)



Mr Muhammad Yusuf



Ms Sithara Doriasamy



Ms Felicia Ho Hui Hsien



Ms Florence Ho Ling Ling

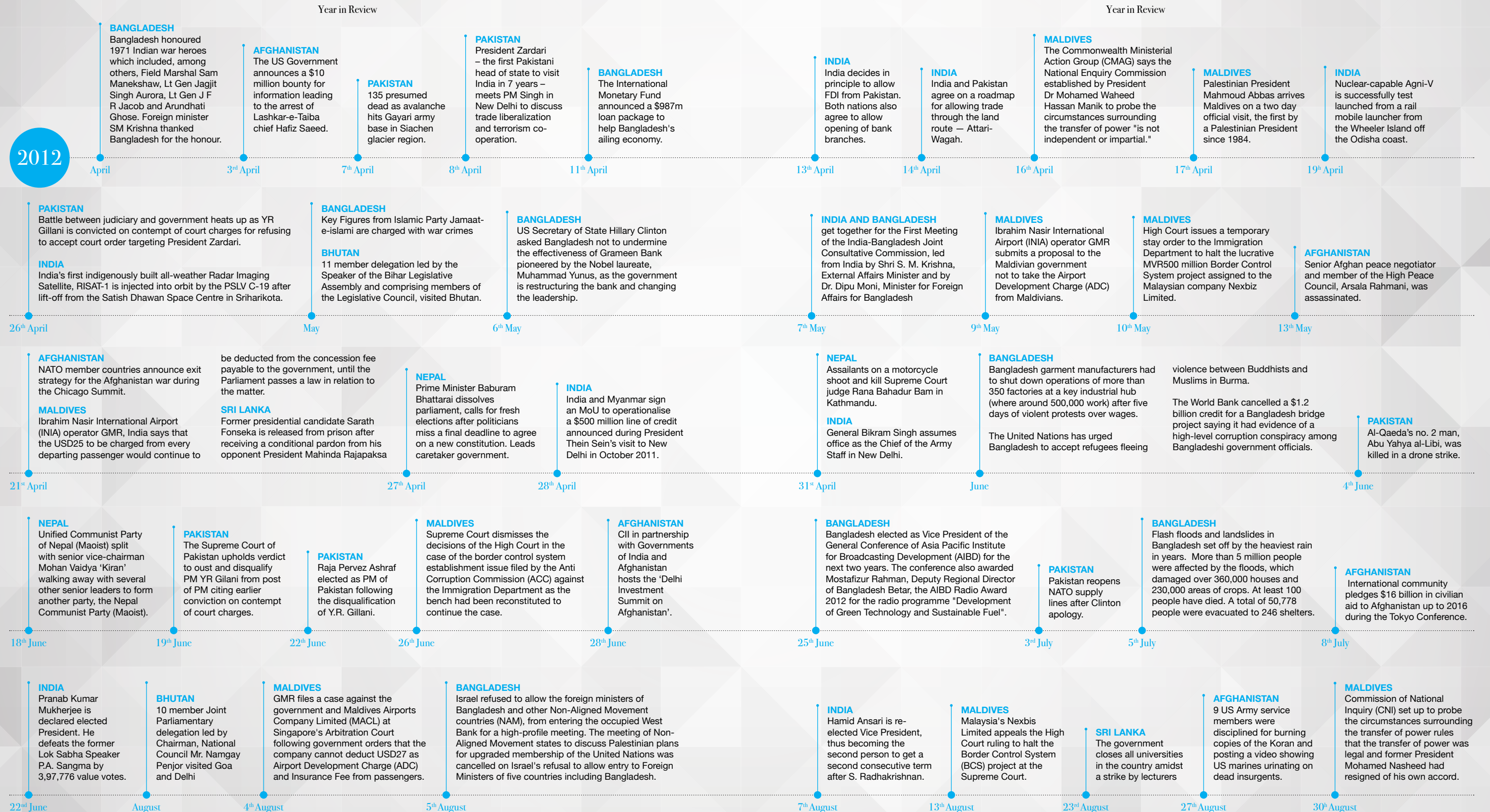
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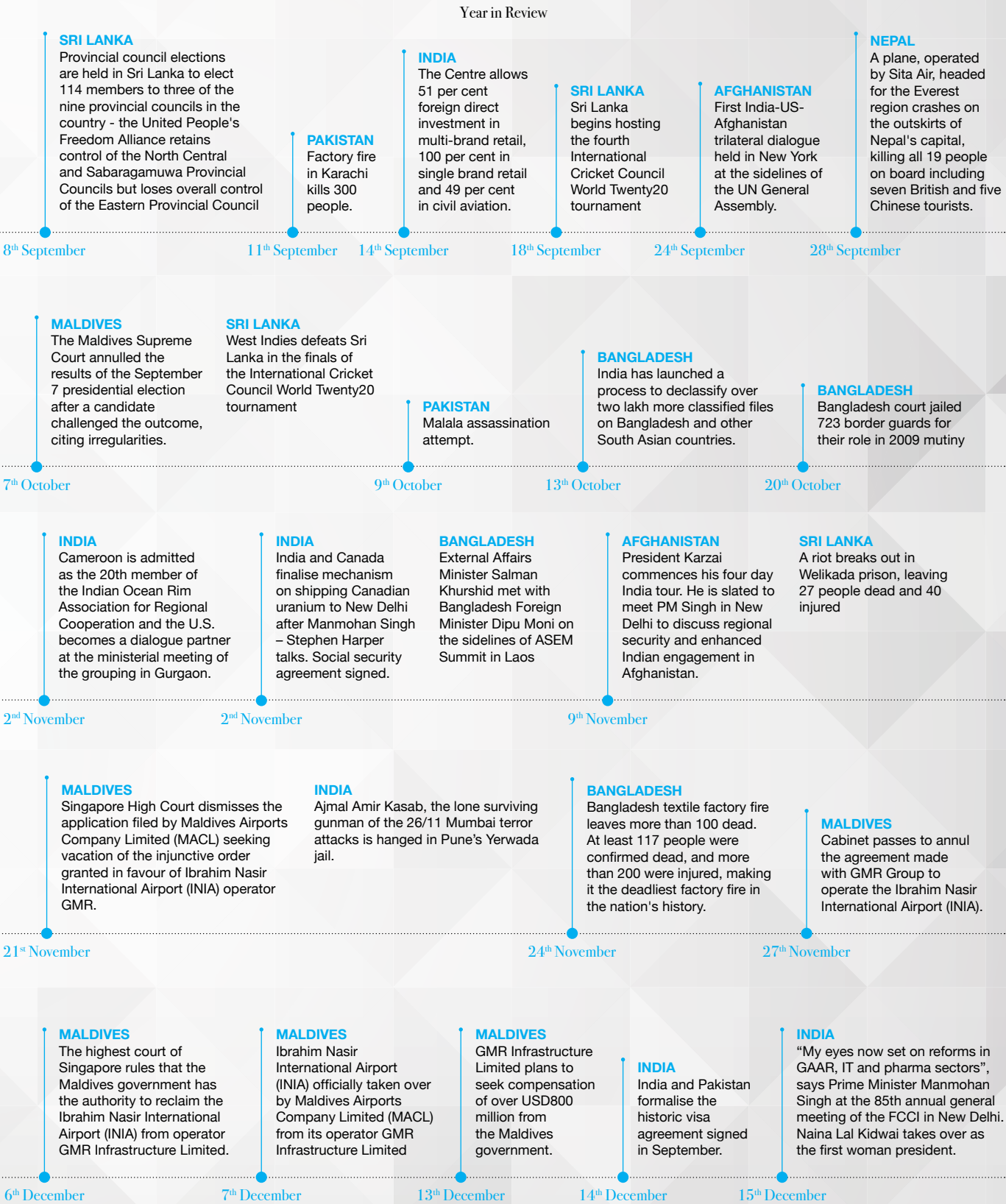


# Year in Review (2012/2013)

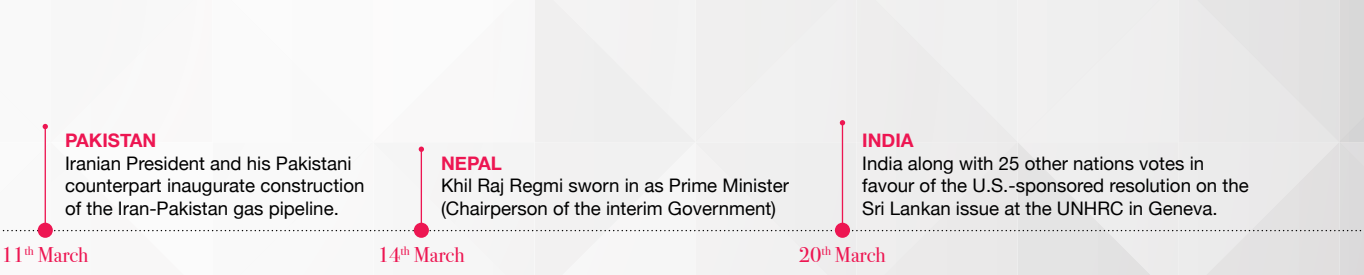
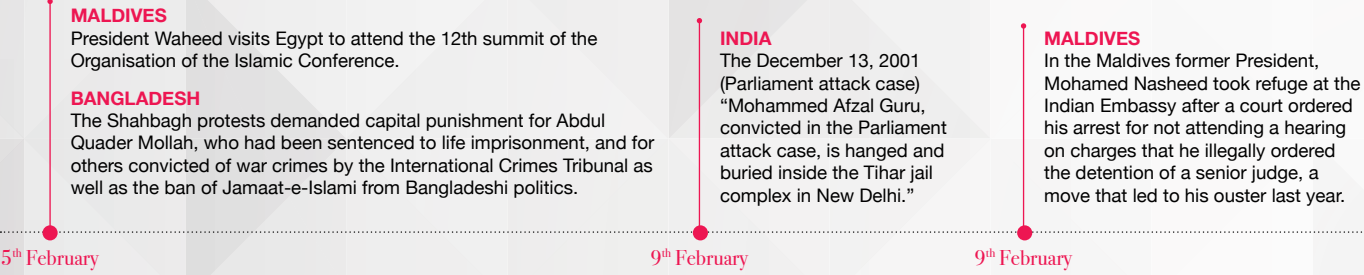
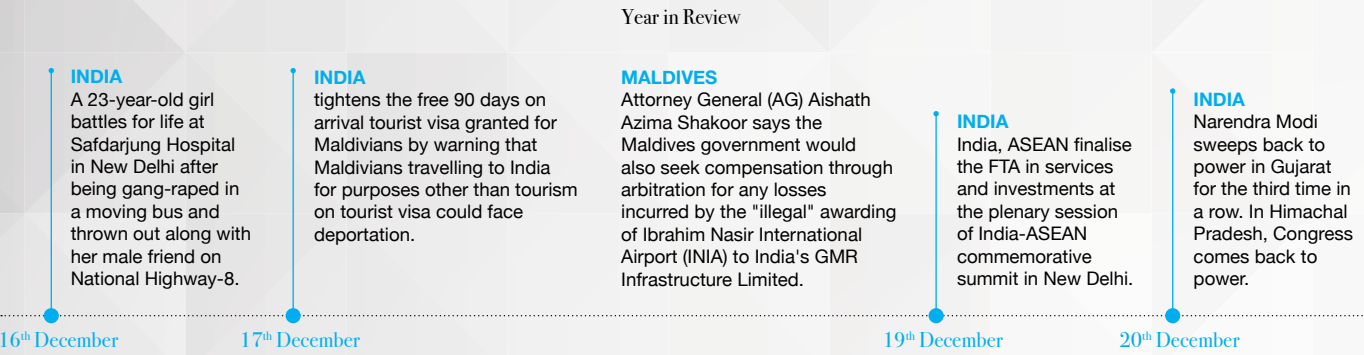












# Research Projects

ISAS has embarked on several research programmes in 2012/13 in the following areas:

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

## DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH ASIA

ISAS continues to foster a better understanding of domestic and regional issues in South Asia with research projects focussed on i) inclusive growth; ii) elections in the region; and iii) inter-state relations in South Asia.

### Inclusive Growth

Over the last two decades, growth in most South Asian Economies has been robust and higher on average than in other emerging regions. In turn, this has translated into significant reductions in poverty; nevertheless, South Asia is still home to the largest number of the world’s poor. ISAS has focussed its research effort on examining the overall socio-economic directions within the region, including overtones suggestive of stability and change. The research programme studies rural-urban development, youth and politics, social media development and women issues. Moreover, concerns over religion, citizenship, identity and minority politics have promoted greater understanding relative to the socio-economic dynamics within South Asia.

### Elections in the Region

The Presidential, General, and State elections will be critical for the future stability of South Asia as all of the major South Asian democracies go to polls from 2012-2014. The ISAS study encompasses an in-depth analysis of state and regional parties in South Asia and the changing dynamics between political leadership, bureaucracy, corporate sector and civil society. While caste, class and communal politics do play a role in South Asian politics, overarching benchmarks of growth, jobs, corruption-free institutions, quality health and education services and an impartial police administration have become important in a growingly literate society. Reform is a major theme in this research with a specific focus on constitutional change and the rise of “third fronts” in South Asian politics.

### Inter-state Relations in South Asia

Regional cooperation offers several benefits, for instance greater economic integration, frequent and easier people-to-people contact, sustainable peace and development at the regional level. Regional cooperation in South Asia has been debilitated by a legacy of inter-state conflicts. The study examines South Asia’s regional system, focussing on the synergy between extra-regional states and other players within the international system. ISAS has initiated workshops with UN-related research organisations to evaluate and assess prospects for regional cooperation and mitigation of risks arising from terrorism and political violence. Security cooperation in post-2014 Afghanistan is a leading theme. The research programme also studies prospects for capital markets integration and formalisation of informal border trade across the region.

## Research articles, books and projects on Domestic and Regional Developments in South Asia

Research Topic	Researcher
Tamil Nadu – Political Economy of Development 1965-2013	Dr S Narayan
Being Muslim in South Asia	Prof Robin Jeffrey Dr Ronojoy Sen
Mandarins , Mughals and Messengers	Prof Robin Jeffrey Dr Nalin Mehta Ms Gloria Spittel
High Command: The Congress after Rajiv Gandhi	Dr Nalin Mehta
Afghanistan-post 2014	Prof Riaz Hassan Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury Dr Shahid Javed Burki
Islam and Society	Prof Riaz Hassan
Youth and Politics	Prof John Harriss Dr S Narayan Mr Rahul Advani
Religion and Equality of Citizenship: Muslims in India	Prof Riaz Hassan
Political Economy of Television	Dr Nalin Mehta
Social History of Sport in India	Dr Ronojoy Sen
Sri Lanka after the War: Economy and Politics	Ms Gloria Spittel Assoc Prof Razeen Sally
Sri Lanka - Foreign Policy	Assoc Prof Razeen Sally
Ethnic Relations in Sri Lanka	Assoc Prof Razeen Sally
Political Economy of Employment Policies in India	Dr Amitendu Palit in collaboration with University of Sydney
Ethnicity, Political Mobilisation and Violence in Karachi	Prof Riaz Hassan
Informal Labour in India	Ms Pratima Singh
Elections in South Asia	Dr Ronojoy Sen Dr S Narayan
Socio-political developments in Bangladesh	Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury

Women and Counter-terrorism in South Asia (UN Workshop)	Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury
Regional Dynamics of Afghan insurgency	Dr Shanthie Mariet D'Souza
India- Afghan relations	Dr Shanthie Mariet D'Souza
Stability and Instability paradox in Afghanistan	Dr Shanthie Mariet D'Souza
Women and Reconciliation in Post-war Sri Lanka	Ms Gloria Spittel
Media and Conflict Propaganda in Sri Lanka	Ms Gloria Spittel
Evolution of Indian Parliament	Dr Ronojoy Sen
South Asia’s relations with multilateral organisations	Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury

## SOUTH ASIAN RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA

South and Southeast Asian economies have grown rapidly fueled by expanding regional production networks, integration with the global economy, foreign direct investment (FDI), falling trade and investment barriers, a commodity boom, and heightened demand from a rising Asian middle class. ISAS has two main areas of research initiatives: i) Connectivity of the Northeast Region (NER) of India with Southeast Asia; and ii) South and Southeast Asia Regional Engagement. In doing so, ISAS hopes to play the role of an interlocutor to facilitate a better understanding of and between the two regions.

### South and Southeast Asia Engagement

ISAS has undertaken a research initiative to engage regional participants through workshops, field trips and a regular ASEAN-India roundtable. ISAS is actively engaged with the Dehli Dialogue, a platform for high-level diplomatic, political and business exchange between India and ASEAN. The focus of this research theme is the study of strategic relations between South and Southeast Asia, the spread of Islamic radicalism and maritime security cooperation. Studies of bilateral relations between India and other Southeast Asian countries are also integral to this research initiative.



**Northeast Region (NER) and ASEAN-India FTA**

One of the major themes explored is the study of integration of trade and investment between these two sub-regions. While making progress, trade infrastructure, trade barriers, and limited regional cooperation has slowed the pace of integration. In 2012/13 ISAS has embarked on a connectivity study tracing the origins of India’s Look East policy and the impact of the ASEAN-India FTA in facilitating economic integration. Broadly defined, connectivity covers both physical connectivity (infrastructure) and associated institutional connectivity. For the connectivity study, ISAS has limited its focus on the Northeast Region (NER) of India and Southeast Asia, particularly Myanmar. This study includes transport and energy, trade facilitation, financing of infrastructure, trade and investment reforms, and institutions for coordination.

**Research articles, books and projects on South Asian relations with Southeast Asia**

Research Topic	Researcher
India’s Look East Policy: Strategic Dimension	Prof Sukh Deo Muni
Southeast Asian states perspective of India	Prof Tan Tai Yong
Doing Business in India & SEA	Dr Amitendu Palit Dr S Narayan
India-ASEAN relations in the context of NER	Dr Sinderpal Singh
Development and Politics in the Northeast	Dr S Narayan Mr Laldinkim Sailo
Informal trade in the Champhai (India)-Rih (Myanmar) border	Mr Laldinkim Sailo
Connecting India to ASEAN	Dr Sinderpal Singh Prof Sukh Deo Muni
India-Indonesia Relations	Amb Navrekha Sharma Dr Baladas Ghoshal

**INDIA-CHINA-UNITED STATES**

Both China and India which represent around 37% of the world's population, have experienced a rapid surge in annual economic growth of 7% to 10% in the last decade alone. United States is emerging from the greatest recession in more than 80 years. As China and India continue to gain a dominant foothold in the 21st-century marketplace, America’s role in it will continue to evolve in unprecedented ways. ISAS has therefore undertaken a series of initiatives, from seminars to workshops to understand how the great changes in the coming years will also bring with them a range of benefits and opportunities for each of these three countries. Two strands of research have been developed in 2012/13: i) South Asian perspectives of developments in China and United States; ii) India-China-America Cooperation

**South Asian Perspectives of Developments in India, China and United States**

As India, China and America are major powers of Asia Pacific Security, ISAS research will focus on differing perspectives of the rise of India, China and the perceived decline of the United States and its implications for security in the region. And one of the wider region’s most complex and sensitive theatres of tension, the South China Sea, ultimately engages the interests of all three major trading nations. ISAS has studied South Asian perspectives on these developments.

**India-China-America Cooperation**

The evolving economic and security constructs such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Indo-Pacific Region were studied and analysed in 2012/13. Comparative studies on models of federalism and centralisation in these countries, and the role of media and civil society have also been undertaken. ISAS has focussed its research on the emerging networks of business connections as well as the implications for trade between the three countries. ISAS has forged research partnerships with the India-China-America Institute and Centre for South Asian Studies, Institute of International Studies at Fudan University to strengthen our research efforts in this domain.

**Research articles, books and projects on India-China-United States**

Research Topic	Researcher
China-India-US Security	Prof Sukh Deo Muni
China-India Regional Trade Architecture	Dr Amitendu Palit
US Rebalancing in Asia Pacific and india’s Role	Prof Sukh Deo Muni
Maritime Relations (South China Sea-Indian Ocean)	Prof C Raja Mohan
India’s Strategic Engagement in Asia Pacific	Prof C Raja Mohan
India-China Bilateral Relations	Mr P S Suryanarayana
Comparing Financial Inclusion in China-India	Dr Amitendu Palit Dr S Narayan
Federalism – Comparing Chinese-Indian models	Dr Amitendu Palit Prof Robin Jeffrey Ms Pratima Singh
Infrastructure Financing in Bangladesh	Mr Ishraq Ahmed
Internationalisation of Business Groups of China and India	Dr Amitendu Palit
TPP/RCEP Economic Integration	Dr Amitendu Palit
Social Safety Nets in Bangladesh	Mr Ishraq Ahmed
India-China Higher Education	Dr Amitendu Palit

**SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORA**

ISAS has more recently focussed on South Asian Diaspora as a specific area of multidisciplinary research. South Asia’s many different and distinct communities, histories of war and trade, nation-building and nation dividing, colonisation and decolonization have presented scholars with very distinct histories and projects of diaspora. Singapore which is a melting pot of diaspora cultures, cannot ignore the significance of the South Asian Diaspora and their contribution to both their host and home countries. The research programme seeks

to consolidate research from policy, business and academic domains and provide thought leadership themes to foster diaspora engagement in the region. ISAS has embarked on a two tier research initiative : i) Research on South Asian Diaspora and Development and ii) Encyclopedic Works

**South Asian Diaspora and Development**

The research programme will examine existing policies aimed at engaging the diaspora for development purposes and study the policy context and factors that facilitate their mobilisation. The research hopes to provide insights into development strategies to which the diaspora can contribute. A special study on existing programmes and incentives in their home countries that attract reverse migration or encourage diaspora investment is being undertaken.

**Encyclopedic Works**

ISAS aims to document South Asian transnational communities and their political, economic and cultural links with their homeland. It has published the Encyclopedia of Indian Diaspora and currently working on the Encyclopedia of Sri Lankan Diaspora. ISAS has also developed an archive of distinguished South Asian personalities who have made global contributions. This has been made available online at <http://www.southasiandiaspora.org>. ISAS will research and publish on other South Asian communities in the next three years and make them available to the public.

**Research articles, books and projects on India-China-United States**

Research Topic	Researcher
Diaspora and Development in South Asia	Prof Tan Tai Yong Dr Md Mizanur Rahman
South Asian Diaspora-Patterns of Socio-Economic Influences	Amb Gopinath Pillai Dr Md Mizanur Rahman
South Asian Labour in United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Prof Riaz Hassan
Encyclopedia of Sri Lankan Diaspora	Ms Hema Kiruppalini Dr Rajesh Rai
Nepalese Diaspora in Singapore	Ms Hema Kiruppalini
South Asian Diaspora in Japan	Ms Mamta Sachan Kumar

# Publications

ISAS has published a wide range of peer reviewed journal articles, books, briefs, insights, working papers and special reports for the financial year focussing on several key areas such as international relations, domestic politics, China-India interactions as well as South Asian Diaspora. A total of 261 research outputs have been delivered by the resident scholars which represents a 43% increase from the previous year with the sharpest increase in journal articles and conference papers. (Figure 1 and 2). Staff productivity has increased by 49% from 2011/12 (Figure 3).

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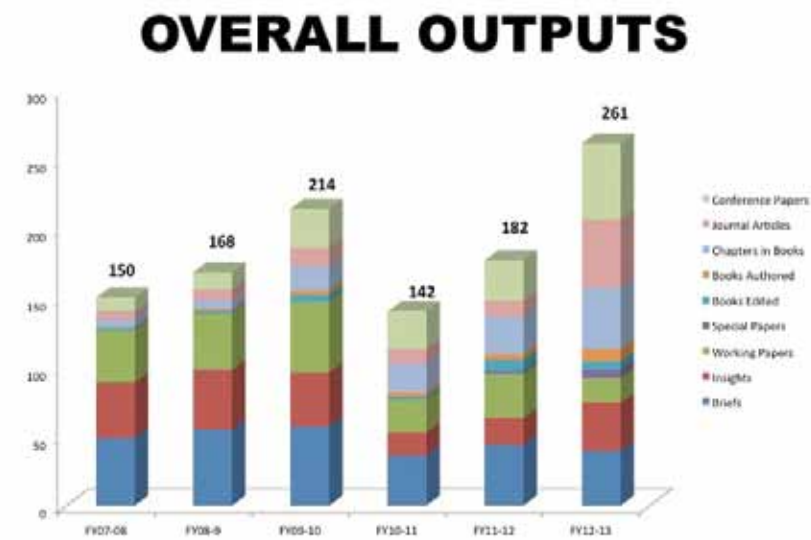


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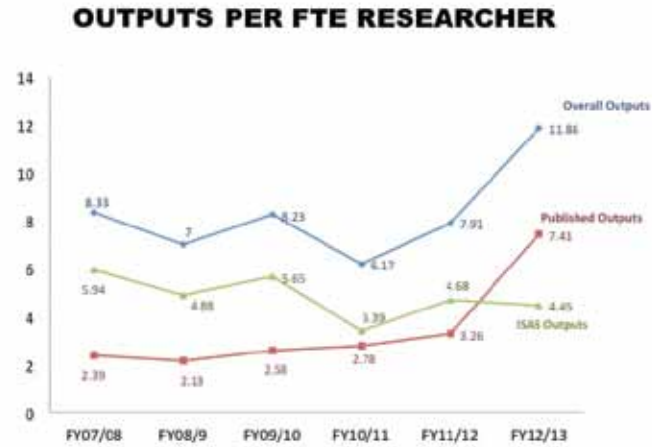
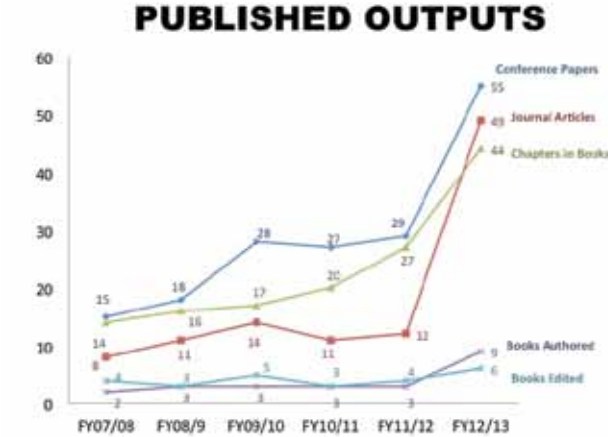


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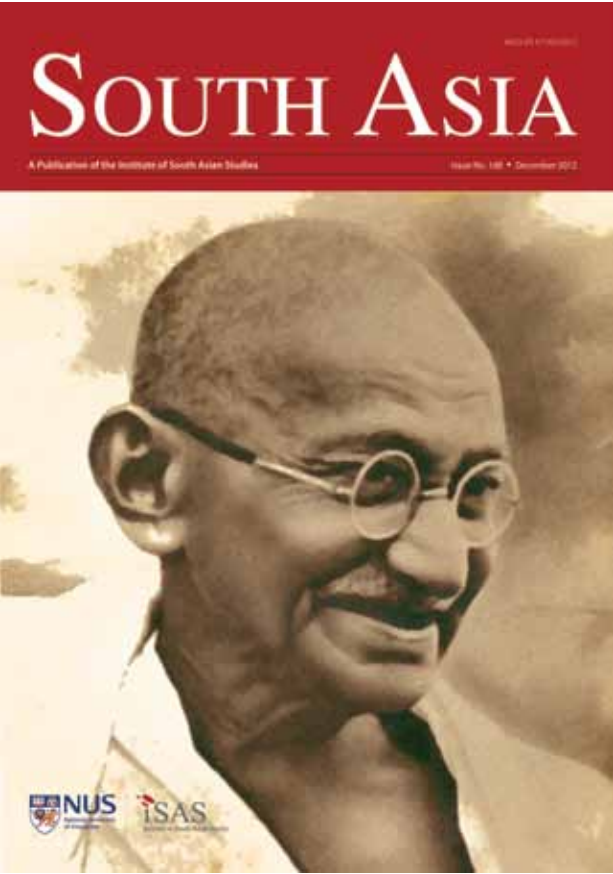
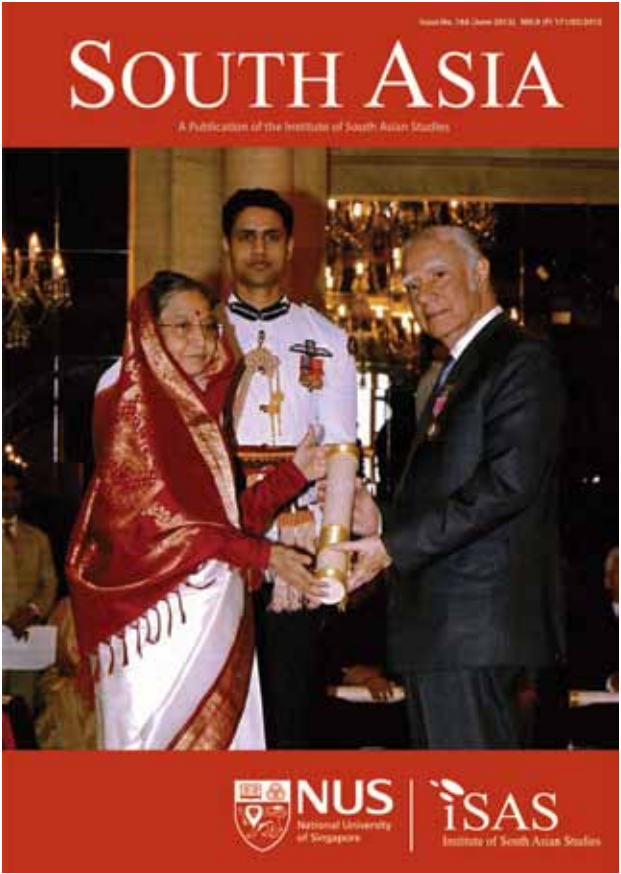


## NEWS JOURNAL

“South Asia” is the Institute’s flagship news journal that brings relevance to current events with independent insights from resident scholars. The electronic version is available on the ISAS website (<http://www.isas.nus.edu.sg>). ISAS publishes its content in two bi-annual supplements that provides fresh insights into the political, social and economic milieus of South Asia. The first issue featured an interview with ISAS Chairman, Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, who was conferred India’s Padma Shri Award on 4 April 2012 and the conferment of Pravasi

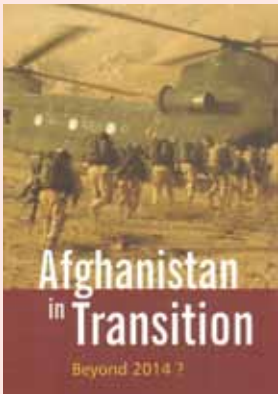
Bharatiya Samman Award on Singapore’s former President, Mr S R Nathan, who has been a great source of inspiration for ISAS.

The second issue in December 2012 featured Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of peace who fashioned India’s struggle for independence in the first half of 20th century. It also highlighted an ancient Buddhist iconography that belongs to and is being studied in today’s Islamic Republic of Pakistan.





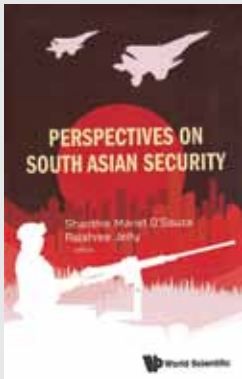
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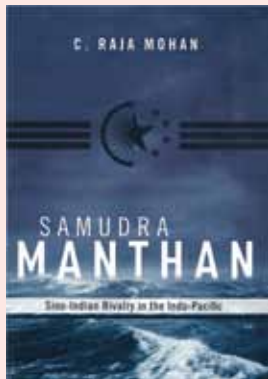
July 2012 | *Afghanistan in Transition: Beyond 2014?*, Shanthie Mariet D'Souza



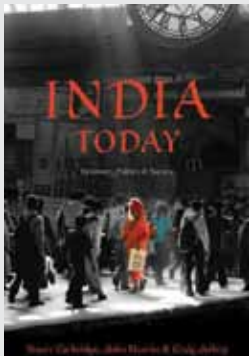
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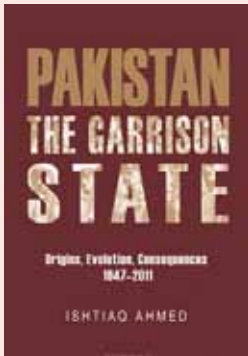
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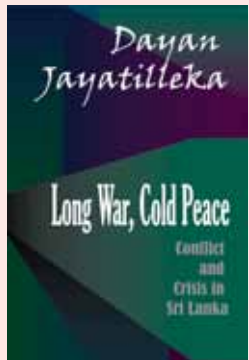
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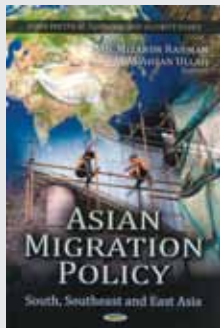
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## SAMUDRAMANTHAN: SINO-INDIAN RIVALRY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

C Raja Mohan

“Mohan has skilfully analysed the different forces at work in our maritime domain. He has explored the historical setting as well as the political inclinations of the main stakeholders. I would venture to hope that Raja Mohan will bring us another offering which looks at the possible ways in which India could lead the way towards a more collaborative maritime future, using its own considerable naval capabilities and outreach as an effective lever or should I say, a modern Vasuki” – *Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary and current Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board, India.Indian Express, 16 March 2013.*

“Sino-Indian maritime rivalry is overdone and that it is not inevitable. In geopolitical terms, and in terms of the naval capabilities of the different navies other than the US that operate between Suez and Hawaii, this space still consists of three distinct areas: the Indian Ocean, the western Pacific and the seas near China (namely the South China Sea, the East Sea and the Sea of Japan). This becomes clearer when you actually look at the behaviors of the navies that operate in this space” – *Shivshankar Menon, National Security Advisor, India. Truthdive, 5 March 2013.*

“In one fell swoop, it brings together the Indian and the Pacific Oceans, and with it the maritime strategies of India, China, the United States, Australia and the ASEAN littoral states among others — countries which have vastly different blue-water orientations, objectives and not least, naval capabilities. C. Raja Mohan’s Samudra Manthan fashions the Indo-Pacific into an important “geopolitical theatre” which will soon witness fierce maritime rivalry between India and China.” – *Arun Mohan Sukumar, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.The Hindu, 4 March 2013.*

## THE GREAT INDIAN PHONE BOOK: HOW THE CHEAP CELL PHONE CHANGES BUSINESS, POLITICS, AND DAILY LIFE

Robin Jeffrey and Assa Doron

“This is an important book that can usefully be read by students, social scientists, and business managers—indeed, by anyone interested in change and its effects on developing and complex societies. The authors demonstrate the futility of attempts by bureaucrats and political leaders to resist, impede, or control the change wrought by this telecommunications juggernaut. In their stated aim of writing a book comprising “sound scholarship, engaging reading and intolerant of jargon” they have succeeded admirably.” – *Denis O’Brien, Chairman, Digicel Group, and Chairman and Cofounder of Frontline, the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders.International Monetary Fund, March 2013.*

“The book makes for fascinating reading and probes the entire universe of the mobile phone in India, the upside and the downside; the troublesome, disruptive force that the mobile phone can be. Yet, so swift and dramatic has been the spread and usage of the mobile phone that we have conveniently forgotten how life was – or wasn’t – without the device.” – *DilipBobb, Financial Express, 3 March 2013.*

“With India again in the doldrums after a spell as the rising counterweight to China, the story of its explosive uptake in mobile phones is a corrective one. It all happened despite efforts by bureaucrats and politicians to impose conditions set to make it fail and retain state monopolies, say two Australian-based India specialists, media-watching political scientist Robin Jeffrey and ANU anthropologist Assa Doron. They explore in their colourful new study, The Great Indian Phone Book, how, in a technological version of the great Indian rope trick, this vast and complicated country grows no matter what the antics of its leaders.” – *Hamish McDonald, Journalist in Residence at the Australian National University’s College of Asia and the Pacific. The Australian, 10 March 2013.*

## CELL PHONE NATION

Robin Jeffrey and Assa Doron

“Ever in search of questions to find answers for is probably the best way to describe Robin Bannerman Jeffrey. The Canada-born academician has researched into a wide range of topics from the princely state of Travancore to the revolution in Indian-language newspapers to the cell phone phenomenon in the country. His latest work ‘Cell phone Nation’: how the mass mobile changes business, politics and daily life’, which he co-authored with anthropologist Assa Doron to be officially launched in Delhi this week” – *Aparna Unni, Indian Express, 20 February 2013*

“Cell Phone Nation” promises to “paint a whole picture imperfect and incomplete but whole” of India’s telecom revolution. The book succeeds because the canvas is so rich and incorporates every dimension. It is the perfect preamble to an exciting future when the power of cheaper Internet will eventually combine with the reach of the cheap cell phone. That will be another game changer.” – *Dhiraj Nayyar, India Today, 01 February 2013.*

## AFGHANISTAN IN TRANSITION

Shanthie Mariet D’Souza

“Nowadays, when you mention ‘transition’ in the Afghan context, the definite article gets left out and the first letter capitalized; it becomes ‘Transition’, a proper noun and an entity that will produce a new Afghanistan of uncertain lineament. That’s because Transition, or Inteqal as the Afghans call it, meaning the departure of foreign military personnel by the end of 2014 and the assumption of full security responsibility by the Afghans themselves, could produce one of several possible outcomes.” – *The Book Review India, February/March 2013.*

## CHINA-INDIA ECONOMICS

Amitendu Palit

“China and India will be the most important countries of this century, or so many pundits say. As these two Asian continental giants have grown, their bilateral relationship has remained tentative and problematic. Despite obvious complexities, Amitendu Palit is optimistic about the possibilities for ‘qualitative’ improvements to bilateral ties. As might be expected from a study of this kind, the book is a sober and competent, if slightly plodding, examination of the topic. Well written and organized, it clearly lays out the key elements in the India–China relationship, and provides insights into the operation of each economy.” – *Chatham House, November 2012.*

## OLYMPICS – THE INDIA STORY

Nalin Mehta

“India was the first colonized Asian nation to take part in the Olympics, in Antwerp 1920. As such, the story is worth telling. Sports scholars Boria Majumdar and Nalin Mehta set about the task with impeccable research, in workman-like prose. The authors grapple with a huge cast – players, administrators, patrons – over nine decades. Thematically arranged and coherently argued, their central task of recreating each role is admirable.” – *Saikat Niyogi, Outlook India, 23 July 2012.*

## MORE THAN MAOISM: POLITICS, POLICIES AND INSURGENCIES IN SOUTH ASIA

Edited by Robin Jeffrey, Ronojoy Sen and Pratima Singh

“For the first time a comprehensive book has been brought out by this courageous team of editors on the Maoist-Naxalite insurgency in India. More than Maoism is a compilation of very informative essays. The writers have all gained first-hand knowledge of their subject before they wrote their papers and interviews of Marxist cadres in their forest sanctuaries.” – *Tehelka, 16 July 2012.*

“It is one of the best books published in recent years on the Maoist movement in the country. The Institute of South Asian Studies of the National University of Singapore is to be complimented for it. The editors – Robin Jeffrey, Ronojoy Sen and Pratima Singh – have done a good job. The book has articles by different experts on the subject and yet there are no jarring notes. It focuses on the Maoist movement in India, but has chapters throwing light on similar movements in Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Overall, it is an excellent monograph – a must for anyone who wants to understand the Maoist movement. The maps, photographs and charts have added to the quality of the production.” – *The Pioneer, 12 May 2012.*



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# Partnerships

## ADVISORY SERVICES FOR POLICYMAKERS AND CORPORATES

Being positioned in Singapore with its strategic setting and acting as an impartial observer, ISAS is able to provide an objective and balanced perspective to contemporary developments in South Asia. ISAS continues to project itself as a leading research body in South and Southeast Asia by its quality publications and networks across the region.

ISAS research papers and briefs provide a constant source of information to the general public as well as government agencies such as the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). The MFA Diplomatic Academy also collaborates with ISAS research fellows in conducting courses on India’s heritage, political and economic trends, strategic outlooks and global relations for the young foreign service officers (FSOs). Our senior scholars are often consulted by regional politicians and diplomats on significant developments in the Indian Ocean and in South Asia.

## RESEARCH COLLABORATION

In FY2012/13, ISAS had strengthened its footprint in the region by signing official partnerships with:

- 1. Athena Infonomics India Pvt Ltd

The MoU was signed on 7 February 2013 between Prof Tan Tai Yong (Director, ISAS) and Mr Vijay Bhalaki, (Director, Athena Infonomics India Pvt Ltd).

- 2. Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS)

The MoU was signed on 7 February 2013 between Prof Tan Tai Yong (Director, ISAS) and Dr Saman Kelegama (Executive Director, IPS).



MoU signing with Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

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

# Event Highlights

ISAS aims to facilitate and promote dialogue among leaders of South Asia, foster links between Singapore and South Asian leaders, while opening up new communication channels across a diverse global network of researchers and scholars. The following are some significant highlights for the year.

## BOOK LAUNCHES

**The Launch of ISAS's Inaugural Annual Report**  
**29 January 2013**



ISAS commenced the year with the release of the inaugural Annual Report by Mr K Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Law, Republic of Singapore on 29 January 2013. It showcased ISAS' pioneer workings and its progress as a leading research institution on South Asia in the region.

**Book Launch of "A Resurgent China"**  
**23 April 2012, 4 February 2013**

ISAS launched a book in New Delhi entitled "A Resurgent China- South Asian Perspectives" edited by Prof Tan Tai Yong and Prof Sukh Deo Muni. It was launched by Shri Mohammad Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India in New Delhi on 23 April 2012. It was subsequently launched in Singapore on 4 February 2013 at the National University by Singapore's Sixth President, Mr S. R Nathan.



## WORKSHOPS

**Entrepreneur 360 - The Diaspora Experience**  
**12 Sep 2012**



ISAS presented the 'Entrepreneur 360 - the Diaspora Experience'. Held at the Singapore Treasury Building Auditorium on 12 September 2012, the forum was aimed at creating awareness on of South Asian diaspora aspirations and experiences. It also served as a networking session for budding entrepreneurs.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITOR LECTURES

**Atrocity Crimes: Why are Asians, including South Asians, seemingly so indifferent?**  
**10 May 2012**

On 10 May 2012, ISAS welcomed His Royal Highness, Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al Hussein, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations to present a lecture at the National University of Singapore entitled, "Atrocity Crimes: Why are Asians, including South Asians, seemingly so indifferent?" Professor Tan Tai Yong



presented the opening remarks. His Royal Highness Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al Hussein shed light on the political necessity of the courts, while highlighting the non-existent shortage of appalling and forbidding human beings prepared to commit atrocities. In his conclusion, he cautioned Asia to pay heed to the Rome Statute with the hope that Asia, could one day experience a future void of horrific crimes.

## SEMINAR SERIES & JOINT EVENTS

**Journey of a Personified Painter**  
**22 May 2012**



Mr Jimmy Engineer, a painter and humanitarian spoke passionately about his surreal artistic impressions of the partition of 1947. The seminar entitled 'Journey of a Personified Painter' was held on 22 May 2012 and moderated by Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, ISAS Senior Research Fellow. He spoke in length about his motivations, aspirations and his mission which invited questions on his political leanings and his 'walk for peace' campaigns.



**Fiction at a Time of Revolution**  
**3 August 2012**



Professor Robin Jeffrey moderated the session by Ms Manjushree Thapa, a leading Nepalese novelist who talked about her unconventional approach in writing novels and

interpreting politics in South Asia. As an interpreter of modern Nepal, Ms Thapa explained how the rules of fiction differed from that of non-fiction writing in unveiling the truth. Fiction helped her to expand the confines of public imagination on issues of castes and political turmoil. In Nepal and other similar societies, fiction can even become a part of the revolution by shaping the nation’s consciousness.

As a leading interpreter of modern Nepal, Ms Manjushree Thapa touched on how the rules of fiction varied from those of non-fiction, regardless of their mutual goal in unveiling the truth; however, it was also noted that this imperative function of telling the truth, could be achieved various ways. Additionally, fiction was credited of playing an integral part in expanding the confines of public imagination in places such as Nepal, where social castes and political turmoils still exist. It was concluded that in such societies, fiction itself can hold significant implications and even “become a part of the revolution” by “shaping consciousness.”

**Future Pakistan - Business Today**  
**22 August 2012**

On 22 August 2012, ISAS held a joint seminar at the NTUC Centre at Marina Boulevard on the opportunities and challenges in doing business in Pakistan. Pakistan’s potential dividends from its middle-aged and women population were highlighted. The economy of Pakistan is the 27th largest in the world in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP), and 44th largest in terms of nominal GDP. With GDP worth USD 231 billion in 2012, it represents 0.37 percent of the world economy. Hence Pakistan offered substantial trade and investment prospects to Singaporean enterprises. In all, the event generated greater confidence in Pakistan’s economy and fostered networking between corporates, professionals and academics that were present at the event.



**The EU's Foreign Policy towards Central and South Asia - Focus on Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Iran**  
**18 October 2012**

On 18 October 2012, ISAS held a seminar which examined the EU’s foreign policies towards central and South Asia using case studies from Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Iran to analyse the present and future roles that the EU may play in these two sub-regions within Asia. The seminar was held at the National University of Singapore, and hosted by Mr Didier Chaudet, ISAS Research Fellow.

The seminar discussed the linkages between jihadist groups in Central and South Asia and the threats that emanated from them in the two sub-regions. The UN perception of Iran as being part of the “South Asian region” in spite of it being neither South Asian nor Central Asian, is an oversimplification that represents a Eurocentric worldview. Nevertheless this Persian land is a “pivotal state” and would dictate the future of Europe’s interaction with the Middle East and South Asia.

**Post 2014 Afghanistan: A Threat for Central Asia and China**  
**5 November 2012**

On 5 November 2012, ISAS and the Middle East Institute (MEI) held a joint seminar entitled “Post-2014 Afghanistan: A Threat for Central Asia and China?” The event held at the National University of Singapore and hosted by Dr Didier Chaudet, ISAS Research Fellow, who specialises in security and foreign affairs in Central Asia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. The seminar discussed the implications of the 2014 US withdrawal from Afghanistan for Central Asia and Pakistan. The seminar contributed to a broader understanding of the possible security-related and diplomatic issues surrounding this region.

**FEATURED EVENTS**  
**THE SINGAPORE SYMPOSIUM**

**PM Lee's visit to India**  
**12 July 2012**

In association with Aspen Institute India, ISAS organised the Singapore Symposium in New Delhi on 12 July 2012 where Singapore’s Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong was the special guest of honour. A public dialogue with PM Lee was the highlight of the Symposium. The session was moderated by Mr Jamshyd Godrej who served as the Chairman of Aspen Institute, India. In his address Prime Minister Lee said that ASEAN welcomed India’s involvement in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). The RCEP is



a recent initiative which aims to promote deeper economic integration among East and Southeast Asian states. PM Lee touched on the rise of China and India highlighting their shared potential in being able to revolutionise the face of the world in 30 years’ time. He also outlined Singapore’s measures in positioning itself for the future by attempting to “temper the rigours of the free market” to induce a “socially optimal outcome”.

*“We think India has a contribution to make. I think, as India transforms itself, it will have soft power to project. Bollywood certainly is very popular in Asia including in Singapore. And, it is much more than Bollywood. It is the respect and regard we have for your [India’s] progress and your ambitions to improve your life.”*  
– Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong

**Public Lecture by**  
**Mr Heng Swee Keat**  
**Minister for Education**  
**12 July 2012**

Following the public dialogue, the Minister for Education, Mr Heng Swee Keat gave a public lecture on Singapore’s education policies and its quest for excellence keeping in view the country’s economic constraints and social imperatives. Mr Heng Swee Keat proposed to collaborate with India to strengthen the education system in both countries in order to be successful in a 21st century economy.



**ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA**

**Eighth International Conference on South Asia themed India-China Cooperation for Global Good**  
**22 November 2012**

The Eighth ISAS Annual International Conference on South Asia – one of ISAS’s most significant yearly events was held at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel on 22 November 2012. The keynote speaker and guest of honour was Mr Goh Chok Tong, Emeritus Senior Minister, Republic of Singapore. In his address, Mr Goh urged these two rising Asian powers to exercise “strategic leadership”, to take their bilateral relations forward. He argued that China and India can collaborate to address global concerns over a diverse array of political, economic, and military-related issues. Striking a realistic note while envisioning the possible global order in the “foreseeable” future, he also emphasised the “paramount importance” of the “triangular relationship” among United States, China, and India.

*“The most obvious risk is that as they [China and India] continue to forge ahead, the rivalry between the two giants could intensify. Both countries are nuclear weapon states that are rapidly modernising their armies and air forces. Both are also building up blue water naval fleets”. - Emeritus Senior Minister, Mr Goh Chok Tong*

In addition to Mr Goh Chok Tong’s view on the economies of India and China, the conference showcased ISAS’s extensive research on the topic “India-China Cooperation for Global Good”. The speakers at the conference presented an international perspective where the competition between China and India in the economic, political, and military-related strategic domains was not deemed as a race with a finishing line. However conference speakers called for an enduring partnership between China and India at one level, and at another echelon, between these two countries on



one side and other major players on the other. It is in the interest of nations that China and India cooperate even as they compete in the global arena as they form an integral part of the broader collective effort to ensure global security and manage the international economy.

## PUBLIC LECTURES

### Perspective on Pakistan and the Way Forward 6 December 2012

Under the auspices of ISAS, Mr Imran Khan, Chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (Movement for Justice), spoke about his country’s 65-year conflict with India at the Suntec City on 6 December 2012. Mr Khan alluded to his desires of seeing crises-stricken Pakistan enjoy domestic peace



and stability as well as improved relations with India and the United States. Mr Khan highlighted the prospects of a settlement between India and Pakistan: “Pakistan needs to develop a completely different foreign policy. Until now we have a relationship with India which is based on [mutual] distrust”. Drawing upon comparisons between Pakistan and Turkey, Mr Khan highlighted the importance of an elected civilian government with a clear mandate and moral power to implement reforms. The challenges are Pakistan’s alone though the country might rely on China for infrastructural development and poverty alleviation. Mr Khan answered several questions from the floor pertaining to “cross-border terrorism” in Jammu and Kashmir, and the grassroots and youth support for his party.

*“There is so much to gain from peace that it is mindboggling how much poverty you can reduce in the [South Asian] subcontinent by developing trade and peaceful relationship [between India and Pakistan]”  
– Imran Khan, Chairman of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.*



### Sixth India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue, New Delhi 25-26 February 2013

The India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue in 2013 was held in Delhi from 25-26 February. Co-chaired by Professor Tommy Koh (Singapore) and Mr Jamshed Godrej (India), the 1.5 track discussion deliberated on the slowing down of the Indian economy and the implications of leadership changes in Japan, South Korea , China and the US. Both delegations pledged their commitment to successfully implementing the Skills Development Centre in Delhi.

Other main items include: initiating discussions on the proposed Open Skies Agreement between India and ASEAN; pushing through with negotiations on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP); Myanmar as an area where India and Singapore could work together to help in its economic development and the political process; and enhancing infrastructure connectivity between Northeast India and Southeast Asia. The highlight of the dialogue was a public forum held at Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi. The forum discussed the limits of historical links in taking India-ASEAN relations forward, especially among the younger generation.

The deepening of India-ASEAN relations could be achieved through engagements such as student exchange programmes and internships with corporate entities. The forum called for the exchange of talent and investment between India and ASEAN to be a ‘two-way street’.



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# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

S/N	Event	Venue	Date
1.	Panel Discussion on ‘Analysing the Uttar Pradesh Elections: People, Parties and Trends’	Seminar Room 3, Block B, Level 3, Faculty of Law	3 Apr 2012
2.	Ambassadors’ Lecture Series on ‘Canada’s Changing Asian Priorities’	Seminar Room 2-2, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	18 Apr 2012
3.	In-House Discussion on ‘The ‘end game’ in Afghanistan and Prospects for Stability	ISAS Conference Room	18 Apr 2012
4.	Seminar on ‘Revisiting Partition’	Seminar Room, Asia Research Institute	23 Apr 2012
5.	Book Launch for ‘A Resurgent China’	India International Centre, New Delhi	23 Apr 2012
6.	Workshop on ‘Cooperation on Counter-terrorism in South Asia: Role of Civil Society?’	Executive Seminar Room	26 Apr 2012 – 27 Apr 2012
7.	Distinguished Visitor Lecture on ‘Atrocity Crimes: Why are Asians, including South Asians, seemingly so indifferent’	Lecture Theatre, Law Faculty	10 May 2012
8.	Workshop on ‘China-India Media Mediation’	Executive Seminar Room	17 May 2012 – 18 May 2012
9.	Book Launch for ‘China-India Economics’ and Panel Discussion on ‘China-India Relations: Roles of Media and Business’	Treasury Building Auditorium	17 May 2012
10.	Seminar on ‘Journey of a Personified Painter’	Seminar Room 4-3, Block B, Level 4, Faculty of Law	22 May 2012
11.	Ambassadors’ Lecture Series on ‘Uzbekistan and South Asia: A Historic Partnership’	Seminar Room 5-3, Block B, Level 5, Faculty of Law	24 May 2012
12.	Closed Door Discussion on ‘Resurgence of Regional and Identity-Based Political Parties’	Seminar Room 4-3, Block B, Level 4, Faculty of Law	6 Jun 2012
13.	Closed Door Discussion on ‘The Transition to Afghan Sovereignty: Assessing Progress and Identifying Challenges’	Seminar Room 4-3, Block B, Level 4, Faculty of Law	19 Jun 2012
14.	Singapore Symposium	Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi	12 Jul 2012
15.	In-House Discussion with Mr Nitish Chaturvedi	ISAS Conference Room	12 Jul 2012
16.	Workshop on ‘India’s Northeast Region and Southeast Asia: Exploring Potential Collaboration’	India International Centre, New Delhi	13 Jul 2012
17.	Ambassadors’ Lecture Series on ‘The United States and South Asia: Shared Interests in Southeast Asia’	Seminar Room 3, Block B, Level 3, Faculty of Law	20 Jul 2012
18.	In-House Discussion with Mr Ram Madhav	ISAS Conference Room	25 Jul 2012
19.	Ambassadors’ Lecture Series on ‘Kazakhstan and South Asia: Emerging Relationship’	Seminar Room 2-1, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	2 Aug 2012
20.	Seminar on ‘Fiction at a Time of Revolution’	Seminar Room 2-2, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	3 Aug 2012

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21.	Panel Discussion on ‘EU and South Asia: Renewing Relations’	Seminar Room 3-5, Manesseh Meyer, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy	21 Aug 2012
22.	Joint Event on ‘Future Pakistan – Business Today’	NTUC Centre, Room 903	22 Aug 2012
23.	Seminar on ‘Suicide Terrorism in South Asia’	Seminar Room 2-2, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	29 Aug 2012
24.	Closed Door Session on ‘The Four Horsemen of Global Economics’	Seminar Room 2-2, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	5 Sep 2012
25.	Public Lecture: South Asian Diaspora Forum on ‘Entrepreneur 360 – The Diaspora Experience’	Treasury Building Auditorium	12 Sep 2012
26.	Policy Workshop– Return Migrants from UAE to Pakistan	ISAS Conference Room	14 Sep 2012
27.	Dunearn Dialogue on ‘Buddhism in Pakistan: Gandharan Iconography’	Seminar Room 4-3, Block B, Level 4, Faculty of Law	14 Sep 2012
28.	Ambassadors’ Lecture Series on ‘South Asia’s Environmental Challenges and Possible Responses’	Seminar Room 3-5, Manesseh Meyer, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy	18 Sep 2012
29.	In-House Discussion with Dr Naidu	ISAS Conference Room	21 Sep 2012
30.	In-House Discussion with Topology Research Institute	ISAS Conference Room	26 Sep 2012
31.	Academic Workshop on ‘Diaspora and Development: South Asian Diaspora Engagement in South Asia’	UTown, Seminar Room 12	27 Sep 2012 – 28 Sep 2012
32.	Book Launch on ‘Introduction to Kerala Studies’ (co-organised with Singapore Malayalee Association)	UTown, Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium	28 Sep 2012
33.	Joint Seminar on ‘Non-Violence Our Only Hope’	Shaw Foundation Building, Seminar Room B, AS7	3 Oct 2012
34.	Seminar on ‘Science and Policies to Alleviate Flooding in India, with Lessons for South Asia’	Seminar Room 3-5, Manesseh Meyer, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy	9 Oct 2012
35.	Seminar on ‘Mega City Regions in South Asia: Growth and Governance’	Seminar Room 2-1, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	11 Oct 2012
36.	Closed Door Discussion on ‘The Situation in East Asia’	Seminar Room 3-5, Manesseh Meyer, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy	16 Oct 2012
37.	Joint Lecture on ‘The EU’s Policy Towards Central and South Asia: Focus on Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Iran’	CIT Auditorium, NUS Computer Centre	18 Oct 2012
38.	In-House Discussion on ‘India-ASEAN-China Connectivity’	ISAS Conference Room	7 Nov 2012
39.	Third India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue on Higher Education	University Hall Auditorium	8 Nov 2012
40.	Seminar on ‘The Quarrelling Couple that Still Dances Together – The Uneasy Interdependence Between the US and China and Implication for Other Asian Economies	Seminar Room 4-2, Block B, Level 4, Faculty of Law	16 Nov 2012
41.	ISAS 8th International Conference on ‘India-China Cooperation for Global Good’	Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel	22 Nov 2012

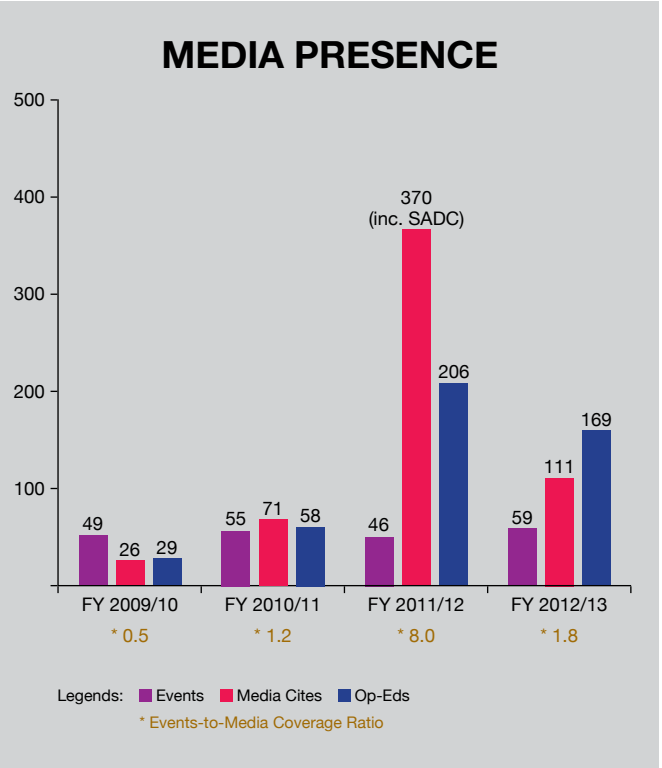
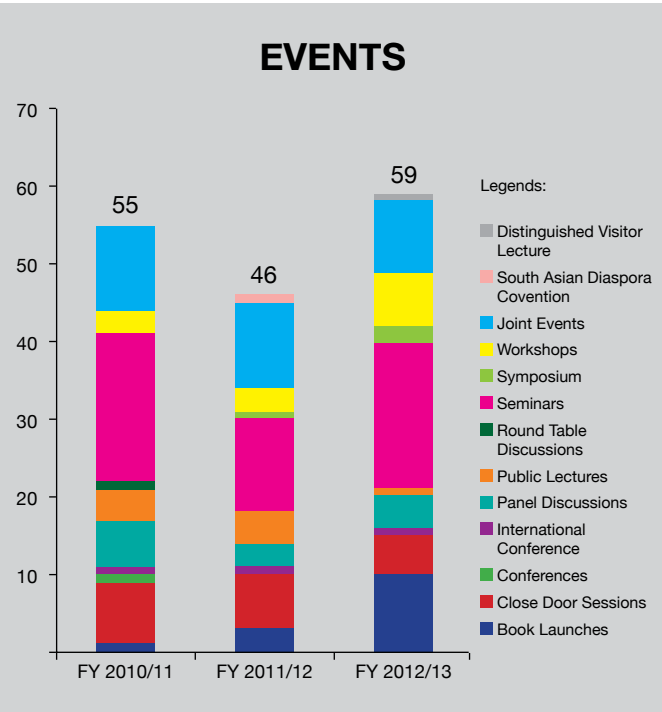
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42.	Symposium on ‘India-China Relations’	Possibility Room, National Library	23 Nov 2012
43.	Seminar on ‘Role of Pakistan in Strengthening Global Energy Security’	Seminar Room 2-2, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	27 Nov 2012
44.	Seminar on ‘Iran’s Ties with South Asia: Strategic Alliance or Geographical Destiny’	Seminar Room 2-2, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	30 Nov 2012
45.	Public Lecture on ‘A Perspective on Pakistan and the Way Forward’	The Rock Auditorium	6 Dec 2012
46.	Workshop on ‘Cooperation on Counter-terrorism in South Asia: Role of Civic Society’	Seminar Room 4-1, Block B, Level 4, Faculty of Law	6 Dec 2012 – 7 Dec 2012
47.	Seminar on ‘Geopolitical Trends in Emerging Asia’	Seminar Room, Asia Research Institute	27 Dec 2012
48.	Workshop on ‘Infrastructure and Skill Development: Initiatives in India’	Seminar Room 2-2, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	17 Jan 2013
49.	Release of ISAS Inaugural Annual Report and Dialogue with Minister Shanmugam	Kent Ridge Guild House, Left Chamber	29 Jan 2013
50.	Ambassadors’ Lecture Series on ‘Russia and South Asia: Renewed Relationships’	Seminar Room 2-2, Block B, Level 2, Faculty of Law	30 Jan 2013
51.	Book Launch for ‘Samudra Manthan’ cum Panel Discussion	Seminar Room 4-4, Block B, Level 4, Faculty of Law	1 Feb 2013
52.	Book Launch for ‘A Resurgent China’ cum Panel Discussion	Seminar Room 3, Block B, Level 3, Faculty of Law	4 Feb 2013
53.	Book Launch for ‘Cell Phone Nation’ cum Panel Discussion	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	18 Feb 2013
54.	Ambassadors’ Lecture Series on ‘Australia and the Indian Ocean’	Seminar Room 3-1, Manesseh Meyer, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy	21 Feb 2013
55.	Panel Discussion on ‘Road Ahead for India-ASEAN Ties’	Nilgiri Hall, The Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi	25 Feb 2013
56.	Book Launch for ‘Afghanistan in Transition: Beyond 2014’ cum Panel Discussion	India International Centre	26 Feb 2013
57.	Joint Event on ‘The India Budget 2013: Analysed for Asia Pacific’	The Grand Hyatt Singapore	8 Mar 2013
58.	Research Initiation Workshop on ‘Youth Attitudes and Aspirations Project)	New Delhi	9 Mar 2013
59.	Joint Panel Discussion on ‘Recession in Europe and Implications for India and Southeast Asia’	ESSEC Business School	11 Mar 2013
60.	Book Launch for ‘India Today’ cum Panel Discussion	The Treasury Auditorium	14 Mar 2013
61.	Workshop on ‘Connecting India to ASEAN: Opportunities and Challenges in India’s Northeast’	Seminar Room 5-2, Block B, Level 5, Faculty of Law	20 Mar 2013
62.	Ambassadors’ Lecture Series on ‘Nigeria and India: A Key Partnership’	Seminar Room 3-1, Manesseh Meyer, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy	21 Mar 2013
63.	Joint Seminar on ‘Pathologies of Bureaucracy: Why Doesn’t the Indian State Do Better?’	Faculty Lounge, Faculty of Arts, NUS Kent Ridge	27 Mar 2013



# MEDIA PRESENCE

ISAS events have continued to attract the attention of local and international media which includes print, broadcast and social media. ISAS recorded a total of 59 events up from 46 the previous year. The 28% increase was largely due to an increase in workshops, public seminars and book launches.

ISAS had 1.8X media coverage per event in FY2012/13. This represented a 50% increase from FY 2010/11. The total number of opinion editorials was 169 with media citations totalling 111. Even while they represent a decrease from FY2011/12 they are significantly higher than those recorded prior to 2011. ISAS registered a steep increase in media presence in FY 2011/12 because of the media coverage of the South Asian Diaspora Convention. ISAS has steadily increased its presence and mindshare in the local and international media.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL MEDIA MENTIONS

- Channel News Asia – 10 Jul 2012 | Singapore, India to boost cooperation in training, skills development
- The Business Times – 13 July 2012 | PM Lee floats India-Industrial park idea.

PM Lee discussed the need for India to improve its hard and soft infrastructure as international investors sought a predictable regulatory regime and a hassle-free, rules-based business environment.

- The Straits Times – 13 July 2012 | PM okay with politics getting messier selectively

"I would become messy selectively. There are some areas where you must accept that you cannot do things in a linear or hierarchical way. I decide, you refine, he implements. You have to have an interaction, discussion. There will be objections, you have views but something has to be done."



- Tabla! – 16 Jul 2012 | Concrete roadmap for the future

"On the margins of the official visit in the dialogue sessions organised by the Aspen Institute and the Institute of South Asian Studies, these themes [sciences, arts, literature and sports] were fleshed out by eminent academics and intellectuals."

- The Business Times – 23 Nov 2012 | Chok Tong: China, India still growing strongly

"Both countries [India-China] will do so [grow] by gradually moving up the value chain, he said in a major speech delivered at the Institute of South Asian Studies' annual international conference on South Asia".



- The Straits Times – 23 Nov 2012 | China, India 'want to focus on growth'

"Ensuring inclusive and sustainable growth will be a major preoccupation for many years to come and eradicating corruption will be an uphill task for both... The former Singapore prime minister made the observations in a keynote speech on India-China cooperation at the two day conference organised by the National University of Singapore's Institute of South Asian Studies"

- Lianhe Zaobao – 23 November 2012 | Goh Chok Tong: Deeper China-India ties will benefit ASEAN

Speaking at a conference organised by the Institute of South Asian Studies at NUS, Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong said that ASEAN has been playing an important role in promoting regional trade with China and India.

- The Straits Times – 26 November 2012

An abstract of Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong’s speech at the ISAS Annual International Conference was published in the Straits Times. The coverage was focussed on the need for strategic cooperation between China and India and the challenges facing both countries.



- Press Trust of India – 6 December 2012

“Pushtun nationalists in tribal areas don't consider the current military operations as war against terror, but regard it as a war against Islam. The army is considered collaborator or mercenary forces of the US,” said Khan after delivering a public lecture organised by the **Institute of South Asian Studies**, a Singapore think tank.”



- The Straits Times – 7 December 2012 | Pakistan must disengage from war on terror

“He reiterated his point yesterday during a public lecture, A Perspective on Pakistan and The Way Forward, organised by the Institute of South Asian Studies.”

- Tamil Murasu – 7 December 2012 | Administration without Political Intervention - Imran Khan

- BBC News – 12 December 2012 | Imran Khan looks towards Pakistan’s election

“In Singapore to speak at the **Institute of South Asian Studies**, Mr Khan told the BBC's Saira Syed how he plans to root out corruption in Pakistan in 90 days.”

- The Business Times – 14 December 2012 | Politics to blame for 2012’s economic woes

Mr Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow from the ISAS at NUS, discussed how politics made 2012 into an intricate year, and how it would take politics to move the global economy forward in 2013.

## OPINION EDITORIALS

TITLE	MEDIA	RESEARCHER	DATE
The middle class debate	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	1 April, 2012
The rising Muslim middle class	<i>Business Standard</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	2 April, 2012
Nepal monarchy revival impossible	<i>Telegraph Nepal</i>	S D Muni, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	4 April, 2012
Healing South Asia	<i>The Nation</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	5 April, 2012
Healing the sick man of South Asia	<i>Opinion Inquirer</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	7 April, 2012
Islamabad’s indifference towards global issues	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	9 April, 2012
Strategic reasons behind India supporting the Resolution on Sri Lanka at the UNHRC	<i>dbsjeyaraj.com</i>	P S Suryanarayana, Senior Manager, ISAS	9 April, 2012
Missing from the Indian newsroom	<i>The Hindu</i>	Robin Jeffrey, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	10 April, 2012
India’s jobless growth problem	<i>The Financial Express</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	12 April, 2012
How nations fail?	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	15 April, 2012
India, Pakistan need to come closer	<i>Business Times</i>	Ifthekar Ahmed Chowdhury, Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	17 April, 2012
Inequality remains growth’s cross	<i>China Daily</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	27 April, 2012
Congress’s Capital Loss	<i>Mumbai Mirror</i>	Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	28 April, 2012
Pakistan: a country in crisis	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	29 April, 2012
Into the Wild	<i>Straits Times</i>	Hema Kiruppallini, Research Assistant, ISAS	1 May, 2012
Chance for peace	<i>Frontline</i>	S D Muni, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	5 May, 2012
Politics and the Presidency	<i>Mumbai Mirror</i>	Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	7 May, 2012
The Do-good Show	<i>The Indian Express</i>	Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	9 May, 2012
Punjab’s economic importance	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	13 May, 2012
Once there was a cartoon	<i>Mumbai Mirror</i>	Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	14 May, 2012
Panda and Elephant at cross-purposes	<i>Straits Times</i>	Robin Jeffrey, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS; Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	15 May, 2012



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Censors In The House	<i>The Times of Ideas</i>	Ronojoy Sen, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	16 May, 2012
China in SAFTA: Making sense?	<i>China Daily</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	18 May, 2012
Trilateral consultations US for ‘constructive’ ties with India, China	<i>The Tribune</i>	S D Muni, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	19 May, 2012
A tribal, a cop, Mao & a PM	<i>The Asian Age</i>	Robin Jeffrey, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	20 May, 2012
Migration and economic backwardness in Punjab	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	27 May, 2012
UPA-II: Turbulent Times	<i>The Financial Express</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	27 May, 2012
Less Bofors Hypocripsy Please	<i>Mumbai Mirror</i>	Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	30 May, 2012
The morbid story of suicides in India	<i>The Financial Express</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS; Pratima Singh, Research Assistant, ISAS	2 June, 2012
Rebuilding Myanmar: Possible Role of the International Community	<i>The Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist-Plus</i>	Ifthekar Ahmed Chowdhury, Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	4 June, 2012
Public policy to address backwardness in Punjab	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	4 June, 2012
The slow march from Tahrir	<i>Business Standard</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	4 June, 2012
The Bangladesh economy: Prospects for the future	<i>The Financial Express</i>	Ishraq Ahmed, Research Assistant, ISAS	6 June, 2012
Window of opportunity opens for Afghanistan	<i>Business Times</i>	Shanthie Mariet D’Souza, Research Fellow, ISAS	6 June, 2012
The Two Asias: Will they Converge or Diverge	<i>Business Times</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	8 June, 2012
Modi operandi	<i>Mumbai Mirror</i>	Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	11 June, 2012
Pakistan in a bind	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	17 June, 2012
Back to the 1990s	<i>Mumbai Mirror</i>	Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	18 June, 2012
G20 must address euro crisis	<i>Xinhua News</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	19 June, 2012
Economic freedom in the Asian century	<i>East Asia Forum</i>	Razeen Sally, Visiting Associate Professor, ISAS	24 June, 2012

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Down by Law in Pakistan	<i>Project Syndicat, Free Malaysia</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	25 June, 2012
Sibal is right, almost	<i>Mumbai Mirror</i>	Nalin Mehta, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	25 June, 2012
Delhi Investment Summit: Building On The Narrative Of ‘Opportunity’ In Afghanistan – Analysis	<i>Eurasia Review</i>	Shanthie Mariet D’Souza, Research Fellow, ISAS	27 June, 2012
A quiet revolution by women in Pakistan	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	1 July, 2012
The last stand	<i>Business Standard</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	2 July, 2012
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L’extrême-droite pakistanaise est-elle une menace pour les Etats-Unis?	<i>Huffingtonpost</i>	Didier Chaudet, Research Fellow, ISAS	3 July, 2012
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What lies in our future?	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	16 July, 2012
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L’Iran face à la situation afghane: un rapprochement possible avec les Occidentaux ?	<i>Huffingtonpost</i>	Didier Chaudet, Research Fellow, ISAS	3 August, 2012

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Why West Fears Dragon's Techno-Nationalism	<i>The Financial Express</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	8 August, 2012
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Employers begin favouring Asian universities	<i>The Financial Express</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	5 November, 2012
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What does Obama’s re-election mean to South Asia?	<i>Malaysian Insider</i>	Shanthie Mariet D’Souza, Research Fellow, ISAS	25 November, 2012
Can India stay the course in Afghanistan?	<i>A Times</i>	Shanthie Mariet D’Souza, Research Fellow, ISAS	25 November, 2012
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On the eve of the third real election	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	27 January, 2013
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What makes North East rock	<i>Tabla!</i>	Laldinkima Sailo, Research Assistant, ISAS	15 February, 2013
Urbanisation and economic change	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	18 February, 2013
Importing to export	<i>The Financial Express</i>	Amitendu Palit, Head (Partnerships & Programmes) & Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	21 February, 2013
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The Pakistanis in the Middle East	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	3 March, 2013
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Ring them Bells	<i>The Indian Express</i>	Robin Jeffrey, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	9 March, 2013
The economic impact of the Pakistani-American diaspora	<i>The Express Tribune</i>	Shahid Javed Burki, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS	17 March, 2013
India Calling	<i>Business India</i>	Robin Jeffrey, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	17 March, 2013
The New Cyber Axis – Analysis	<i>Eurasia Review</i>	C Raja Mohan, Visiting Research Professor, ISAS	18 March, 2013

# Online Presence

## ISAS WEBSITE



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

Since its establishment in 2005, the ISAS website ([www.isas.nus.edu.sg](http://www.isas.nus.edu.sg)) has grown in research content and has acted as a key communication gateway to policy makers, academia, business and the public. The hyperlinks in the events and publication pages enable web users to cross-reference and undertake comparative analyses of key developments in the region. In FY 2011/12, ISAS secured a high rank of 11,209 in a basket of 30 million domains as reported by webstatsdomain. The number of overseas visitors rose to 74%, a 1% increase from the previous year. ISAS web pages are ranked 6 out of 10 for accessibility and readability. A search engine index on the website has given it an optimisation score of 46% as compared to 32% in the previous year. The ISAS website saw a total of 10495 30,495 visits to the site with 20,255 unique visits. It has registeried some 91,572 page views. The duration of each visit is about 2.2 minutes with an average of 3.3 pages visited per visitor.

Site Visits:

**30,495**

Unique Visitors:

**20,225**

Page views:

**91,572**

Average Page Visits:

**3.3**

Average Duration/min:

**2.2 min**

## SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORA PORTAL



<http://southasiandiaspora.org/>

The ISAS, South Asian Diaspora online portal (<http://southasiandiaspora.org>) promotes an understanding of diaspora communities around the world and informs readers of regional happenings as well as updates on the biennial South Asian Diaspora Convention. The portal has some 300 profiles of prominent South Asians across the world and their contributions to their host and home societies. The South Asian Diaspora portal saw a total of 38,426 visitors to the site with 31,718 unique visits. There were 70,934 page views and the average duration of each visit was about 1.5 minutes with each visitor visiting about two pages in the portal. The membership based portal has 941 registered members.

Site Visits:

**38,426**

Unique Visitors:

**31,718**

Page views:

**70,934**

Average Page Visits:

**1.9**

Average Duration/min:

**1.5 min**



SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORA FACEBOOK

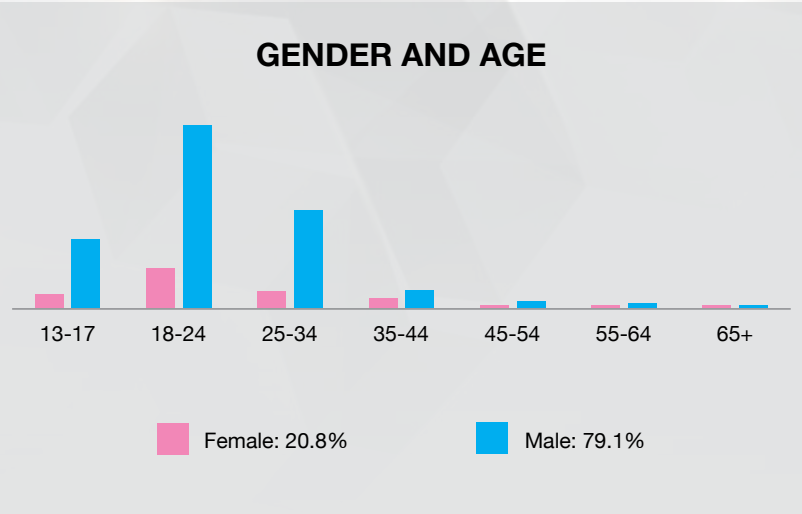


<https://www.facebook.com/SouthAsianDiaspora>

The South Asian Diaspora Convention Facebook page provides weekly links to articles that provide fresh insights focusing on lifestyle, society, business and people of South Asia.

The facebook site of the South Asian Diaspora Convention has acquired 5,514 likes with fans located in 20 different countries. Diaspora members from Iraq, Nepal and Pakistan have posted the largest number of likes. The demographic pattern of usage reflects greater male presence on the website. 79% of the fans were males as against 20.8% females. The fans were also largely aged between 18 and 24 years old. The 25-34 age group forms the second largest fan group with the 13-17 age segment forming the third largest group.

No. of Likes:  
**5,514**  
and counting...



ISSUU WEBSITE



<http://issuu.com/>

ISSUU is a third party online website (<http://issuu.com>) which provides a digital platform for published content particularly for research institutes and associations. ISAS uploaded its content on this platform in FY 2012/13. The ISAS site has registered 1,219 page views. The average duration of the visit is 1.5 minutes, with five pages visited per user.

Average Page Visits:  
**5**  
Average Duration:  
**1.5**  
Page Views:  
**1,219**

YOUTUBE WEBSITE



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

ISAS started using Youtube for video content dissemination since 8 December 2011. ISAS has two youtube channels: (<http://www.youtube.com/user/isasnus1>; and <http://www.youtube.com/user/isasnus2>). The Institute has loaded all public events captured on video to this site. It showcases a variety of ISAS workshops, symposiums, book launches, seminars and conferences. For FY2012/13, ISAS has uploaded some 96 videos which attracted 7,857 page views. About 101 individuals have subscribed to both the accounts.

Subscribers:  
**101**  
Video Uploads:  
**96**  
Page Views:  
**7,857**

# International Engagements

