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The Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) was established in July 2004 as an autonomous research institute at the National University of Singapore. The establishment of ISAS reflects the increasing economic and political importance of South Asia, and the strong historical links between South Asia and Southeast Asia.

ISAS is dedicated to research on contemporary South Asia. It seeks to promote an 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.

ISAS' research primarily focuses on the following eight South Asian countries:



Afghanistan
Pakistan
India
Nepal
Bhutan
Bangladesh
Sri Lanka
Maldives

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Chairman's Message

It is my pleasure to present to you the annual report for the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) for the years ended 2018 and 2019.

These have been momentous years in the Institute's short history as we gradually grew in strength. Our focus has been on South Asia. Internationally, we monitored Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's revitalisation of Indian foreign policy and China's growing influence in the South Asian region. In 2018, we focused on the elections of the new governments in Pakistan and Bangladesh, while in 2019, we offered our thoughts on the impressive victory of the Bharatiya Janata Party in the Indian general elections.

Growth for ISAS has also meant trailblazing old and new routes of scholarly exchange as a world-class research institute. We renewed memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with partner institutes in India, Sri Lanka and Malaysia, and signed new MoUs with think tanks in Nepal and the United Arab Emirates.

We have directed our attention to strengthening our online media presence to keep our stakeholders and the public abreast of the latest developments at ISAS and the region. Over the past year, our presence on Facebook has increased significantly, which has been driven, in part, by the start of our live interviews. In the last six months of FY2018/2019, our presence on Twitter has also gained traction. Moving forward, we will launch *South Asia Chaat* at the start of the next financial year. This podcast

series will feature conversations with thought leaders on topical areas in South Asia, to push our in-depth analyses to ever-expanding multi-media frontiers.

Amongst the many conferences, seminars and lectures we organised over the past two years, our signature symposiums stand out. Singapore's fifth symposium, 'Singapore & ASEAN: Shared History, Common Future', was held in New Delhi, India, in October 2017, where Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs, honoured us as the special guest. The event drew about 200 attendees, including senior policymakers, corporate leaders, academics and civil society representatives.

For our symposium on 'India's Changing Financial Landscape' in March 2018, we were delighted to have Mr Ong Ye Kung, Singapore's then-Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills), and then-Second Minister for Defence, delivering the keynote address. This was followed by a robust discussion on economic reforms and financial technology collaboration between India and Singapore, where we heard from eminent industry experts from the State Bank of India, Amansa Capital and DBS Group. The panel was chaired by Mr J Y Pillay, former Chairman of the Council of Presidential Advisors.

ISAS always keeps an eye for new talent. Along with time-tested researchers, policymakers and emerging bright minds, in 2017 and 2018, we were thrilled to add three esteemed scholar-

practitioners to our ranks – Ambassador Shivshankar Menon, former National Security Advisor and former Foreign Secretary of India; Dr Duvvuri Subbarao, former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India and former Finance Secretary to the Government of India; and Dr S Jaishankar, former Foreign Secretary of India. These Distinguished Visiting Research Fellows have helped to invigorate ISAS' newly-launched public lecture series. Mr Menon presented on 'Asia's New Geopolitics' in December 2017, while in February 2018, Dr Subbarao spoke on 'India in a Globalising World'. These are only a few examples of the valued and varied contributions that come each year from ISAS' cohort of distinguished and accomplished officials which have included Mr Shahid Javed Burki, Former Finance Minister of Pakistan; Mr Vinod Rai, 11th Comptroller and Auditor General of India; Dr Ifthekar Ahmed Chowdhury, former Foreign Minister, Bangladesh; and Dr S Narayan, Former Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of India.

The last two financial years were also extremely productive for ISAS. We published 138 chapters in books, 79 journal articles and 29 authored and edited books. Since FY2015/2016, research outputs have increased manifold, largely due to timely analyses (in the form of Briefs and Insights), a focus on themes (in Book Chapters), and a rise in Conference Papers. Our introduction of the monthly e-bulletin, 'From the Director's Desk', has helped us connect our most up-to-date research with friends at the National University of Singapore and elsewhere.

The launch of the first issue of *South Asia Scan* in January 2019 on e-commerce in India also demonstrates our commitment to holistically assessing salient changes in the region as they occur.

In this continuous process of striving to do better and be relevant, ISAS has used the past year to chart new directions for the future. First, ISAS has been able to pinpoint the core areas of South Asia that it will specialise in. Inevitably, with India growing in greater strategic importance and influence in the world, one of ISAS' key research thrusts will be the South Asian giant's relations with the major global powers and its immediate neighbourhood. Certainly, with India figuring more prominently in the consciousness of Singapore and its region, including economically as trade and investment links grow, ISAS will also pay greater attention to studying India's domestic developments. Particularly as Singapore engages India on a state and regional level, ISAS will step up its efforts to present deeper insights into the political and economic circumstances of these states.

India's strategic rise is not to be seen in isolation as the growing importance of other South Asian states, such as Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, attracts more attention. This has seen many global powers increasing their presence in the region, including China, whose own Belt and Road Initiative has involved several South Asian infrastructure-focused projects. All of these developments have intensified inter-regional cooperation, especially around the Bay of

Bengal area. ISAS aims to closely track these developments as well as those relating to the increasing maritime significance of the Indian Ocean and new concepts like the Indo-Pacific.

Speaking of new frontiers, ISAS will pay greater attention to the rise of technology. We have already seen how innovation and digitalisation have become key drivers of the next chapter of India-Singapore economic relations, and these themes are only going to grow in importance. Besides their impact on bilateral relations, the new sectors in new media and artificial intelligence will also affect the South Asian countries' own growth. ISAS will proactively study these new sectors and technologies in South Asia, the opportunities they bring to the growth of the region and their impact on societies there, including on employment and job creation as well as on politics.

With these new areas of focus, ISAS has much to look forward to in the coming years. Much of our success is attributed to the unwavering support of our stakeholders – the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Tote Board – and I look forward to their stewardship going forward as ISAS charts new waters and builds a niche role and world-class reputation for itself.

Ambassador Gopinath PILLAI

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Director's Message

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The last two years were very productive and rewarding for the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS). During FY2017/2018, under my predecessor, Professor Subrata K Mitra, ISAS had laid down a clear set of research priorities, systemised the production of our publications and incentivised our research staff into taking the initiative. I had the advantage of building on this foundation during FY2018/2019. I had the privilege of adding new areas of inquiry, recasting our research to make it more relevant to the stakeholders, improving the presentation of our publications and adding new publications to ISAS' bouquet. ISAS has also taken a number of steps to ensure that our work reaches the right audience in Singapore and beyond in the Subcontinent and Southeast Asia. We are indeed very grateful for the very supportive and encouraging responses from the stakeholders as well as the broader community in Singapore.

Thanks to the acceleration of economic growth in the region in recent years – the Subcontinent is now one of the fastest growing regions of the world – there is growing interest in understanding the contemporary dynamics of South Asia. The debate on reordering the global security architecture amidst the strains on the post-war global institutions has also helped increase the significance of the Subcontinent for the abutting regions – Southeast Asia, East Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the Indian Ocean littoral. The shifting power dynamic among the major powers is also altering the frameworks defining South Asia's relations with the great powers. And as existing regional frameworks find it hard to cope with the fissures within the region, the South Asian nations are exploring new forms of regional integration that cut

across and within the Subcontinent. All these factors make it an exciting period for the study of the Subcontinent; and ISAS hopes to become a major hub of research on contemporary South Asia.

The year 2017 marked the 70th anniversary of the partition of the Subcontinent and the independence of India and Pakistan. ISAS published two books assessing the evolution of India and Pakistan over the seven decades. *Seven Decades of Independent India – Ideas and Reflections* was co-edited by Vinod Rai and Amitendu Palit. The Pakistan volume, *Pakistan at Seventy: A Handbook on Developments in Economics, Politics and Society*, was co-edited by Shahid Javed Burki and Iftekhhar Ahmed Chowdhury. We also conducted a workshop taking a comparative perspective on the partition of the Subcontinent and Palestine in collaboration with the Middle East Institute. The book based on that workshop is expected to be published in 2019. The focus on maritime issues saw the publication of a volume on maritime governance in 2018. Titled *Security and Governance in South Asia*, it was edited by Jivanta Schottli. ISAS' focus on emerging issues was reflected in the publication of a well-received book, *The Waste of a Nation: Growth and Garbage in India* authored by Robin Jeffrey and Assa Doron of Australian National University. Besides these books, ISAS' researchers had contributed to various international journals and intervened in the Subcontinent's public policy discourse.

The broad lines of research institutionalised by Professor Mitra – Security and International Relations; Multilateral and International Linkages; Politics, Society and Governance; Trade and Economics; and the South Asian Diaspora

– have been reinforced during FY2018/2019 by the introduction of an additional theme – New Technologies. We believe that the rapid technological change that is unfolding in the world is bound to have a profound effect on the political, economic and social life of South Asia. Over the last year, we have focused our energies on such emerging themes as financial technology, the impact of social media on political mobilisation, e-commerce and technology diplomacy. A number of workshops, symposiums and publications on these issues have received good traction.

On the traditional themes, the elections in Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and the Maldives received close attention from ISAS. Given the scale of interest in the Indian election, ISAS devoted considerable resources to studying the Indian elections and customising them for use by our stakeholders.

Trade and economics remain at the top of our research priority. Our scholars have written extensively on issues relating to the negotiations on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and India's approach to it. We have also begun to focus on new areas of regionalism such as the Bay of Bengal and institutions like the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation. We have also focused on the impact of the Sino-American trade war on India and the region. Connectivity has emerged at the top of our research agenda, amidst the growing salience of China's Belt and Road Initiative and the varying responses to it from India and its neighbours. On regional security issues, ISAS focused on emerging themes like the Indo-Pacific as well as the enduring ones like the implications of the conflict in Afghanistan.

In developing this agenda, we have sought to engage with other institutions and departments in the National University of Singapore as well as others in the city. We have also expanded our outreach to research institutions and foundations in South Asia, Southeast Asia, Europe and North America. ISAS is making a special effort to link up with institutions in China and hope to draw visiting scholars from there in the near future.

Over the last year, we have recast our publications to make them more attractive in content as well as presentation. We have introduced a new publications series called *South Asia Scan*. The objective of the publication is to present a substantive and durable analysis of a key issue from the region. The first of the series on e-commerce in India was written by Dipinder Singh and published in early 2019. The coming year will see a frequent publication of *South Asia Scan*. We have also been tying up with established journals on South Asia and curate special issues. My colleague, Rani D Mullen, and I curated an issue of the monthly journal, *Seminar*, published from Delhi on the United States relations with South Asia in the Trump era.

As part of our effort to widen our footprint, we have begun to engage with such outlets as Academia.edu and revived ISAS handles on Facebook and Twitter. In addition, we interview our in-house researchers and external experts on contemporary and relevant issues in the Subcontinent.

During the last two years, ISAS continued with the flagship programme – Singapore Symposium – that saw lectures hosted in India by various leading figures of Singapore, including then-Finance Minister Mr Heng Swee

Keat and Foreign Minister Dr Vivian Balakrishnan. We also organised the Colombo Colloquium in Sri Lanka with the then-Minister for Trade and Industry Minister Mr S Iswaran.

ISAS also commenced a new initiative – the ISAS Lecture series – which aims to provide key insights on pertinent policy and governance issues in South Asia. Delivered by our Distinguished Visiting Research Fellows and senior researchers, these public lectures showcase the contributions of ISAS to the knowledge-based economy of Singapore in the field of contemporary South Asia.

While constantly expanding our external network, new internal additions to our research community have added tremendous depth, experience and perspective to ISAS' research profile. During the past year, the list has grown, with the additions of Ambassador Shivshankar Menon, former National Security Advisor and former Foreign Secretary of India, and Dr S Jaishankar, former Foreign Secretary of India, as Distinguished Visiting Research Fellows in residence.

Looking ahead, ISAS seeks to become a valuable platform to debate new and innovative solutions to the Subcontinent's long-standing challenges, promote South Asian regionalism and deepen its globalisation. We hope to become a valuable bridge between the technological innovators, business entrepreneurs, policy professionals and government leaders in Singapore, Southeast Asia and the Subcontinent.

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The Years in Review

The years 2017-2019 have been exciting periods at ISAS as we refreshed our resources and embarked on new ventures while deepening our capabilities in existing footprints.

One of the most notable developments over this two-year horizon was the change in leadership of the Institute as Professor C Raja Mohan came on board as the new Director of ISAS. We also take this opportunity to thank Professor Subrata K Mitra whose directorship of the Institute helped it to chart new directions and deepen its capabilities in core areas.

Expanding Outreach through Research

As ISAS deepened its existing mechanisms of outreach namely through publications and events, it also explored and expanded new platforms by which it could disseminate knowledge to the stakeholders as well as the wider society.

Our publications remain one of the key deliverables and they profile the thrusts of our research to all our stakeholders. As such, we take pride in producing high-quality and timely Briefs, Insights, Working Papers and books, including those co-authored and co-edited with colleagues from around the world.

Among the many publications that we produced in these two years, here are some that we found interesting and topical.

- **Waste of a Nation: Garbage and Growth in India** by Dr Assa Doron and Professor Robin Jeffrey in March 2018
- **Maritime Governance and South Asia: Trade, Security and Sustainable Development in the Indian Ocean** by Dr Jivanta Schoettli in March 2018
- **Seven Decades of Independent India: Ideas and Reflections** by Mr Vinod Rai and Amitendu Palit in March 2018
- **India and the Global Trade War: Long-term Impact can be Serious** by Dr Amitendu Palit in July 2018
- **India and Indonesia: Constructing a Maritime Partnership** by Professor C Raja Mohan and Mr Ankush Ajay Wagle in June 2018
- **The Challenge and Prospects for E-Commerce in India** by Dr Dipinder S Randhawa in July 2018
- **Pakistan Elections: Imran Khan and a New South Asia** by Professor C Raja Mohan in August 2018
- **The Rise of Barelvi Political Activism in Pakistan** by Associate Professor Iqbal Singh Sevea in October 2018
- **Sri Lanka's Crisis: Conflicts of Class and Power** by Professor S D Muni in October 2018
- **Assembly Poll Result Boosts Congress and Stings BJP** by Dr Ronojoy Sen in December 2018
- **Tracking Narendra Modi's Popularity** by Dr Ronojoy Sen in February 2019
- **Modi and the World: (Re) Constructing Indian Foreign Policy** by Dr Sinderpal Singh in April 2017
- **Politics in India: Structure, Process and Policy** by Professor Subrata K Mitra in November 2017
- **The Politics of Common Sense: State, Society and Culture in Pakistan** by Dr Aasim Sajjad Akhtar in February 2018



In addition to this regular set of papers that ISAS has perennially produced, we introduced two new publication series in 2018. They are the Special Report – a series of working papers which are long-term studies on trends and issues in South Asia – and *South Asia Scan*, an important addition to the bouquet of publications from ISAS, which caters to the need for a timely, substantive and accessible review of key social, political, economic and strategic changes in South Asia.

Diverse Range of Events to Complement Research

Indeed, there were several planned and unexpected developments in South Asia over these two years, including the 70th anniversary of the independence of India and Pakistan, elections in Bangladesh, India, the Maldives and Pakistan, the constitutional political dilemma in Sri Lanka and the Pulwama stand-off between India and Pakistan, which were some of the highlights of this period. As such, we did not only have publications to mark these events and milestones, but we also conducted talks and discussions, workshops and online engagements to provide in-depth coverage of these developments. Further, we also studied other topical issues such as urbanisation, e-commerce, financial technology and data localisation, social media and maritime governance and how the South Asian states were dealing with these challenges. Here are some of the key events that ISAS organised over this period:

- **ISAS-CII Chief Minister Lecture on 'Infrastructure-led Growth: Maharashtra – India's Engine of Development'** by Mr Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra on 28 September 2017 in Singapore
- **Singapore Symposium on 'India, Singapore & ASEAN: Shared History, Common Future'** by Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Vivian Balakrishnan on 31 October 2017 in New Delhi



- **12th ISAS International Conference on South Asia on 'Emerging South Asia: Politics, Economy and International Relations'** on 6 April 2018 in Singapore
- **Singapore Symposium on 'Strengthening Ties, Fostering Connections'** by Singapore's then-Minister for Finance, Mr Heng Swee Keat, on 28 June 2018 in New Delhi
- **India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue – Public Symposium on 'ASEAN-India: Commerce, Connectivity and Culture'** on 28 August 2018 in Singapore
- **ISAS-MEI Workshop on 'Reflections on the Partition of India and Palestine after 70 Years'** on 15 August 2018 in Singapore
- **ISAS Roundtable on 'Indian-Singapore FinTech Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges'** on 3 October 2018 in Singapore
- **ISAS Roundtable on 'Digital Politics: Emerging Trends in South and Southeast Asia'** on 5 December 2018 in Singapore
- **ISAS Public Lecture on 'A Tale of Two Cities: Singapore and Calcutta Past and Present'** by Professor Tan Tai Yong, ISAS' Deputy Chairman; and President of Yale-NUS College, on 26 February 2019 in Kolkata



Greater Social Media Presence

Keeping in line with technological advancements and the changing habits of how society consumes information, ISAS has deepened its social media footprint over several platforms and through key initiatives. With an active presence on Facebook and Twitter, ISAS also conducts regular Facebook interviews with its distinguished experts and others who visit the Institute on topical matters. Further, the Institute will also soon launch a podcast series, *South Asia Chaat*, to present key insights on issues pertaining to South Asia in a new digestible format.

Deepening Capabilities and Expanding Partnerships

As we broaden and deepen our study of South Asia, including its smaller countries, we sought to build our presence in these countries.

One way ISAS went about doing this was to bring on board key expertise from South Asia to complement and bolster our in-house capabilities. Over the past two years, we not only hired younger research staff who are studying new fields such as e-commerce and innovation, we are also privileged to welcome eminent stalwarts to ISAS, namely, Ambassador Shivshankar Menon, former National Security Advisor and former Foreign Secretary of India; and Dr S Jaishankar, former Foreign Secretary of India, as Distinguished Visiting Research Fellows. These additions to our team have not only added significant depth and experience, but they have, importantly, also deepened our networks in and perspectives on South Asia.



Besides our visiting fellows, we also seek to deepen our footprint in these countries through our partner organisations. In that regard, we renewed our memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) in October 2017. Based in Bihar in India, ADRI is dedicated to research on social sciences. As part of the MoU, ISAS and ADRI identified opportunities for exchanges and cooperation in joint research, consultation and development in disciplines of mutual interest. ISAS also signed a two-year MoU with the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) in Kathmandu in Nepal in August 2017. CSAS, which is an independent research think-tank, is also a convener of the Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks and the MoU will see the two institutes work together in a number of research areas and scholarly events. In Sri Lanka, ISAS also renewed its MoU with the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka on 23 January 2018, witnessed by Singapore's then-Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry), Mr S Iswaran, at the second ISAS Colombo Colloquium in Colombo. The renewed agreement will see collaboration in several key areas, including regional, political and socio-economic developments.

In 2018, we further expanded our partnerships and networks. ISAS renewed its MoU with Brookings India in June 2018 to focus research collaborations on areas such as international trade and economics, India-China



comparative studies and India's relations with Singapore and Southeast Asia. ISAS and the Pathfinder Foundation in Sri Lanka also inked a two-year MoU in November 2018 to undertake, after consultation, joint research programmes on issues of common concern, and facilitate scholarly events such as seminars, conferences and workshops of mutual benefit.

It has been an eventful, enriching and successful period in many measures, providing momentum for further growth and expansion for the Institute in years to come.



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Research Focus

The Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) is cognisant of the dynamic and ever-changing South Asian landscape. It is, therefore, important and necessary for us to respond to developments in South Asia, individually the states of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in an informed, timely, effective and efficient manner. This effort entails the need to ensure that we identify and focus on the core areas of research on South Asia, and critically analyse the issues and generate insights into appropriate policy choices and institutional innovation.

CORE RESEARCH THEMES

**Multilateral and
International
Linkages**

**Politics,
Society and
Governance**

**Security and
International
Relations**

**South Asian
Diaspora**

**Trade and
Economic
Policy**







Multilateral and International Linkages

The programme focuses on how the region relates to the major international institutions and key global players in contemporary times. South Asia's political, economic and military significance is growing. This has two-fold ramifications. On the one hand, South Asia is moving close to the centre stage of the international scene. On the other, it is recalibrating its relationships with the rest of the world.

India, located at the centre of this constellation, faces the double challenge of balancing China and the US, and seeking an appropriate role for itself in the Asian arena in the face of the emergence of China as the leading Asian power.

ISAS delves into these issues in terms of its research and events on the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Belt and Road Initiative, BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) and other multilateral bodies.

The programme examines how South Asia helps to reshape the norms and activities of major international organisations like the United Nations and the World Trade Organization. It studies the important roles the countries of the region are playing in spreading global standards and values throughout the world as well as their contributions in peace-building and peacekeeping.

Additionally, it seeks to analyse the political, strategic and economic relations the nations of South Asia have with major states such as the United States (US), China, Japan and members of the European Union. The programme assesses the impact of its burgeoning military clout on the rest of the world. It monitors the policy dimensions of South Asian states with regards to emerging thematic issues like climate change, poverty alleviation, development and non-proliferation. It also studies regional relations and the ways and means of strengthening regional cooperation as well as linkages with other regional organisations.

Politics, Society and Governance

The programme seeks to identify and explain key issues in the domestic politics and governmental practices of the countries of South Asia. Though the programme analyses important events and issues as they emerge, it intends to focus on some select themes. One ongoing area of research and analysis is national and important state/provincial elections in all the South Asian countries. In addition, the cluster has identified three areas where research would be conducted in collaboration with other institutions and external researchers. First, under the broad

rubric of 'Domestic Politics in South Asia', the programme examines several topics. These include minority-majority relations, social development indicators, class and politics, state and society, ethnic movements and internal security threats. Second, the programme studies comparative state politics in India. With the rise of regional parties over the past two decades, Indian federalism has undergone a structural change. The cluster focuses on the more important Indian states to meaningfully explain this change. Third, the programme analyses India's democratic institutions, including

political parties, the Parliament, the Election Commission, the judiciary and audit bodies.

Alongside the three major projects, the programme also focuses on projects centred on individual researchers. Primary research on urban development is a priority. Public sanitation and waste management is high on the agenda of the new government in India. The youth bulge in the region and its aspirations are another area of focus. The programme also analyses the role of traditional media as well as social media in South Asia.





Security and International Relations

The research programme seeks to study and publish on the emerging security imperatives in the South Asian region. It researches on various issues ranging from border conflicts, arms trade and nuclear proliferation to conflict resolution and peace-building. It also examines Asia's relations with the Southeast Asian states as well as the manner in which states in South Asia interact with major global powers like Japan, China and the US.

Four key research areas form the core of this program. The first is South Asia's relations with the Southeast Asian region in the realm of geopolitics, defence and diplomacy. The second is South Asia's relations with countries in East Asia, specifically in the fields of maritime security and regional multilateral institutions. The third core is an examination of South Asia's regional security, looking predominantly at how states in South Asia frame their bilateral relationships. The fourth core comprises India's relationships with major powers in international politics, consisting of relations with China, Japan and the US.

South Asian Diaspora

This programme focuses on the study of South Asian diaspora and transnationalism as well as South Asia-Southeast Asia/Singapore relations. ISAS has an established reputation in the abovementioned fields, with several important works already published, including *The Encyclopedia of the Sri Lankan Diaspora*; *The Political Economy of South Asian Diaspora*; and *Diaspora Engagement and Development in South Asia*.

The programme is committed to building on its established scholarly reputation in these areas. With reference to South Asian diaspora and

transnationalism, the programme focuses on key themes, where scholarly literature has remained relatively under-developed, for example: diaspora and transnationalism in port cities; migrant remittances in South Asia; international migration and development in South Asia; and Hindutva nationalism in the Diaspora. In regard to Southeast Asia/Singapore relations with the South Asian states, ISAS is currently engaged in projects focused on India-ASEAN relations. The programme intends to further develop its competency through specific and in-depth research of South Asian and Southeast Asian country-to-country bilateral relations.



Trade and Economic Policy

The emphasis of the programme is on studying the significance of emerging regional trade architectures for South Asian countries. New trade compacts in the Asia-Pacific, such as the Trans Pacific Partnership and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, are re-writing regional trade rules and governance standards. This programme researches the implications of the new rules and standards and looks closely at

the key aspects influencing trade negotiations. The other core areas of research focus include integration of Indian states with global trade and business, the comparative positioning of India and other South Asian countries in regional value chains and bilateral trade and investment linkages between India and Southeast Asian countries. The critical analysis of annual budgets, major financial and legislative reforms are an integral part of this programme.





Publications

Over the past two financial years, the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) continued to focus on the regular publication of Briefs, Insights, Working Papers and Special Reports based on the five research areas. We published a total of 452 such papers. This averaged four papers a week.

At the same time, ISAS produced conference papers and journal articles as well as contributed chapters in ISAS' and other publications. We presented 147 conference papers, published 79 journal articles and provided 138 chapters in books.

An equally important element of ISAS' work, which adds value to its reputation as a serious and respected academic institution, is the publication of books. In FY2017/2018 and FY2018/2019, we produced 13 edited and 16 authored books.

New Publication Initiatives

During the last two financial years, ISAS took the opportunity to review its publication offerings and assess whether there were gaps that it could fill. Such a critical evaluation provided some key insights:

- Besides the timely papers that we produce, our stakeholders could also benefit from a deeper analysis on some of the thematic and relevant issues
- While we continue to produce papers on a wide array of topics, we need publications that focus on specific issues so they can inform on and become reference material for those issues
- How could we achieve better synergy between our events and publications such that the rich discussions generated in some of our seminars, roundtables, workshops etc. could be disseminated to a wider audience as a tangible output and format

Out of this needs analysis, ISAS came up with a couple of new publication types. These are *South Asia Scan* and the Special Reports.

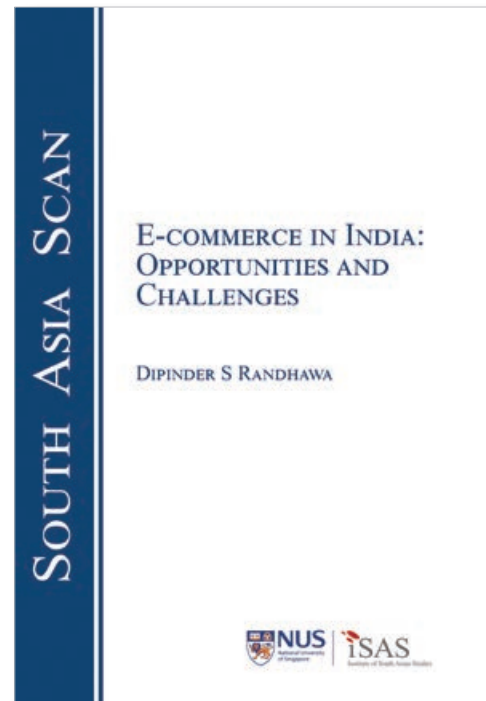


South Asia Scan

South Asia Scan will be a regular publication by ISAS, targeted for at least one new issue every quarter, which will provide an in-depth analysis on a mid to long-term issue surrounding South Asia.

Aimed to be the go-to primer for our stakeholders, or anyone interested in the relevant issues in South Asia, *South Asia Scan* will focus on both historical issues as well as future trends and their impact on the current and long-term environment of the sector, country or region.

In this regard, we are pleased to share the first *South Asia Scan* which was published in January 2019 on 'E-commerce in India: Opportunities and Challenges' by Dipinder Singh Randhawa. We have in the pipeline a series of *South Asia Scans* on issues ranging from the Afghanistan peace process and socio-politics in Pakistan to India's trade policies and the political and economic challenges in the Maldives.



Special Reports

For selected events, where ISAS feels that there is a topic that has a long-term impact on South Asia, and where the discussions have yielded multiple perspectives on the issue, we will publish a Special Report. This publication aims to present the views of multiple stakeholders of a specific issue and, in doing so, generate rich and diverse content for anyone who needs a comprehensive understanding of the topic.

Our first such publication was published in October 2018 on 'India-Singapore FinTech Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges' following a roundtable discussion on the same topic. It featured leaders from the private sector, public policy, politics, civil society and academia.

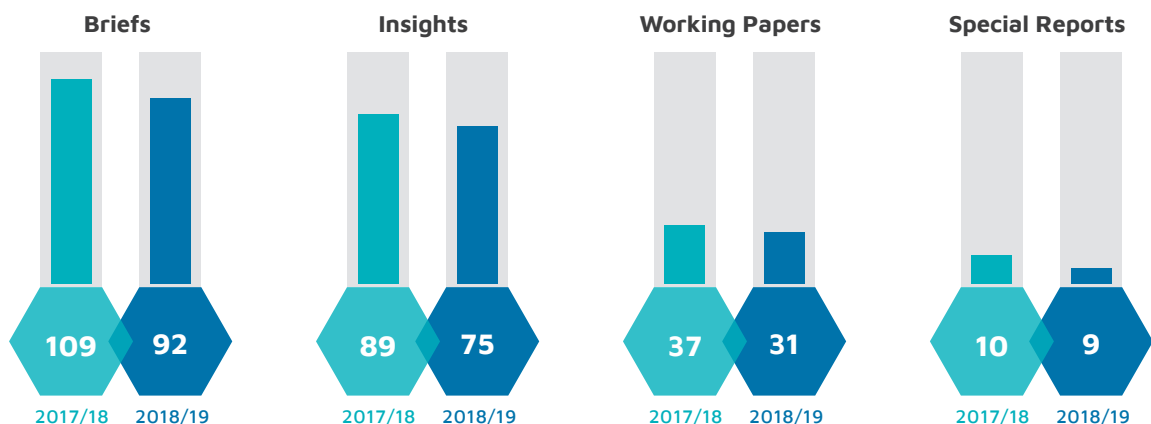
Following that, we published another Special Report on digital politics in South Asia and have in the pipeline other such publications on topics such as the maritime partnership between India and Indonesia, and the cooperation under the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation grouping.



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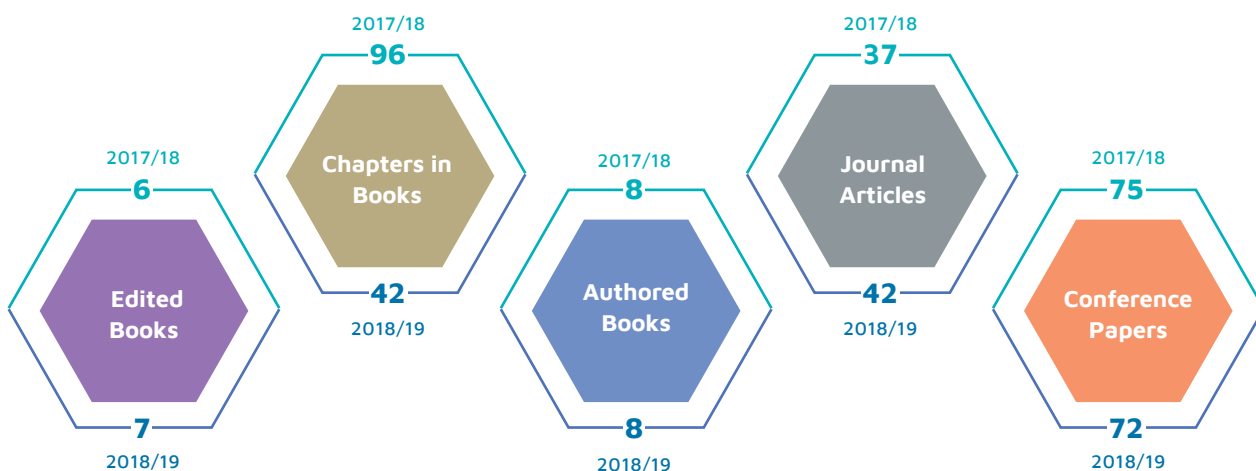
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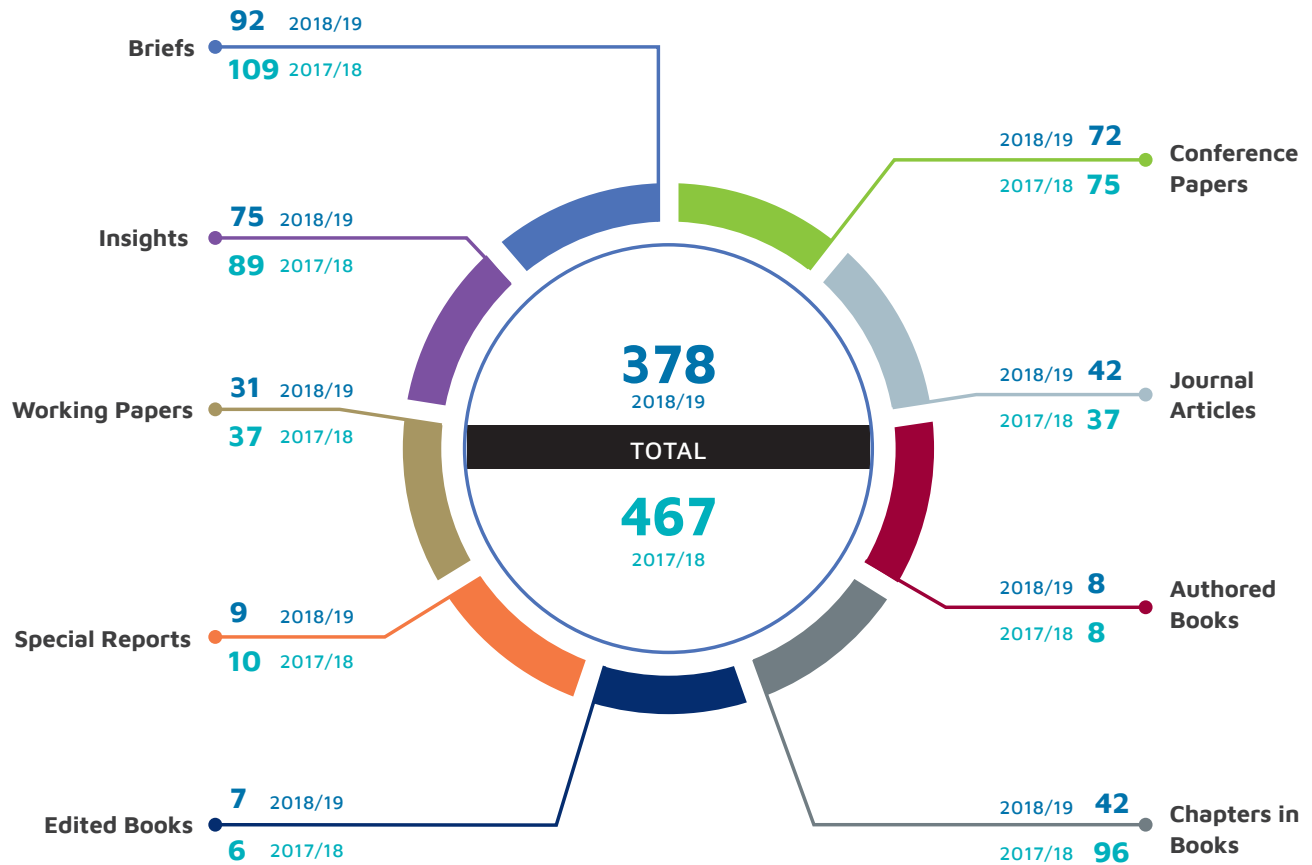
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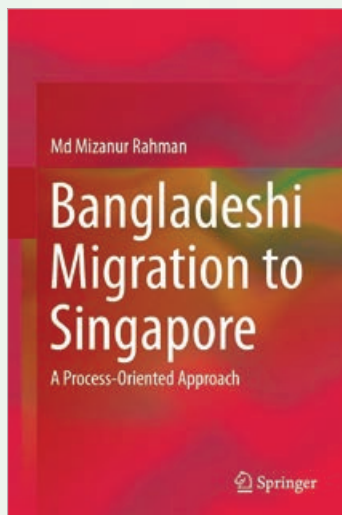
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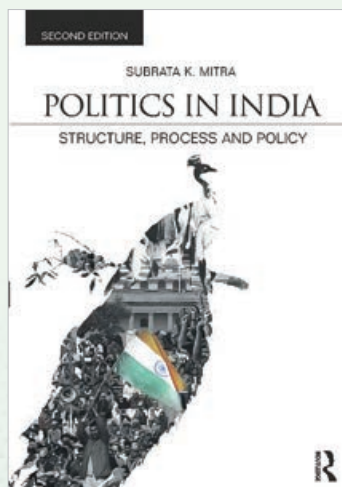


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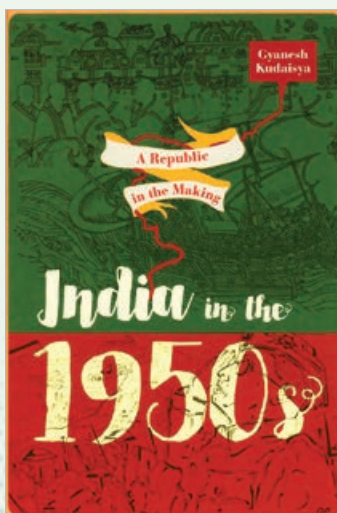


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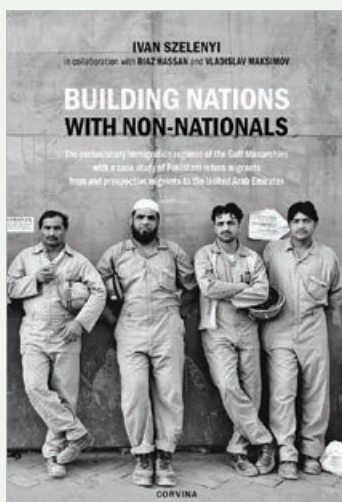


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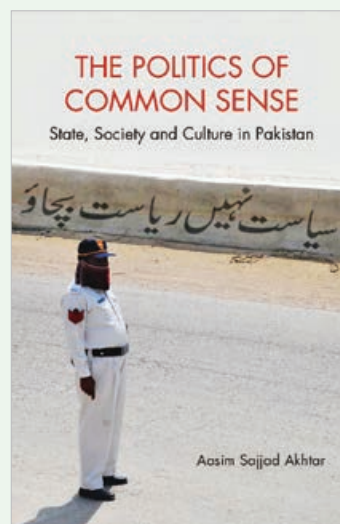


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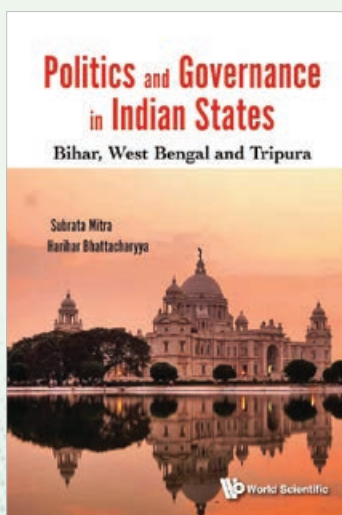


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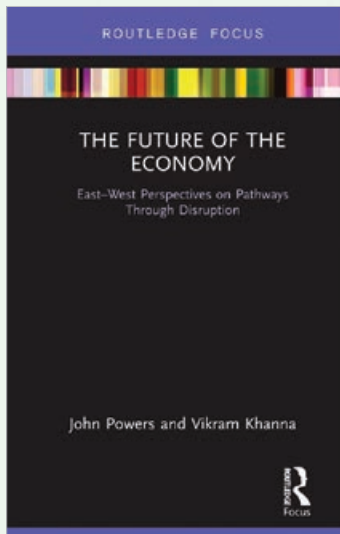


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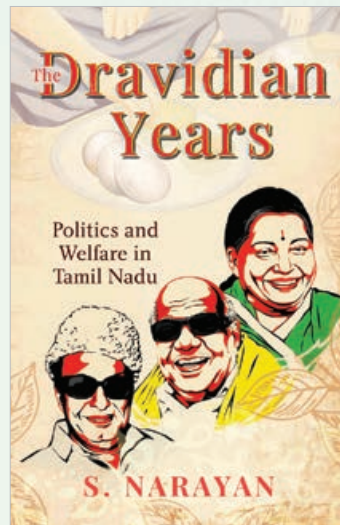


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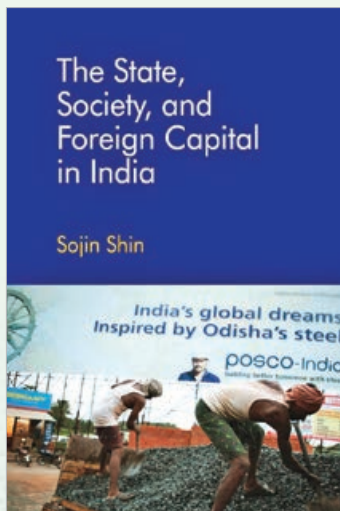


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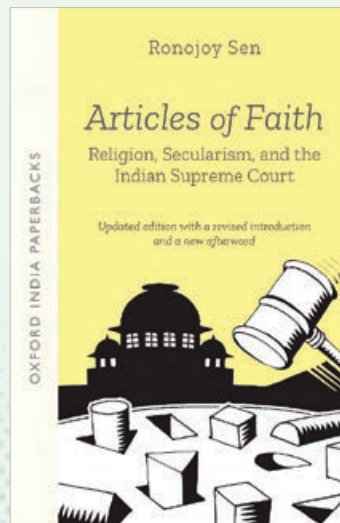


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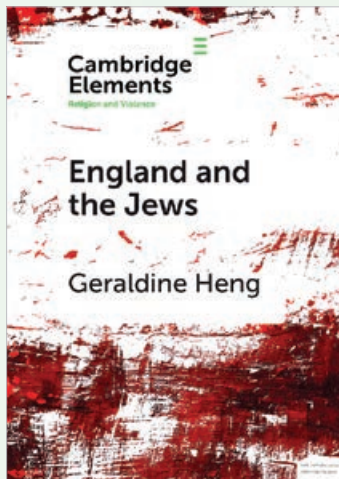


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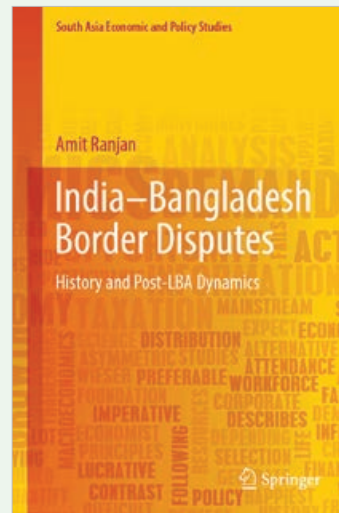


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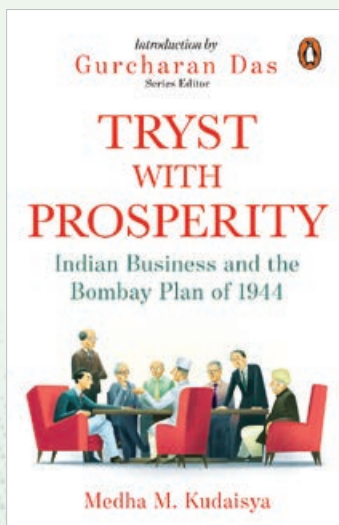


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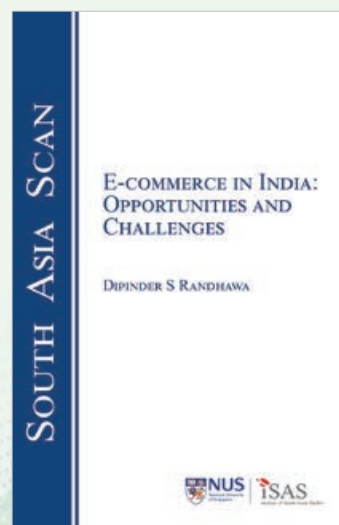


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133. **Sanchita Basu Das** "ASEAN-5 and its RCEP Priorities: Challenges and the Way Forward" in *Economic Integration in Asia: Key Prospects and Challenges with the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership*. Routledge (2019): 8
134. **Vo Tri Thanh** "Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership: Prospects and Implications for CLMV" in *Economic Integration in Asia: Key Prospects and Challenges with the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership*. Routledge (2019): 9
135. **Selim Raihan** "South Asia's Greater Integration in Asia: Looking Beyond the RCEP" in *Economic Integration in Asia: Key Prospects and Challenges with the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership*. Routledge (2019): 10
136. **Pranav Kumar and Jhanavi Tripathi** "Economic Integration in the Emergent Global Landscape: An Argument for Asian Integration" in *Economic Integration in Asia: Key Prospects and Challenges with the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership*. Routledge (2019): 11
137. **John Harriss and Andrew Wyatt** "Business and Politics: The Tamil Nadu Puzzle" in *Business and Politics in India*. Oxford University Press (2019): 9
138. **Amit Ranjan** "Hydel Power Projects under the CPEC: Prospects, Threats and Challenges" in *Pentagon Yearbook 2019: South Asia Defence and Strategic Perspective*. Pentagon Press (2019): 10

Selected Conference Papers and Workshop Presentations

Overseas Conferences and Workshops

1. **Iftekhhar Ahmed Chowdhury.** "The States of South Asia: A Current Politico-Strategic Overview" paper presented at the seminar on '*Emerging Trends in South Asian Politics*', Burki Institute of Public Policy in Lahore, 3 April 2017.
2. **Silvia Tieri.** "The Rise of Hindutva in India : A Perspective on the Recent UP Elections" paper presented at the seminar on '*Emerging Trends in South Asian Politics*', Burki Institute of Public Policy in Lahore, 3 April 2017.
3. **Sojin Shin.** "Ideas and Bureaucratic Politics in the Institutional Change of Foreign Direct Investment in India" paper presented at the *75th Annual Conference 'Politics of South Asia & India'*, The Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, USA, 6-9 April 2017.
4. **Taisha Grace Antony.** "The New Child Labour Law in India: Limits to a Legal Solution for a Structural Problem" paper presented at the *BASAS Annual Conference 2017 University of Nottingham* in UK, April 19-21 April 2017.
5. **Subrata Mitra.** "Regional Governance in India : A Preliminary Analysis of Bihar, Tripura and West Bengal" paper presented at the *International Conference 'Governance in India'*, Heidelberg University in Germany, 7-8 May 2017.
6. **Srikanth Thaliyakkattil.** "Christianity and Chinese Threat Perceptions of the Other during the Qing Dynasty" paper presented at the *International Workshop on 'Representation of External Threats in History'*, CCHS and CSIC in Madrid, Spain, 11-12 May 2017.
7. **P S Suryanarayana.** "China Acts 'Global', India Plays 'Local'" paper presented at the *Belt and Road Global Think Tank Forum*, CCIEE in Beijing, China, 14 May 2017.

8. **Ronojoy Sen.** "Celebratory Neutrality? : Lessons from Indian Constitutional Secularism" paper presented at the *International Conference on 'Civilisational Dialogue 2017'*, University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 16-17 May 2017.
9. **Amitendu Palit.** "TPP & Developing Countries: Implications & Challenges" paper presented at the *2nd Annual International Symposium on 'Development Studies and International Trade'*, ATINER in Athens, Greece, 22-25 May 2017.
10. **Dipinder S Randhawa.** "The Economic Spaces filled by Startups in India: A Public Policy Perspective" paper presented at the *22nd Eurasian Business and Economics Society Conference*, Rome, Italy, 24-26 May 2017.
11. **Dipinder S Randhawa.** "Demonetisation in India: A Bridge Too Far?" paper presented at the *22nd Eurasian Business and Economics Society Conference*, Rome, Italy, 24-26 May 2017.
12. **Deeparghya Mukherjee.** "Does Participation in Value Chains Imply Gains to Reduce Development Disparities?" - An Analysis of BRICS Economies" paper presented at the *27th International Conference 'Leading Issues in International Trade and Finance'*, IT&FA in Poznan, Poland, 31 May – 3 June 2017.
13. **Deeparghya Mukherjee.** "India as an Emerging Economy and Implications for Other Countries" paper presented as a *Guest Lecture*, University of Warsaw, Poland, 6-8 June 2017.
14. **Jivanta Schoettli.** "Developing a Framework for Collaborative Maritime Governance" paper presented at the *ISA International Conference 2017 'The Pacific Century?'*, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 15-18 June 2017.
15. **Srikanth Thaliyakkattil.** "Fight for the Soul of China: An Analysis of the Rise of Christianity in China and the Government's Efforts to Contain it" paper presented at the *ISA International Conference 2017 'The Pacific Century?'*, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, June 15-18 June 2017.
16. **Deeparghya Mukherjee.** "Services Traded for Intermediate and Final Usage : An Analysis of the Role of Services FTAs and Restrictions" paper presented at the *IAAE 2017 Conference*, Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan, 26-29 June 2017.
17. **Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy.** "Delhi-Hanoi Entente Cordiale: The Stamp of the 'Modi Doctrine'" paper presented at the *International Conference 'Emerging Horizons in India-Vietnam Relations'*, New Delhi, 3-4 July 2017.
18. **Ronojoy Sen.** "Protean Institution: The Impact of the Changing Composition of Parliament on Indian Democracy" paper presented at the *Tenth International Convention of Asian Scholars (ICAS)*, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 20-23 July 2017.
19. **Amitendu Pali.** "Emergence of Indo-Pacific as a Key Global Actor" paper presented at the *Kamenori Earth Youth Summit 2017 (KEYS 2017)*, CUHK, Hong Kong, 16-22 August 2017.
20. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Northeast India in India's 'Act-East Policy-Exploring Connectivity with Southeast Asia'" paper presented at the *International Conference on 'Multidisciplinary Research in Development of Social Science Research'*, Osaka, Japan, 28-29 August 2017.
21. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Japan in India's Act-East Policy" paper presented at the *Japan Forum for Strategic Studies*, Tokyo, Japan, 30 August 2017.

22. **Jivanta Schoettli.** "2nd Indian Ocean Conference: 'Peace, Progress and Prosperity'" paper presented at the *Pre-Conference Symposium of the 2nd Indian Ocean Conference*, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 31 August-1 September 01 2017.
23. **Srikanth Thaliyakkattil.** "Buddhism's Role in the Emerging International Relations of Asia" paper presented at the *Visiting Program for Young Sinologists 2017*, Shanghai, China, 3-23 September 2017.
24. **Amitendu Palit.** "India's Struggle with Jobs and Automation" paper presented at the *13th India Trilateral Forum*, Stockholm, Sweden, 15-16 September 2017.
25. **Ronojoy Sen.** "Inside Out: Evaluating the Committee System in India's Parliament" paper presented at the *30th Annual Conference of JASAS*, Tokyo, Japan, 23-24 September 2017.
26. **Subrata Mitra.** "The Ministry of Home Affairs and Intelligence in India" paper presented at the *International Conference on 'Exploring the Roots of India's Intelligence Culture'* IDSA Delhi, India, 5 October 2017.
27. **Amitendu Palit.** "Middle Powers and Regional Trade: TPP, RCEP and the Indian Perspective" paper presented at the *SSRI Conference on 'The Era of Uncertainty Leadership: East Asian Responses to a G-zero World and the role of Middle Powers'*, Tokyo, Japan, 19-21 October 2017.
28. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "ASEAN in India's 'Act-East Policy' – Analyzing Its Pivotal Role" paper presented at the *Autumn Convention of the Japan Association of Asian Studies*, Toyama, Japan, 21 October 2017.
29. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Identity Issues in ASSAM and the Rest of Northeast India" paper presented at the *Seminar at Gakushuin University*, Tokyo, Japan, 23 October 2017.
30. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Can Northeast India serve as a Bridge between India and the ASEAN?" paper presented at the *Tobunken-Seminar*, Tokyo, Japan, 24 October 2017.
31. **Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury.** "The Sharifs of Pakistan: How long can a House, Divided against Itself, Stand?" paper presented at *BIPP Workshop 'Pakistan at Seventy'*, Lahore, Pakistan, 25 October 2107.
32. **Sojin Shin.** "Japan's Development Cooperation in South Asia: a Shift toward a Neorealist and Neomercantilist Approach" paper presented at the *9th International Social Sciences and Technology Conference* Osaka, Japan, 3-6 November 2017.
33. **Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy.** "Modi's Neighbourhood Policy and China's Response" paper presented at the *International Conference and Workshop on 'Geopolitics of South Asia: India-China Relations and the Roles of Neighbouring Countries'*, Taichung, Taiwan, 10-11 November 2017.
34. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "India's Connectivity with Southeast Asia via Northeast India: Analysing the Problems and Prospects" paper presented at the *15th Asia Pacific Conference 2017*, Beppu, Japan, 11-12 November 2017.
35. **Amitendu Palit.** "Jobs in India" paper presented at the Workshop on *'Public Policy Making in India'*, The University of Sydney, Australia, 20 November 2017.
36. **Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy.** "Talking Point: India-ASEAN Cultural Fusion" paper presented at the *ASEAN-India Forum*, Manila, Philippines, 21 November 2017.
37. **Amitendu Palit.** "India after Three Years of Narendra Modi" paper presented at the *Australia India Institute Public Seminar*, Melbourne, Australia, 23 November 2017.
38. **Subrata Mitra.** "Integration and Anxiety in Modi's India" paper presented at the *Victoria University Lecture Series*, Wellington, New Zealand, 24 November 2017.

39. **Subrata Mitra.** "Intelligence and Order: the Ministry of Home Affairs, India, and Governance by Stealth" paper presented at the *22nd New Zealand Asian Studies Society International Conference*, Dunedin, New Zealand, 27-29 November 2017.
40. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "India-ASEAN Ties at 25: Parsing the Past and Mapping the Future" paper presented at the *International Conference on 'India-ASEAN Towards Greater Prosperity'*, Tirupati, India, 4-5 December 2017.
41. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Situating ASEAN in India's 'Act-East Policy'" paper presented at the *Regional Conclave on 'ASEAN@50 and India-ASEAN Relations'*, Bengaluru, India, 7-8 December 2017.
42. **Sojin Shin,** "East Asia's Foreign Aid to India's Infrastructure Sectors" paper presented at the *21st Indian Political Economy Association Conference*, IIT Delhi, India, 08-09 December 2017.
43. **Dipinder S Randhawa.** "Is a Shift from a Supply to a Demand Driven Skills Development System Inevitable?" paper presented at the *NSDC Seminar and Discussion*, Delhi, India, 14 December 2017.
44. **Ronojoy Sen.** "Narendra Modi and the Question of Populism" paper presented at the *57th All India Political Science Conference*, Chennai, India, 15-17 December 2017.
45. **Amitendu Palit.** "TPP & CPTPP: Looking at ISDS" paper presented at the *Workshop on 'Investor State Dispute Settlement'*, Delhi, India, 19 December 2017.
46. **Dipinder S Randhawa.** "Services Trade and Investment: Impediments and Potential in ASEAN – India Engagement" paper presented at the *5th round of ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks*, Bali, Indonesia, 6-7 January 2018.
47. **Amitendu Palit.** "Indo-Pacific Connectivity Projects: Lessons from China's Belt and Road" paper presented at the *Workshop on 'The Evolving Strategic Dynamics of the Indo-Pacific'*, Griffith Asia Institute, Brisbane, Australia, 5-6 February 2018.
48. **Jivanta Schoettli.** "India's Oceanic Outreach and Maritime Governance in the Indian Ocean" paper presented at the *Workshop on 'Indian Foreign Policy and Foreign Policy Analysis'*, SOAS, University of London, UK, 27-28 February 2018.
49. **Rahul Nath Choudhury.** "FDI Inflows in SAARC Countries: Role of Institutional Variables" paper presented at the *Conference of TIES*, Katra, Jammu, India, 7-9 March 2018.
50. **Rani D Mullen.** "Indian Development Cooperation in the Bay of Bengal Region: Ports and Infrastructure Investments as the Engine of Growth?" paper presented at the *Trincomalee Consultations 2018: Secure and Safe Bay of Bengal for Common Development and Prosperity*, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 27 March 2018.
51. **Ronojoy Sen.** "An Evaluation of Indian Parliament" paper presented at the *3rd Asia-Pacific Public Policy Network Annual Conference*, Beijing, China, 31 March 31 – 1 April 2018.
52. **Amitendu Palit.** "Sagarmala: Success Prospects and Regulatory Challenges" paper presented at the Workshop on *'Port and Coastal Infrastructure'*, Vishakhapatnam, India, 3-4 April 2018.
53. **Rani D Mullen.** "India and the World Bank Today: A Mutual Dependency?" paper presented at the *International Studies Association's Annual Conference*, San Francisco, USA, 3-7 April 2018.
54. **Taisha Grace Antony.** "Political Market Imperfections and the Incentives for the Provision of Social Services: A case study of Kerala and Uttar Pradesh" paper presented at the *BASAS Annual Conference 2018*, Exeter, UK, 18-20 April 2018.
55. **Amitendu Palit.** "Asia-Pacific Connectivity and the Challenge of Inclusive Development" paper presented at the *China-Australia Cooperation Forum: Promoting Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region*, Fuzhou, China, 11-12 May 2018.

56. **Pravin Jadhav and Rahul Nath Choudhury.** "Determinants of Public – Private Partnership in Infrastructure: Empirical Evidences from India" paper presented at the *First International Conference on Innovations in Infrastructure*, Ahmedabad, India, 18-19 May.
57. **Roshni Kapur.** "Reconciliation in Sri Lanka: the 'Principled Negotiation' approach" paper presented at the *Global Peace Studies Conference 2018*, Vienna, Austria, 8-29 May 2018.
58. **Amitendu Palit.** "Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP): Structure, Scope and Possibilities" paper presented at the *Commonwealth Consultation on 'Multilateral, Regional and Emerging Trade Issues for Asia'*, New Delhi, India, 5-6 June 2018.
59. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Why Northeast India is Important for Japan-India Relations?" paper presented at the *2018 Spring Convention of the Japan Association for Asian Studies*, Tokyo, Japan, 9-10 June 2018.
60. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "ASEAN-India Connectivity through Northeast India" paper presented at the *Research Meeting in IDE-JETRO*, Tokyo, Japan, 11 June 2018.
61. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "India and the OBOR (One Belt One Road): What's at Stake" paper presented at the *Seminar on International Relations*, Tokyo, Japan, 12 June 2018.
62. **Amitendu Palit.** 2018, "Probable Elements of a Potential Indo-UK FTA" paper presented at the *University of Portsmouth-ISAS Conference at Portsmouth on 'India-UK Economic and Regulatory Perspectives'*, Portsmouth, UK, 14-15 June 2018.
63. **Srikanth Thaliyakkattil.** "International Relations with Chinese Characteristics: A Study of China's Engagement with South Asian Countries" paper presented at the *Asia Dynamics Initiative Conference*, Copenhagen, Denmark, 18-20 June 2018.
64. **Jivanta Schoettli.** "Analysing Change and Continuity in India's Foreign Policy" paper presented at the *Seminar Series of the Ireland India Institute*, Dublin, Ireland, 19-20 June 2018.
65. **C Raja Mohan.** "India-China Relations in a World of Disruption" paper presented at the *Institute of Chinese Studies and Shanghai Institute of International Studies High-Level Dialogue*, Shanghai, China, 21-22 June 2018.
66. **Iqbal Singh Sevea.** "Evoking the Qawm: Humor, Ballads and Subjecthood in Elections" paper presented at the *Association of Asian Studies Conference*, New Delhi, India, 05-08 July 2018.
67. **Rani D Mullen.** "China and India in Afghanistan: A long-term Strategic Loss for Afghanistan or a Win-Win for All?" paper presented at the Talk delivered at *The Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Conflict and Violence (IKG)*, Bielefeld, Germany, 9 July 2018.
68. **Rani D Mullen.** "Indian Development Cooperation: A Game Changer?" paper presented at the *Colloquium series of Institute of Political Sciences*, Heidelberg, Germany, 12 July 2018.
69. **C Raja Mohan.** "India, the Indo-Pacific and the BRI" paper presented at the *Seventh World Peace Forum*, Beijing, China, 14-15 July 2018.
70. **Rani D Mullen.** "Indian Development Cooperation: Launch of IDCR Database & Analysis of Trends" paper presented at the *Seminar Talk at the Center for Policy Research (CPR)*, New Delhi, India, 19 July 2018.
71. **C Raja Mohan.** "India and ASEAN in a Changing World" paper presented at the *Delhi Dialogue X*, New Delhi, India, 19-20 July 2018.
72. **Silvia Tieri.** "Development Cooperation in the Globalized World: the Case of India" paper presented at the *2018 Global Studies Conference*, Granada, Spain, 30-31 July 2018.

73. **Rani D Mullen.** "Indian Development Assistance and Economic Diplomacy in the South Pacific Region" paper presented at the *International Symposium 'Looking at India from the South Pacific'*, Wellington, New Zealand, 27-28 August 2018.
74. **Ronojoy Sen.** "India's Second Dominant Party System?: Looking Ahead to 2019" paper presented at the *International Symposium 'Looking at India from the South Pacific'*, Wellington, New Zealand, 27-28 August 2018.
75. **Rani D Mullen.** "Economic Networking, Challenges and Mechanisms" paper presented at the *International Conference 'Promoting a Free and Open Indo-Pacific Region'*, Taipei, Taiwan, 29-31 August 2018.
76. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Emerging Ties between India, Vietnam and Japan: Prospects and Challenges" paper presented at the *International Conference on 'India's Rise and Its Impact on Regional Security Structure'*, Hanoi, Vietnam, 20 September 2018.
77. **Sojin Shin.** "South Korea's Development Cooperation in South Asia: Ideas, Implementation and Implications" paper presented at the *9th Korea-SAARC Partnership Seminar*, Seoul, Korea, 20 September 2018.
78. **Sojin Shin.** "East Asian Technical Cooperation in Foreign Aid to South Asia" paper presented at the *New York Conference on Asian Studies*, Rochester, New York, 22 September 2018.
79. **C Raja Mohan.** "Asia-Driven Security Architecture for the Gulf" paper presented at the *Symposium on 'Emirates-Asian Relations: Strategic Tasks'*, Abu Dhabi, UAE, 24 September 2018.
80. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Exploring Cultural and Geopolitical Contiguity between India and the Asean Region" paper presented at the *World Social Science Forum 2018*, Fukuoka, Japan, 25-28 September 2018.
81. **Ronojoy Sen.** "Evaluating Indian Parliament" paper presented at the *Annual Congress of Asian Political and International Studies Association*, Bandung, Indonesia, 5-6 October 2018.
82. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Mahatma Gandhi's Vision and Japan's Contribution to Conflict Resolution" paper presented at the *International Conference on Mahatma Gandhi's Vision and Contemporary Political Leadership in North East India*, Meghalaya, India, 05-06 October 2018.
83. **Sojin Shin.** "India-Korea's Bilateral Economic Relationship: Ideas, Implementation and Implications" paper presented at the *Seminar on 'Emerging Korea-India Relations: Convergence of India's Act East Policy and Korea's New Southern Policy'*, New Delhi, India, 16 October 2018.
84. **Chulanee Attanayake.** "Politics of Transboundary Investment – Case of Sri Lanka" paper presented at the *International Symposium on Sustainable Infrastructure*, Fuzhou, China, 22-23 October 2018.
85. **Jivanta Schoettli.** "Maritime Governance in South Asia – what the International Maritime Organisation can do" paper presented at the *Galle Dialogue 2018*, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 22-23 October 2018.
86. **Chulanee Attanayake.** "The Social and Environmental Impact of BRI and Learnings for a Sustainable Future" paper presented at the *Roundtable 'Chinese Outbound Investment and BRI in Sri Lanka'*, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1 November 2018.
87. **Jivanta Schoettli.** "India, Maritime Governance and the Indo-Pacific" paper presented at the Workshop 'A New Regional Order with Global Implications? Exploring the Future of the Indo-Pacific Partnership', Lund, Sweden, 7-8 November 2018.
88. **Amitendu Palit.** "The United States' Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy: Challenges for India and Japan" paper presented at the Workshop 'A New Regional Order with Global Implications? Exploring the Future of the Indo-Pacific Partnership', Lund, Sweden, 7-8 November 2018.

89. **Rani D Mullen.** "Indian Aid Diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific" paper presented at the Workshop 'A New Regional Order with Global Implications? Exploring the Future of the Indo-Pacific Partnership', Lund, Sweden, 7-8 November 2018.
90. **Diego Maiorano.** "Measuring Empowerment: Choice, Value and Norms" paper presented at the *Sustainability and Development Conference*, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 9-11 November 2018.
91. **Rani D Mullen.** "Indian Development Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific and Its Challenges" paper presented at the Public Panel Discussion on *India and the Indo-Pacific: Trade, Aid and Security*, New Delhi, India, 12 December 2018.
92. **Rahul Nath Choudhury.** "Foreign Direct Investment in India and Pakistan: Potential Sectors for Bilateral Investment" paper presented at the *Sixth IIFT Conference on Empirical Issues in International Trade and Finance*, New Delhi, India, 13-14 December 2018.
93. **Dipinder S Randhawa.** "The Impact and Potential of E-commerce in India" paper presented at the *Office of Sr Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce* New Delhi, India, 14 December 2018.
94. **Amitendu Palit.** "Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) in Andhra Pradesh: Towards Sustainable and Profitable Farming" paper presented at the *Meetings at the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board*, Vijayawada, India, 28 December 2018.
95. **Geraldine Heng.** "Worlding the World, Traveling the World: The Literatures of the Global Middle Ages" paper presented at the *2019 MLA Convention*, Chicago, USA, 3-6 January 2019.
96. **Amitendu Palit.** "Farm Loan Waivers in India: Bad Economics, Poor Politics" paper presented at the *Keyword Lecture on Governance* Melbourne, Australia, 5 February 2019.
97. **Diego Maiorano.** "Does India's Employment Guarantee Empower Women and Dalits?" paper presented at the *Talk at the School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University*, Bengaluru, India, 14 February 2019.
98. **Rupakjyoti Borah.** "Japan-India Cooperation in the Infrastructure Sector in Northeast India" paper presented at the *International Conference on 'India and Japan: Growing Partnerships and Opportunities for Co-operation'* Kochi, India, 26-27 February 2019.
99. **Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury.** "A Study of Values in Foreign Policy: Is There a West-East Dichotomy in Our Times?" paper presented at the *Conference on Values in Foreign Policy* New Delhi, India, 1-2 March 2019.
100. **Rahul Nath Choudhury.** "Determinants of Foreign Investment in Indian E-Commerce Sector" paper presented at the *International Conference on E-commerce and Its Linkages with Services and Investment* New Delhi, India, 7-8 March 2019.
101. **Rani D Mullen.** "ASEAN: Exploring Possible Trilateral Cooperation" paper presented at the *Carnegie-India Conference on India-Japan-ASEAN: Promoting Stability in the Indo-Pacific* New Delhi, India, 13 March 2019.

Local Conferences and Workshops

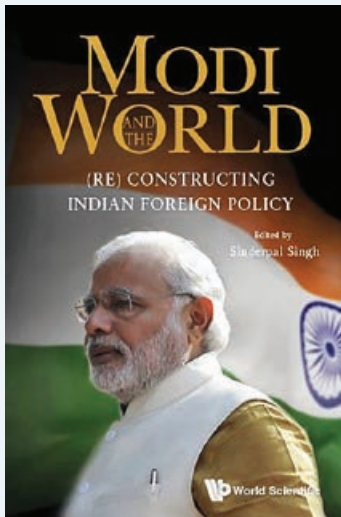
1. **Ajoy Bose.** "Mayawati" paper presented at 'The State of Uttar Pradesh: Why UP and State Elections Matter', UNDP Auditorium, Singapore, 12 April 2017.
2. **Tri Thanh Vo.** "The RCEP: Prospects and Implications for CLMV" paper presented at the Workshop 'Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.

3. **Pranav Kumar.** "The New Emerging Scenario on Global Trading Landscape: Its Impact on Asian Integration" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.
4. **Sachin Chaturvedi.** "Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.
5. **Selim Raihan.** "South Asia's Greater Integration in Asia and RCEP: The Bangladesh Perspective" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.
6. **Wang Heng.** "The Legal Issues of RCEP Investment Rules: A Sino-ASEAN Perspective" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.
7. **Deborah Elms.** "State of Play in RCEP" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.
8. **Amitendu Palit.** "NTBs in RCEP: Barriers to a High Quality Agreement" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.
9. **Sanchita Basu Das.** "An ASEAN Perspective in Relevance and Challenges to RCEP" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.
10. **Rajan Sudesh Ratna.** "The Rules of Origin which will facilitate Intra-Regional Value Chains in RCEP" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, Southeast Asia and Asia Pacific*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 3 August 2017.
11. **Hideaki Kaneda.** "India-Japan Maritime Cooperation for Regional Maritime Security" paper presented at the Workshop on '*India, Japan and South Korea: Political and Economic Cooperation*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 25 September 2018.
12. **Satoru Nagao.** "Does India Matter? : The View from Japan" paper presented at the Workshop on '*India, Japan and South Korea: Political and Economic Cooperation*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 25 September 2018.
13. **Kojima Eitaro.** "Japanese Companies' Views on India: Understanding Trade and Investment between India and Japan" paper presented at the Workshop on '*India, Japan and South Korea: Political and Economic Cooperation*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 25 September 2018.
14. **Cho Choongjae.** "Modinomics and Korea-India Economic Cooperation: Comparison between Korea and Japan in India, the Next China" paper presented at the Workshop on '*India, Japan and South Korea: Political and Economic Cooperation*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 25 September 2018.
15. **Park Samyuel.** "Infinite Challenge for India: A Success Story for Hyundai Motor India" paper presented at the Workshop on '*India, Japan and South Korea: Political and Economic Cooperation*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 25 September 2018.

16. **Yonghong Dai.** "China-Myanmar Economic Corridor under OBOR: The Effect of "Mutual Benefits" paper presented at the Workshop on '*The Belt and Road Initiative – Politics, Potentials and Partnerships*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 29 January 2018.
17. **Jayanath Colombage.** "Understanding Political and Security Issues: Border and Territorial Issues, Geostrategic and Maritime Security Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific Oceans" paper presented at the Workshop on '*The Belt and Road Initiative – Politics, Potentials and Partnerships*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 29 January 2018.
18. **Siriwardena Luxman.** "South Asia's Economic Progress and the Potentials of BRI" paper presented at the Workshop on '*The Belt and Road Initiative – Politics, Potentials and Partnerships*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 29 January 2018.
19. **Subrata Mitra.** "Political Intelligence, the Ministry of Home Affairs and Governance in India" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Security and Governance in South Asia*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 9 March 2018.
20. **Ajay K Mehra.** "'Revolution', Governance and Security: India's Seven Decade-Old Policy Predicament" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Security and Governance in South Asia*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 9 March 2018.
21. **Dilara Choudhury.** "The Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh: Security, Governance and Solidarity" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Security and Governance in South Asia*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 9 March 2018.
22. **Sinharaja Tammita-Delgoda.** "Sri Lanka: The Politics of Imbalance, External Pressures and Domestic Reverberations, A Deeply Unbalancing Act" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Security and Governance in South Asia*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 9 March 2018.
23. **Lu, Yang.** 2018, "Security and Development in South Asia: the Role of China" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Security and Governance in South Asia*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 9 March 2018.
24. **Partha S Ghosh.** "Porous Borders and Migrations" paper presented at the Workshop on '*Security and Governance in South Asia*', Institute of South Asian Studies in Singapore, 9 March 2018.
25. **Sanjeev Sanyal.** "India's Trade Strategy in the Next Decade" paper presented at the 12th ISAS International Conference on South Asia, Singapore, 6 April 2018.
26. **Dushni Weerakoon.** "Sri Lanka: Post-war Economic Development in a Changing Global Landscape" paper presented at the 12th ISAS International Conference on South Asia, Singapore, 6 April 2018.
27. **Hussain Haqqani.** "South Asia under The Shadow of Jihad: Terrorism as a Factor in South Asian Regional Cooperation" paper presented at the 12th ISAS International Conference on South Asia, Singapore, 6 April 2018.
28. **P S Raghavan.** "Rescuing South Asian Security from Zero-sum Paradigms" paper presented at the 12th ISAS International Conference on South Asia, Singapore, 6 April 2018.
29. **Ayesha Jalal.** "The Paradigmatic Partition? The Pakistan Demand Revisited" paper presented at the ISAS-MEI Workshop on "*Reflections on the Partition of India and Palestine after 70 years*", Singapore, 15 August 2018.
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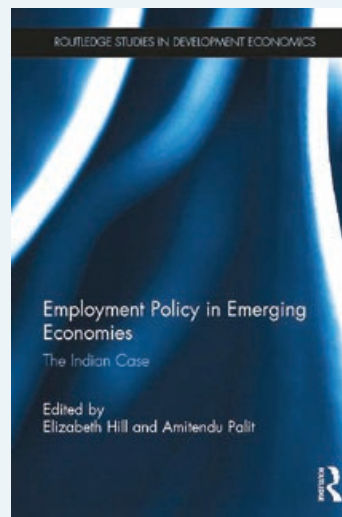


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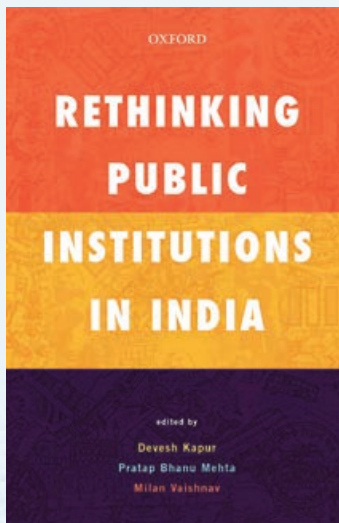


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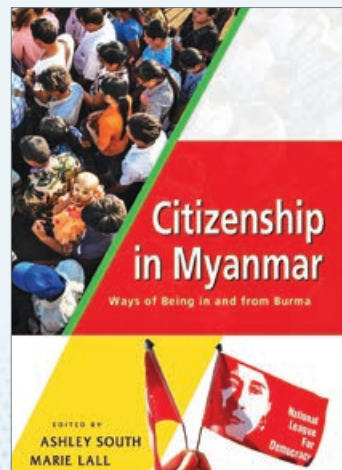


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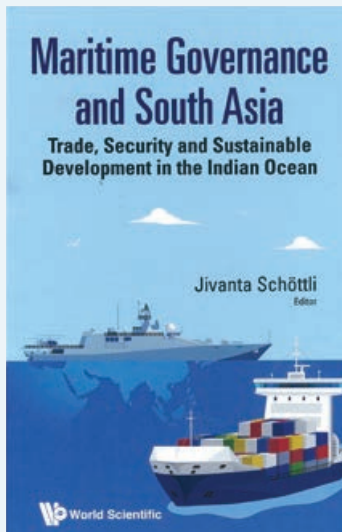


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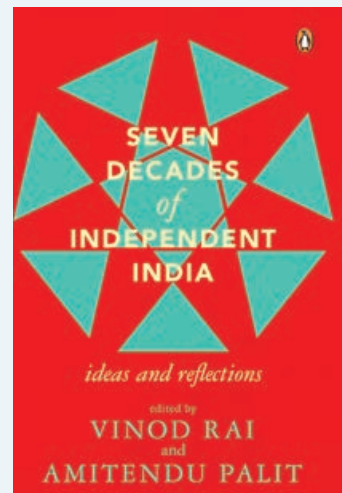


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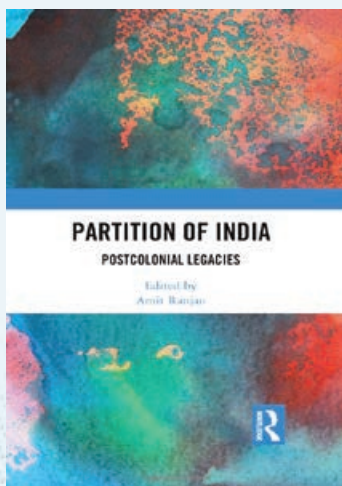


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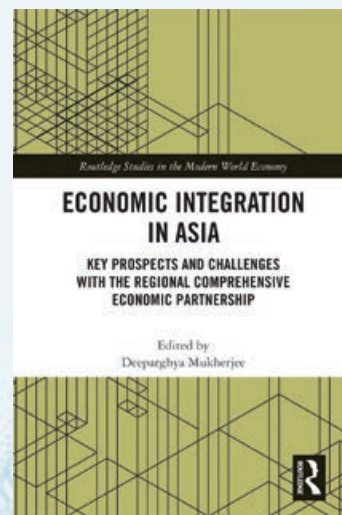


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Copenhagen, Denmark

18-20 June 2018

GERMANY**Dr Rani D Mullen**

The Colloquium series of Institute of
Political Sciences Heidelberg, Germany

12 July 2018

Dr Rani D Mullen, 2018

The Institute for Interdisciplinary Research
on Conflict and Violence (IKG) Bielefeld,
Germany

9 July 2018

Dr Subrata Mitra

The International Conference 'Governance
in India' Heidelberg University in Germany

7-8 May 2017

GREECE**Dr Amitendu Palit**

The 2nd Annual International Symposium
on Development Studies and International
Trade ATINER in Athens, Greece

22-25 May 2017

HONG KONG**Dr Amitendu Palit**

The Kamenori Earth Youth Summit 2017
(KEYS 2017) CUHK, Hong Kong

16-22 August 2017

Dr Jivanta Schoettli

ISA International Conference 2017 'The
Pacific Century?' University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong

15-18 June 2017

Dr Srikanth Thaliyakkattil

ISA International Conference 2017 'The
Pacific Century?' University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong

15-18 June 2017

INDIA**Dr Diego Maiorano**

The Talk at the School of Policy and
Governance, Azim Premji University
Bengaluru, India

14 February 2019

Dr Amitendu Palit

The Meetings at the Andhra Pradesh
Economic Development Board
Vijayawada, India

28 December 2018

Dr Rahul Nath Choudhury

The Sixth IIFT Conference on Empirical
Issues in International Trade and Finance
New Delhi, India

13-14 December 2018

Dr Rani D Mullen

The Public Panel Discussion on India and
the Indo-Pacific: Trade, Aid and Security
New Delhi, India

12 December 2018

Dr Sojin Shin

The Seminar on 'Emerging Korea-India
Relations: Convergence of India's Act East
Policy and Korea's New Southern Policy'
New Delhi, India

16 October 2018

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The International Conference on Mahatma
Gandhi's Vision and Contemporary
Political Leadership in North East India
Meghalaya, India

5-6 October 2018

Professor C Raja

The Delhi Dialogue X New Delhi, India

19-20 July 2018

Dr Rani D Mullen

The Seminar Talk at the Center for Policy Research (CPR) New Delhi, India

19 July 2018

Dr Iqbal Singh Sevea

The Association of Asian Studies Conference New Delhi, India

5-8 July 2018

Dr Amitendu Palit

The Commonwealth Consultation on 'Multilateral, Regional and Emerging Trade Issues for Asia' New Delhi, India

5-6 June 2018

Dr Rahul Nath Choudhury

The First International Conference on Innovations in Infrastructure Ahmedabad, India

18-19 May 2018

Dr Amitendu Palit

'Port and Coastal Infrastructure' Vishakhapatnam, India

3-4 April 2018

Dr Rahul Nath Choudhury

The Conference of TIES Katra, Jammu, India

7-9 March 2018

Dr Amitendu Palit

'Investor State Dispute Settlement' Delhi, India

19 December 2017

Dr Ronojoy Sen

The 57th All India Political Science Conference Chennai, India

15-17 December 2017

Dr Dipinder S Randhawa

The NSDC Seminar and Discussion Delhi, India

14 December 2017

Dr Sojin Shin

The 21st Indian Political Economy Association Conference IIT Delhi, India

8-9 December 2017

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The Regional Conclave on 'ASEAN@50 and India-ASEAN Relations' Bengaluru, India

7-8 December 2017

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The International Conference on 'India-ASEAN Towards Greater Prosperity' Tirupati, India

4-5 December 2017

Dr Subrata Mitra

The International Conference on 'Exploring the Roots of India's Intelligence Culture' IDSA Delhi, India

5 October 2017

Mr Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy

The International Conference 'Emerging Horizons in India-Vietnam Relations' New Delhi

3-4 July 2017

INDONESIA**Dr Ronojoy Sen**

The Annual Congress of Asian Political and International Studies Association Bandung, Indonesia

5-6 October 2018

Dr Dipinder S Randhawa

The 5th round of ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks Bali, Indonesia

6-7 January 2018

ITALY**Dr Dipinder S Randhawa**

The 22nd Eurasian Business and Economics Society Conference Rome, Italy

24-26 May 2017

IRELAND**Dr Jivanta Schoettli**

The Seminar Series of the Ireland India Institute Dublin, Ireland

19-20 June 2018

JAPAN**Dr Rupakjyoti Borah**

The World Social Science Forum 2018 Fukuoka, Japan

25-28 September 2018

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The Seminar on International Relations Tokyo, Japan

12 June 2018

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The Research Meeting in IDE-JETRO Tokyo, Japan

11 June 2018

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The 2018 Spring Convention of the Japan Association for Asian Studies Tokyo, Japan

9-10 June 2018

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The 15th Asia Pacific Conference 2017 Beppu, Japan

11-12 November 2017

Dr Sojin Shin

The 9th International Social Sciences and Technology Conference Osaka, Japan

3-6 November 2017

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The Tobunken-Seminar Tokyo, Japan

24 October 2017

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

Gakushuin University Tokyo, Japan

23 October 2017

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The Autumn Convention of the Japan Association of Asian Studies Toyama, Japan

21 October 2017

Dr Amitendu Palit

The SSRI Conference on 'The Era of Uncertainty Leadership: East Asian Responses to a G-zero World and the role of Middle Powers' Tokyo, Japan

19-21 October 2017

Dr Ronojoy Sen

The 30th Annual Conference of JASAS Tokyo, Japan

23-24 September 2017

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The Japan Forum for Strategic Studies Tokyo, Japan

30 August 2017

Dr Rupakjyoti Borah

The International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research in Development of Social Science Research Osaka, Japan

28-29 August 2017

Dr Deeparghya Mukherjee

The IAAE 2017 Conference Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan

26-29 June 2017

MALAYSIA**Dr Ronojoy Sen**

The International Conference on Civilisational Dialogue 2017, University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

16-17 May 2017

NEW ZEALAND**Dr Rani D Mullen**

The International Symposium 'Looking at India from the South Pacific' Wellington, New Zealand

27-28 August 2018

Dr Ronojoy Sen

The International Symposium 'Looking at India from the South Pacific' Wellington, New Zealand

27-28 August 2018

Dr Subrata Mitra

The 22nd New Zealand Asian Studies Society International Conference Dunedin, New Zealand

27-29 November 2017

Dr Subrata Mitra

The Victoria University Lecture Series Wellington, New Zealand

24 November 2017

PAKISTAN**Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury**

BIPP Workshop 'Pakistan at Seventy' Lahore, Pakistan

25 October 2017

Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury

The Seminar 'Emerging Trends in South Asian Politics' Burki Institute of Public Policy in Lahore, Pakistan

3 April 2017

Ms Silvia Tieri

The Seminar 'Emerging Trends in South Asian Politics' Burki Institute of Public Policy in Lahore, Pakistan

3 April 2017

PHILIPPINES**Mr Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy**

The ASEAN-India Forum Manila, Philippines

21 November 2017

POLAND**Dr Deeparghya Mukherjee**

Guest Lecture University of Warsaw, Poland

6-8 June 2017

Dr Deeparghya Mukherjee

The 27th International Conference 'Leading Issues in International Trade and Finance' IT&FA in Poznan, Poland

31 May – 3 June 2017

SOUTH KOREA**Dr Sojin Shin**

The 9th Korea-SAARC Partnership Seminar Seoul, Korea

20 September 2018

SPAIN**Ms Silvia Tieri**

The 2018 Global Studies Conference Granada, Spain

30-31 July 2018

Dr Srikanth Thaliyakkattil

The International Workshop on 'Representation of External Threats in History' CCHS and CSIC in Madrid, Spain

11-12 May 2017

SRI LANKA**Dr Chulanee Attanayake**

The Roundtable 'Chinese Outbound Investment and BRI in Sri Lanka' Colombo, Sri Lanka

1 November 2018

Dr Jivanta Schoettli

The Galle Dialogue 2018 Colombo, Sri Lanka

22-23 October 2018

Dr Rani D Mullen

The Trincomalee Consultations 2018:
Secure and Safe Bay of Bengal for
Common Development and Prosperity
Colombo, Sri Lanka

27 March 2018

Dr Jivanta Schoettli

The Pre-Conference Symposium of the
2nd Indian Ocean Conference Colombo,
Sri Lanka

31 August – 1 September 2017

SWEDEN**Dr Jivanta Schoettli**

'A New Regional Order with Global
Implications? Exploring the Future of the
Indo-Pacific Partnership' Lund, Sweden

7-8 November 2018

Dr Amitendu Palit

'A New Regional Order with Global
Implications? Exploring the Future of the
Indo-Pacific Partnership' Lund, Sweden

7-8 November 2018

Dr Rani D Mullen

'A New Regional Order with Global
Implications? Exploring the Future of the
Indo-Pacific Partnership' Lund, Sweden

7-8 November 2018

Dr Amitendu Palit

The 13th India Trilateral Forum Stockholm,
Sweden

15-16 September 2017

TAIWAN**Dr Rani D Mullen**

The International Conference 'Promoting a
Free and Open Indo-Pacific Region' Taipei,
Taiwan

29-31 August 2018

Mr Rajeev Ranjan Chaturvedy

The International Conference and
Workshop on 'Geopolitics of South Asia:
India-China Relations and the Roles of
Neighbouring Countries' Taichung, Taiwan

10-11 November 2017

THAILAND**Dr Ronojoy Sen**

The Tenth International Convention of
Asian Scholars (ICAS) Chiang Mai, Thailand

20-23 July 2017

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**Professor C Raja Mohan**

The Symposium on 'Emirates-Asian
Relations: Strategic Tasks' Abu Dhabi,
United Arab Emirates

24 September 2018

UNITED KINGDOM**Dr Amitendu Palit**

The University of Portsmouth-ISAS
Conference at Portsmouth on 'India-UK
Economic and Regulatory Perspectives'
Portsmouth, United Kingdom

14-15 June 2018

Ms Taisha Grace Antony

The BASAS Annual Conference 2018
Exeter, United Kingdom

18-20 April 2018

Dr Jivanta Schoettli

'Indian Foreign Policy and Foreign Policy
Analysis' SOAS, University of London,
United Kingdom

27-28 February 2018

Ms Taisha Grace Antony

The BASAS Annual Conference 2017
University of Nottingham in United
Kingdom

19-21 April 2017

UNITED STATES**Dr Geraldine Heng**

The 2019 MLA Convention Chicago,
United States

3-6 January 2019

Dr Diego Maiorano

The Sustainability and Development
Conference Ann Arbor, Michigan,
United States

9-11 November 2018

Dr Sojin Shin

The New York Conference on Asian
Studies Rochester, New York,
United States

22 September 2018

Dr Rani D Mullen

The International Studies Association's
Annual Conference San Francisco,
United States

3-7 April 2018

Dr Sojin Shin

The 75th Annual Conference 'Politics of
South Asia & India' The Midwest Political
Science Association in Chicago, United
States

6-9 April 2017

VIETNAM**Dr Rupakjyoti Borah**

The International Conference on 'India's
Rise and Its Impact on Regional Security
Structure' Hanoi, Vietnam

20 September 2018

Memoranda of Understanding

ISAS collaborates with think tanks, academic institutions, business, industry, private and public organisations and the community, locally and internationally, to achieve its mission of studying contemporary South Asia. These partnerships bring invaluable expertise, perspectives and resources to ISAS and our partnering institutions and organisations.

Between the financial periods of 2017/18 and 2018/19, ISAS signed memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with seven research institutions.



Asian Development Research Institute

Bihar, India

ISAS renewed its MoU with the Asian Development Research Institute (ADRI) during a joint roundtable discussion in Singapore between the two research institutes on 'Political Economy of Development in Eastern India', on 25 October 2017. Based in Patna, Bihar in India, ADRI is dedicated to research on social sciences. As part of the one-year renewed MoU, ISAS and ADRI will look into identifying opportunities for exchanges and cooperation in joint research, consultation and development in disciplines of mutual interest.

Centre for South Asian Studies Kathmandu, Nepal

ISAS signed a two-year MoU with the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) on 21 August 2017. CSAS is an independent, non-political, secular, research think-tank based in the capital city of Nepal. The research institute is a convener of the Consortium of South Asian Think Tanks. Under the MoU, the two institutes will work together in a number of research areas, including organising and participating in joint, bilateral and multilateral scholarly events such as seminars, conferences and workshops of mutual benefit.





Institute of Strategic and International Studies

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

ISAS renewed its MoU with the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) for a period of three years, retrospective from 21 January 2018.

ISIS is an autonomous, not-for-profit research organisation which has a diverse research focus on areas including economics, foreign policy, security studies, nation-building, social policy, technology, innovation and environmental studies.

As part of the MoU, ISAS and ISIS will promote and support activities that contribute to a better understanding of the relations between South Asia, Singapore and Malaysia.

The MoU will also facilitate the exchange of visits by eminent persons in the fields of diplomacy, culture, economy and trade, education, international relations, sciences, social sciences, communication and the media between the two countries, and identify opportunities and cooperation in other research areas of mutual interest.



Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

Colombo, Sri Lanka

ISAS renewed its MoU with the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) at the second ISAS Colombo Colloquium held in the capital city of Sri Lanka on 23 January 2018. The signing of the two-year agreement was witnessed by Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry), Mr S Iswaran, who had earlier delivered the keynote address at the Colloquium themed 'Singapore and Sri Lanka: Partners in a Fast Growing Region'. The MoU was signed between the chairmen of the two institutes,

Ambassador Gopinath Pillai (ISAS) and Professor Razeen Sally (IPS). The ISAS Colombo Colloquium 2018 was held against the historic signing of the free trade agreement between Singapore and Sri Lanka by the prime ministers of the two countries, in Colombo.

IPS is an autonomous institution that aims to contribute to socio-economic development through high quality, policy-oriented economic research. The renewed agreement between the two research institutes will see collaboration in several key areas, including regional political and socio-economic developments, and other related research themes.



Brookings Institution India Center (Brookings India)

New Delhi, India

ISAS renewed its MoU with Brookings India on 28 June 2018. Established in 2013, Brookings India serves as a platform for independent, policy-relevant research and analysis on the opportunities and challenges facing India and the world. As part of the MoU, ISAS and Brookings India will focus their research collaborations, among others, on international trade and economics; India-China comparative studies; India's and Singapore's/Southeast Asia's strategic and political interface with each other and key countries of Northeast Asia, and India's energy security and options for fossil fuels and non-traditional sources.

Pathfinder Foundation

Colombo, Sri Lanka

ISAS and Pathfinder Foundation (PF) signed a two-year MoU on 22 November 2018. PF is an independent think tank committed to the promotion of Track II initiative. As part of the MoU, ISAS and PF will undertake, after consultation, joint research programmes on issues of common concern, and facilitate scholarly events such as seminars, conferences and workshops of mutual benefit.

The Emirates Policy Center

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

ISAS signed a two-year MoU with the Emirates Policy Center (EPC) on 18 March 2019. The EPC is an independent think tank based in Abu Dhabi, aimed at providing strategic analyses and modelling to UAE decision-makers with accurate insight concerning the security of the UAE in its regional and international contexts. The MoU will identify opportunities for exchanges and cooperation in joint research, consultation and development in the disciplines of mutual interest, and regional cooperation, with particular focus on India/South Asia and the Gulf security; South Asian temporary labour migration in the Middle East, major power relations and the Middle East.





Events

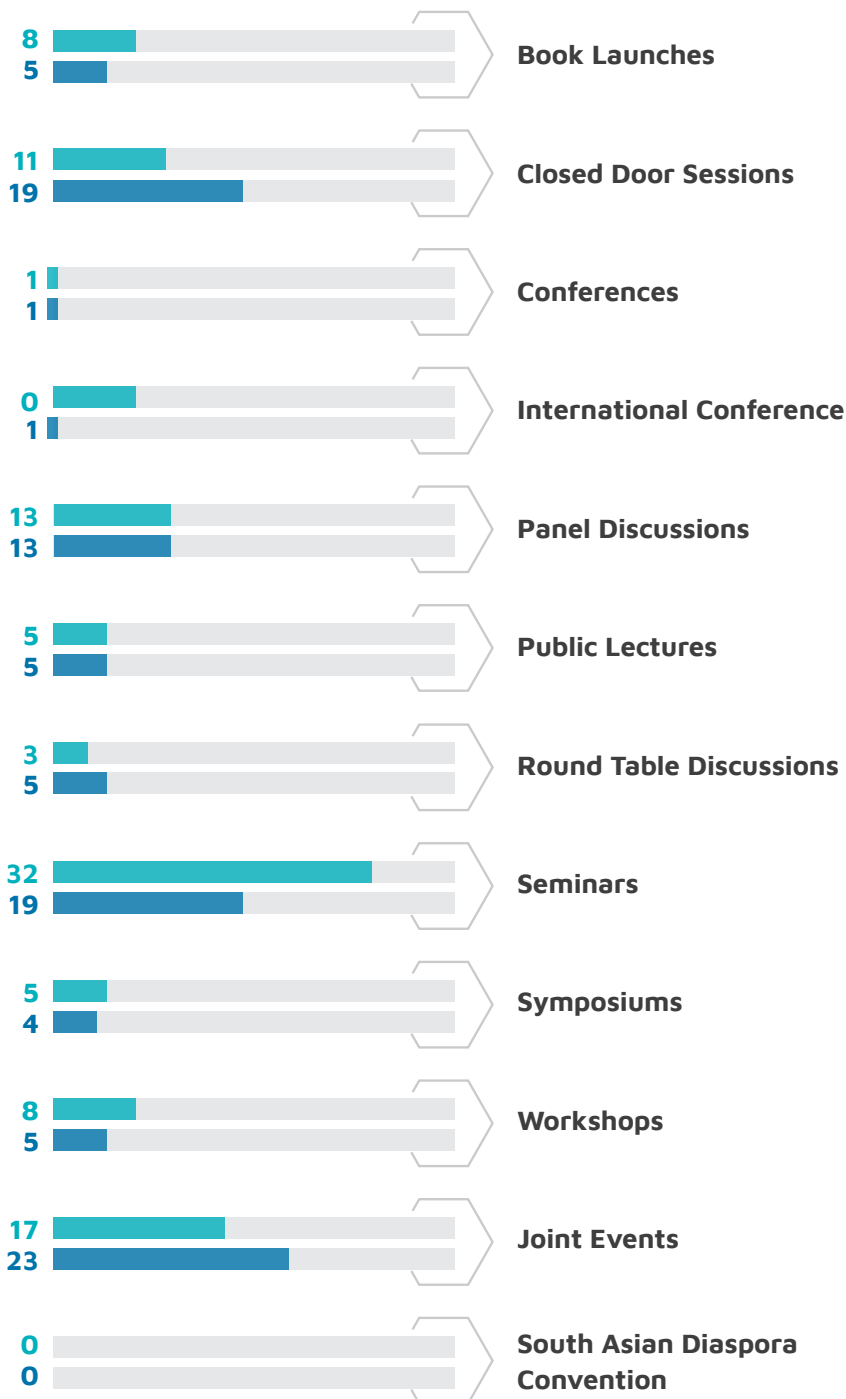
Focusing on the five broad research areas, events of the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) act as important platforms to create a more in-depth understanding of issues relating to South Asia and beyond. At the same time, these events aim to create a greater awareness among Singaporeans on socio-economic and political developments in the South Asian countries. Lastly, these events help to generate discussions and research on the key developments.

In FY2017/2018 and FY2018/2019, ISAS organised a total of 203 events, independently and in partnership with like-minded institutes in Singapore and overseas. This averaged almost two events every week. These events included book launches, closed door sessions, conferences, panel discussions, public lectures, round table discussions, seminars, symposiums and workshops.



EVENTS

FY2017/2018 and FY2018/2019



TOTAL
FY2017/2018
103
FY2018/2019
100

Signature Events

Infrastructure-led Growth: Maharashtra – India's Engine of Development

28 September 2017

Singapore

ISAS-CII CHIEF MINISTER LECTURE

ISAS and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), supported by the High Commission of India in Singapore, hosted Mr Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra and 57th Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellow, at the ISAS-CII Chief Minister Lecture Series on 28 September 2017. His presentation was titled 'Infrastructure-led Growth: Maharashtra – India's Engine of Development'. Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, Chairman, ISAS and Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore, delivered the welcome address.

The presentation centred on three themes of agriculture, ease of doing business and infrastructure. Fadnavis highlighted Maharashtra's transition to an 'investment-based' model of sustainable agriculture and underscored the state's progress in water conservation. On the ease of doing business, he underscored the state's reduction of permits for establishing businesses and the creation of a single, cohesive digital platform to improve accessibility. On infrastructure, the Chief Minister

emphasised his 'war room' approach of assembling various authorities at timely intervals for speedy and efficient decision-making. He also explained Maharashtra's 'consent land acquisition' model which induced farmers to sell by offering them prices at several times the actual value of land. Noting also India's potential in terms of demographic dividend and other factors, he encouraged foreign investors to partner with Maharashtra.

An interactive session, moderated by Ambassador Pillai, followed the presentation. The Chief Minister fielded questions on topics such as agricultural productivity, the need for public investment, solutions to flooding and solid waste management, the use of telemedicine, slum redevelopment and the management of heritage sites that might be affected by infrastructure projects. Parallels between Singapore and Mumbai/Maharashtra were also discussed in the context of sharing solutions and public infrastructure funds.



31 October 2017

New Delhi, India

SINGAPORE SYMPOSIUM 2017

India, Singapore & ASEAN: Shared History, Common Future



The fifth Singapore Symposium on 'India, Singapore and ASEAN: Shared History, Common Future' was held in New Delhi, India, on 31 October 2017. Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, was the special guest at the symposium.

Addressing the audience, Dr Balakrishnan urged India to engage more with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and called on the South Asian region to increase aviation and maritime links with the grouping through Singapore. He added that "Singapore has always been a believer in India's role in Asia and in ASEAN...I can say with all honesty that we have always spoken up for India, we have always encouraged India

to engage us and always done our best to ensure there is a seat at the table."

The Singapore Symposium is part of ISAS' ongoing efforts to foster closer exchange and cooperation between Singapore and the South Asian nations in a frank and candid setting. These symposiums are highly successful in facilitating the sharing of views and perspectives on South Asia-Singapore relations, and on their interactions with other parts of the world.

About 200 guests, including senior policymakers, corporate leaders, academics and civil society representatives, attended the event.

18 December 2017

Singapore

FIRST ISAS LECTURE

Asia's New Geopolitics

Mr Shivshankar Menon, Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at ISAS, delivered the First ISAS Lecture on 'Asia's New Geopolitics' on 18 December 2017. Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, Chairman at ISAS, delivered the opening remarks, and highlighted how relations within Asia have become more geopolitically sensitive.

Mr Menon began the lecture by explaining the term 'geopolitics' and how it should be redefined, considering the contemporary changes in international dealings from the post-Cold War period and the high tide of globalisation which lasted until the 2008 global economic crisis.

Mr Menon highlighted four big trends that indicate the possibility of a new era emerging: the shift in the balance of power between states; the transformation

of domestic politics around the world; revolutions in technology, energy and economics; and new security and gender issues, and how the global supply, manufacturing and value chains that globalisation has produced link our security across regions and the globe. He further discussed the distinction between West Asia, East Asia and the Asia Pacific region, and how they look at regionalism and geopolitics differently. Mr Menon predicted two possible geopolitical futures: of sub-regional orders centered on one power; and an open, inclusive, multipolar concert of powers or security architecture.

Stating that geopolitical problems are man-made, Mr Menon shared that these problems should not be beyond human ingenuity to solve and that the same technologies whose effects challenge us provide the means for us to deal with those challenges.



16 January 2018

Singapore

SECOND ISAS LECTURE

The Indian Civil Service: Has it Delivered?



Mr Vinod Rai, Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at ISAS, and 11th Comptroller and Auditor General of India, delivered the Second ISAS Lecture titled 'The Indian Civil Service: Has it Delivered?' on 16 January 2018.

While observing that the Indian Civil Service (ICS) has attracted attention because of globalisation and an increasingly demanding citizenry, Mr Rai highlighted key factors that have contributed to its ailing condition, including short tenures and frequent postings at the federal and state levels. This has led to little on-the-job training and technical competence. Similarly, political interference and below-market pay

scales have led to low incentives and declining quality of human capital in the civil services. Moving forward, he recommended that the ICS adopt minimum fixed tenures and a lowered admission age of 24 years, as people at this age were easier to mould and train. He also recommended compulsory specialisations, so bureaucrats will have areas of expertise after 15 years of service.

The lecture was followed by an interactive session where Mr Rai addressed questions on a range of issues, including monetary compensation, training, reservations and admission requirements.

23 January 2018

Colombo, Sri Lanka

COLOMBO COLLOQUIUM 2018

Singapore and Sri Lanka: Partners in a Fast Growing Region

The second ISAS Colombo Colloquium was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 23 January 2018, against the backdrop of the signing of the landmark Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Singapore and Sri Lanka. Singapore's Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry), Mr S Iswaran, delivered the keynote address on 'Singapore and Sri Lanka: Partners in a Fast-Growing Region', and engaged the audience in an interactive session. Addressing some 150 guests, Mr Iswaran highlighted that the FTA between Singapore and Sri Lanka provides the opportunity for Sri Lankan businesses to access not just the Singapore markets, but also the larger Southeast Asian markets, especially in the e-commerce sector.

Mr Iswaran was optimistic about the new trade and investment avenues that the FTA would open up. During the event, Mr Iswaran also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding on research cooperation between ISAS and the Institute of Policy Studies.

The ISAS Colombo Colloquium is a Track-II forum which provides a platform for Singapore's political leaders to engage with local political, business and academic communities on issues pertinent to Singapore and the South Asian region in a frank and candid setting.



28 February 2018

Singapore

THIRD ISAS LECTURE

India in a Globalising World



Dr Duvvuri Subbarao, Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at ISAS, and former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, delivered the Third ISAS Lecture on 28 February 2018.

Dr Subbarao highlighted the challenges and opportunities presented by globalisation for developing economies. He explained how India has seen deep transformations in the banking and financial sector after opening its economy in 1991. India's adoption of pro-market measures was deeply motivated by the awareness that self-sufficiency and protection of the economy had failed in promoting development.

He elaborated that one challenge for an emerging economy like India is to maximise the benefits and minimise the costs by wisely managing trade and the country's global financial integration. Global cooperation is very important in this regard, as there is no institution overseeing the global financial order, and the general consensus for the International Monetary Fund is falling short. He stated that job creation is the most urgent challenge for India, which cannot simply replicate the Chinese model of export-led growth.

The lecture was followed by a question and answer session, chaired by Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, ISAS' Chairman, which generated a stimulating exchange between the audience and the speaker.

6 April 2018

Singapore

12TH ISAS INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA

Emerging South Asia: Politics, Economy and International Relations

ISAS organised its 12th annual conference on 'Emerging South Asia: Politics, Economy and International Relation' on 6 April 2018. It explored the three determinants of stability – politics, trade and economy, and international relations and security – to identify the potential prospects and pitfalls facing the region. About 240 participants attended the event.

The Guest-of-Honour, Mr Ong Ye Kung, Singapore's Minister for Education; and Second Minister for Defence, delivered the keynote address on the opportunities for Singapore and Southeast Asia in a dynamic and fast-growing South Asia, particularly in the technological and digital sectors, as well as in education and skills development.

The event also witnessed addresses from Professor Tan Eng Chye, NUS' President; Mr Amitabh Kant, Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, India; and Mr Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Minister for Higher Education, Punjab, Pakistan, as well as presentations by panellists from Singapore and around the world across three thematic groups.

The one-day conference addressed a number of important questions relating to South Asia's domestic priorities, its economic potentials, security challenges and aspirations on the international stage.



10 April 2018

Singapore

FOURTH ISAS LECTURE

India: Democracy against Development?



Professor Subrata K Mitra, ISAS' Director, delivered the Fourth ISAS Lecture on 'India: Democracy against Development?' on 10 April 2018. Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, ISAS' Chairman, made the opening comments at the event.

Focusing on the dilemma of 'democracy versus development', Professor Mitra argued that, to the 'rule' that poor democracies fail, India is an exception. Indian democracy continues to thrive even after seven decades of Independence; major political changes in the country come about through the ballot box; and major gains are made in economic growth, ease of doing business and poverty alleviation. Professor Mitra pinned this Indian 'miracle' on strategic reform, a

policy process based on democratic and transparent governance, and accountability, resting upon a triad of enfranchisement, empowerment and entitlement. Furthermore, Professor Mitra made the argument that democratically-elected elites are key to this process, which, in combination with accountability, can create a democratic political system that produces steady, incremental growth within a federal setup that turns rebels into stakeholders.

An interactive session followed the presentation. Professor Mitra fielded questions on topics such as developmentalism, the future of democracy, nationalism and populism in India.

India-China Relations in an Uncertain World

9 May 2018

Singapore

FIFTH ISAS LECTURE

Dr S Jaishankar, Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at ISAS and Former Foreign Secretary of India, delivered the Fifth ISAS Lecture on 'India-China relations in an Uncertain World' on 9 May 2018. Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, Chairman of ISAS, delivered the opening remarks and while introducing the topic, highlighted the timeliness of the lecture in light of the Wuhan meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping on 22-23 April 2018.

Noting that India and China's relationship was a critical one for Asia and the world, Dr S Jaishankar explained that protectionism and cultural nationalism were on the rise, resulting in volatile and confrontational relationships between global powers. In this backdrop, India was a strong and stable rising power, stepping up to its responsibilities. However, it faced challenges of regionalism and cooperation in its neighbourhood, in the light of China's growing dominance in the international area. In this context, security concerns of both countries had not converged, and relations

were difficult. Yet, he highlighted that both were civilizational states

Despite the challenges in the relations, Dr Jaishankar was positive given that the two countries are civilizational states and economic interactions as well as people-to-people contacts have been robust. The two countries could work together and make their ties a factor of stability in these uncertain times and not allow their differences to become disputes. He noted that the meeting of the two leaders at Wuhan was an encouraging sign, with the goal of forging a personal connection and engaging positively with each other.

The audience asked a variety of questions, and there were detailed discussions on the rise of nationalism in the world, Chinese foreign direct investments in India and vice versa, capitalism and communism in China and India's view of the United States' withdrawal from the Iranian nuclear deal.



Strengthening Ties, Fostering Connections

28 June 2018

New Delhi, India

SINGAPORE SYMPOSIUM 2018



Mr Heng Swee Keat, Singapore's Minister for Finance, delivered the eighth Singapore Symposium in New Delhi, India, on 28 June 2018. Titled 'Strengthening Ties, Fostering Connections', the event examined Singapore's and India's long-standing and deep relationship. The two countries celebrated their 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2015 while 2018 also marked 25 years of ASEAN-India relations.

Mr Heng highlighted the emergence of India and China as twin engines of Asian growth and the current movement of the economic centre of gravity back towards Asia. Given Singapore's close linkages with India, Mr Heng stated that the island state serves as

a good gateway for Indian companies to access the ASEAN market. Praising Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stance on how connectivity can unite a region and enhance trade and prosperity, Mr Heng elaborated on the 'Four Connectivities' that Singapore and India could cooperate on together – trade, infrastructure, air and digital connectivity. Mr Heng also expressed his optimism for deeper collaboration between Singapore and India in the coming years.

A day earlier, Mr Heng addressed 60 key industrialists at an in-conversation session organised by ISAS, in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry, in Mumbai, India.

28 August 2018

Singapore

INDIA-SINGAPORE STRATEGIC
DIALOGUE 2018 – PUBLIC FORUM

ASEAN-India: Commerce, Connectivity and Culture

ISAS hosted the Public Forum of the 11th India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue on 'ASEAN-India: Commerce, Connectivity and Culture' on 28 August 2018. The forum was in collaboration with the Ananta Aspen Centre and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The panelists were Professor Tommy Koh, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Singapore; Associate Professor Rajesh Rai, Head of South Asian Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, NUS; Dr Sugata Bose, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Gardiner Professor of Oceanic History and Affairs, Harvard University, United States; and Mr Rajan Navani, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Jetline Group of Companies. Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, Ambassador-at-Large, MFA; and Mr Jamshyd Godrej, Board Chairman, Godrej and Boyce Manufacturing Company Ltd moderated the panel.

Professor Koh presented on the three pillars of India-ASEAN cooperation – 'commerce, connectivity, and

culture' – and highlighted linkages between India and Southeast Asia such as language, food and fashion as well as Hindu epics. Given these links, Professor Koh highlighted the recent developments in land and sea connectivity as well as the recent air connectivity, which has increased over time. Dr Bose presented a historical view of the India-Singapore relationship and put forth three 'axes' for improving India-ASEAN relations: strategic and political partnership, inter-regional capital and labour flows and cultural bridges.

Mr Navani focused on innovation and technology as he highlighted government-to-government cooperation, such as the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement. Professor Rai emphasised the cultural connectivity between the two sides and highlighted the five phases of the history of ASEAN-India connectivity.

Ambassador Ong and Mr Godrej presented the closing remarks for the forum and the Indian delegation felicitated Ambassador Koh for his decade-long leadership of the dialogue.



Event Highlights

Three Years of Modi Government: An Assessment

1 June 2017

Singapore

ISAS BOOK LAUNCH AND
PANEL DISCUSSION

Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale, head of the Foreign Affairs Department of the Bharatiya Janata Party of India, headlined an ISAS panel forum on 'Three Years of Modi's Government: An Assessment' on 1 June 2017. ISAS' Director Professor Subrata Mitra chaired the session.

Dr Chauthaiwale noted that the election of Narendra Modi in 2014 was a watershed moment in Indian politics, marking a departure from the Nehru legacy that has dominated India since independence. ISAS' Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow, Dr Duvvuri Subbarao, addressed the economic policies of the Modi government, noting that the structural reforms undertaken and policies promoting 'financial inclusion' such as micro-financing have laid strong foundations

for future growth. Professor Sumit Ganguly, Visiting Research Professor at ISAS, spoke about the foreign policy achievements and challenges faced by the Modi government. Finally, Dr Ronojoy Sen, Senior Research Fellow at ISAS, then spoke about the domestic political landscape, highlighting the BJP's electoral dominance since 2014 as a clear indication of Modi's charisma and ability to "control and change the narrative at will, even if policies are not successful".

The panelists further discussed the nature of India's foreign policy relations with China, Japan and Russia, the government's strategy to create more jobs as well as dealing with the hot button Kashmir issue during the question and answer session.

11 September 2017

Singapore

ISAS WORKSHOP

Pakistan at 70: Politics, Economy and Sociology

As 2017 marked the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, ISAS organised a workshop on 'Pakistan at 70: Politics, Economy and Sociology' on 11 September 2017. The event provided a platform to discuss the challenges faced and the progress made by the country from the viewpoint of its political transformations, economic growth and societal issues. It featured the participation of eminent representatives from Pakistan's academia, government, military, private and non-government sectors, as well as ISAS scholars.

The panellists included Professor Riaz Hassan, ISAS Visiting Research Professor; Mr Shahid Javed Burki, ISAS Visiting Senior Research Fellow and former Finance Minister of Pakistan; Mr Ikram Sehgal, Pakistani defence and security expert and former

Pakistani Army officer; General Jehangir Karamat, Pakistan's former Ambassador to the United States and former Chief of Army Staff of Pakistan; Mr Shahid Hafeez Kardar, former Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan; and Mr Muhammad Saleem Ahmad Ranjha, founding Director of Akhuwat and Federal Secretary of the Benazir Income Support Program. The chairperson of the event was Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow at ISAS and former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh.

The discussion highlighted the potential of Pakistan, a young nation that has faced great obstacles with resilience since its founding. In light of its geopolitical and human assets, the participants of the workshop concluded that Pakistan could play a critical role in stabilising the region and the Muslim world.



25 September 2017

Singapore

ISAS-KIEP SYMPOSIUM

India, Japan and South Korea: Political and Economic Cooperation



ISAS and the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) organised a symposium on 'India, Japan and South Korea: Political and Economic Cooperation' on 25 September 2017. Focusing on India-South Korea relations, the first session looked at the South Korean government's efforts to enhance bilateral cooperation with India in such areas as ship-building, steel, electronics, infrastructure and smart city projects. The session also examined the success of Hyundai Motor India, HMC's foreign investment subsidiary in India's automobile sector. It also highlighted the higher ratio of Seoul's financial and technical assistance to human

development sectors in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, compared to Japan's aid that was channelled to the infrastructure sector.

The session on Japan-India relations focused on several areas. These included the emerging importance of energy and resource security to the Asia-Pacific region; the rise of China's economic, political and military influence; growing economic and political linkages between Japan and India; and the role of Singapore as a regional hub in facilitating Japanese investments in India.

Toward a Low Carbon Asia: The Challenges of Ensuring Efficient and Sustainable Energy

28 November 2017

Singapore

ISAS-ESI CONFERENCE

ISAS and the Energy Studies Institute (ESI) at NUS organised an international conference on 'Towards a Low Carbon Asia: The Challenges of Ensuring Efficient and Sustainable Energy' on 28 November 2017.

Mr Vikram Singh Mehta, Executive Chairman of Brookings India and Senior Fellow at Brookings Institution in the United States, delivered the keynote address for this conference. The other speakers included Mr Ng Wai Choong, Chief Executive of the Energy Market Authority, Singapore; Dr S Narayan, Visiting Senior Research Fellow at ISAS and Former Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister of India; Mr Henning Gloystein, Energy Editor for Asia at Thomson Reuters; and Dr Anthony D Owen, Principal

Fellow and Head of Energy Economics Division at ESI.

The speakers focused on a number of key issues on ensuring efficient and sustainable energy. These included the various sources of energy in South Asia; the political economy of energy cooperation in South Asia; sustainable development goals and energy transition; energy multilateral funding institutions and public-private partnerships; and the impact of climate change on energy management, among others. The conference attracted cross-section participation from the corporate sector, regulatory agencies, academia and civil society.



29 January 2018

Singapore

ISAS-PF SYMPOSIUM

The Belt and Road Initiative – Politics, Potentials and Partnerships



ISAS organised the symposium on 'The Belt and Road Initiative – Politics, Potentials and Partnerships' in Singapore on 29 January 2018. It was held in partnership with the Sri Lanka-based Pathfinder Foundation. As regional connectivity and infrastructure capacities in Asia are poised to change remarkably following the implementation of the China-led Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the one-day event saw a series of panellists presenting on such key aspects as political and security issues and economic potentials, particularly at the sectoral level.

Addressing more than 200 attendees at the start of the event, Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry; and Culture, Community

and Youth, Singapore, stressed the thematic importance of the symposium. Emphasising that the world today is entering a new phase of economic globalisation, increased integration and connectivity have resulted in greater opportunities for cooperation between countries. In addition, Ms Sim also further discussed Singapore's participation in the BRI and the role it could play in facilitating business opportunities along the Belt and Road, especially in Southeast Asia. According to Ms Sim, Singapore will continue to support the BRI as it enables mutually beneficial collaboration on economic integration and infrastructure development with countries in the region.

28 February 2018

Singapore

ISAS PANEL DISCUSSION

Indian Budget 2018: Discussing the Decisions

ISAS organised a panel discussion on 'India Budget 2018: Discussing the Decisions' on 28 February 2018. The panelists for the discussion were Dr Venkatraman Anantha-Nageswaran, Co-Founder and Member, Investment Board Aavishkaar Venture Management Services; Ms Sonal Varma, India Chief Economist, Nomura Singapore Limited; and Dr Duvvuri Subbarao, Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow, ISAS; and Former Governor, Reserve Bank of India.

Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow at ISAS, delivered the opening remarks on the budget that came in the wake of demonetisation and the Goods and Services Tax in India. Following

the remarks, Dr Anantha-Nageswaran shared his thoughts on how the budget was useful for corporates due to the corporate tax reduction. This can be attributed to India's rise as an emerging market in the last three years. The government has also focused on reforms and the central bank has tried to bring down inflation. Ms Sonal Varma highlighted that lowering the rural income scheme is one of the positive aspects of the budget. Dr Subbarao touched on the ground situation of distress among the poor of India and the need for the government to address issues such as agricultural distress, rising inequality and unemployment.



5 March 2018

Singapore

ISAS-COSMOS FOUNDATION
PANEL DISCUSSION

Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities



ISAS organised a panel discussion on 'Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities' in collaboration with the COSMOS Foundation of Dhaka on 5 March 2018. The panel discussion gave an overview of the political, economic and social landscapes in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh's High Commissioner to Singapore, His Excellency Mr Md Mustafizur Rahman, delivered an opening address at the event. The all-Bangladeshi panel featured experts from the field of public policy, entrepreneurship, development and women empowerment from the government and the private sector. They were Dr Mashiur Rahman, Economic

Adviser to the Bangladesh Prime Minister; Mr Md Abdul Halim, Director General of the Government's Governance and Innovation Unit; Mr Md Aziz Khan, Chairman, Summit Group; Ms Rubana Huq, Managing Director, Mohammadi Group; and Ms Samanta Farahnaz, Consultant, Bangladesh International Finance Corporation.

The panel discussion highlighted the progress made by Bangladesh and the various economic opportunities offered by the country. At the same time, the panellists touched on some key challenges that Bangladesh needs tackled so as to take it to the next level of development.

6 March 2018

Singapore

ISAS BOOK LAUNCH AND PANEL
DISCUSSION

India's Foreign Policy: Imperatives in a Changing World

ISAS held a book launch and panel discussion on 'India's Foreign Policy Imperatives In a Changing World' on 6 March 2018.

Dr Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Defence, Singapore, delivered the keynote address for the event. During his address, Dr Maliki emphasised the importance of deepening India-Singapore strategic partnership through economic, defence and cultural ties. He also put forward the view that Singapore can act as a 'bridge' in Southeast Asia's regional security that can allow deeper cooperation with India in this sphere, with the common goal of maintaining peace and security within the regional and domestic sphere.

The keynote address was followed by the launch of the book by Ambassador Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary of India, on *How India Sees the World: Kautilya to the 21st Century*. The second half of the event was a foreign-policy based panel discussion, comprising Dr Iftekhar Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow at ISAS and Former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, Dr Rohan Mukerjee, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Yale-NUS, Singapore, and Ambassador Saran.

The panel discussion covered India's foreign policy from a multi-polar world perspective and changing regional dynamics in South Asia.



23 March 2018

Singapore

ISAS SYMPOSIUM

India's Changing Financial Landscape



ISAS organised the symposium on 'India's Changing Financial Landscape' on 23 March 2018. Mr Ong Ye Kung, Singapore's Minister for Education (Higher Education and Skills); and Second Minister for Defence, delivered the keynote address for the event. He shared his views on how India has implemented some important policy decisions in its financial sector. The ongoing changes are helping to improve people's lives.

Mr J Y Pillay, Former Chairman of Singapore Exchange Limited, chaired the session. Ms Arundhati Bhattacharya, Former Chairman of the State Bank of India, stated that the current government's financial inclusion programme was well executed, and it has helped both consumers and non-consumers.

The Director and Chief Executive Officer of Amansa Capital Pte Ltd, Mr Akash Prakash, focused on market share, financialisation of savings and prospective digital disruption in India. There has been a loss in the sector's market and deposit share in the last decade. The third speaker, Mr Piyush Gupta, Chief Executive Officer and Director of DBS Group, said that the financial sector is changing structurally. He acknowledged that there is a massive growth opportunity in the industry. The final speaker, Mr Vinod Rai, Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow, ISAS; and 11th Comptroller and Auditor General of India, agreed with Ms Bhattacharya that the current government is moving in the right direction.

27-28 March 2018

New Delhi and Mumbai, India

ISAS BOOK LAUNCH AND PANEL
DISCUSSION

Seven Decades of Independent India: Ideas and Reflections

ISAS launched the book *Seven Decades of Independent India: Ideas and Reflections* in New Delhi on 27 March 2018 and in Mumbai on 28 March 2018. The book was edited by Mr Vinod Rai, former Comptroller and Auditor General of India and Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow at ISAS, and Dr Amitendu Palit, ISAS Senior Research Fellow and Research Lead (Trade and Economics). The book was ISAS' signature effort to commemorate the 70th anniversary of India's independence.

Former Indian Minister of Finance Mr Arun Jaitley launched the book in New Delhi and delivered the keynote address, while Mr Ajit Singh, Singapore's Consul-General in Mumbai, was the Special Guest for the book launch in Mumbai. Both launches were followed by panel discussions on the theme of the book. Distinguished experts, practitioners and scholars presented their views on India's economy, society, politics, external environment and institutions.



26 April 2018

Singapore

ISAS CLOSED DOOR SESSION

India in the 21st Century



Dr Shashi Tharoor, Lok Sabha Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram Constituency, and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs, India, was invited to ISAS for a closed-door session on 'India in the 21st Century'. This session was moderated by Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, ISAS' Chairman.

Dr Tharoor discussed the domestic and international issues which will impact India in the 21st century. On the domestic aspects, Dr Tharoor highlighted that every single Lok Sabha Member of Parliament represented a majority of voters living on less than US\$2 a day and all MPs were accountable to these electorates. Therefore, development was a critical issue as everything else was secondary to the provision of food, housing, jobs and opportunities. Besides that, he highlighted the state of pluralism and religious harmony in the country.

From the international standpoint, Dr Tharoor discussed India's place in the world and explained that under Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, there was a doctrine of orienting Indian foreign policy itself towards the principal and overriding responsibility of the government to its people. He stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had carried on with this policy.

The interactive session involved discussions on the Congress Party's projections for the 2019 general elections (including the role of the Congress and regional parties in the opposition), the dysfunctionality of Indian Parliament, India's policy towards China, and whether the Congress needed to reclaim nationalism while dealing with its own dynastic hierarchy.

24 May 2018

Singapore

ISAS BOOK LAUNCH AND PANEL
DISCUSSION

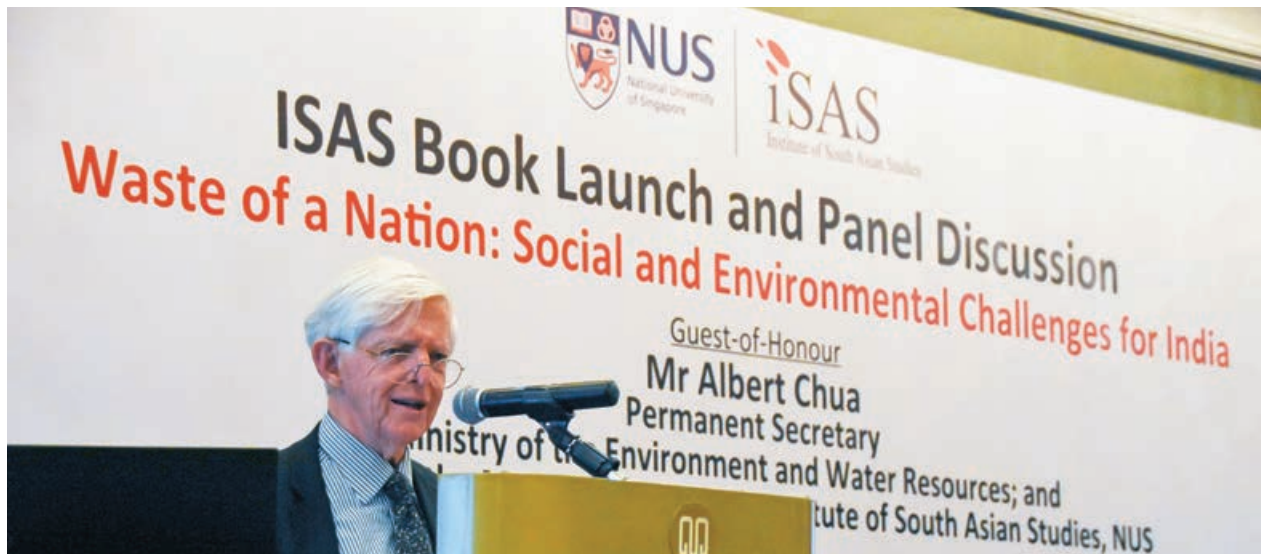
Waste of a Nation: Garbage and Growth in India

ISAS launched the book, *Waste of a Nation: Garbage and Growth in India*, authored by ISAS Visiting Research Professor Robin Jeffrey and Professor Assa Doron of Australian National University on 24 May 2018. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Albert Chua, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore; and Member of the Management Board, ISAS. The book launch was followed by a panel discussion with Professor Jeffrey; Mr Shubhagato Dasgupta, Senior Fellow and Director, Scaling City Institutions for India (Sci-Fi) Sanitation Initiative, and Honorary Fellow, ISAS; and Mr M Goutham Reddy, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Ramky Enviro Engineers Ltd. The panel was chaired by Dr Dipinder S Randhawa, Senior Research Fellow, ISAS.

Professor Jeffrey introduced the book. Mr Chua then shared Singapore's experiences of dealing with different types of waste such as wastewater and e-waste and projections on future waste management.

Mr Dasgupta provided statistical and economic data to explain themes such as demographics, the evolution of sanitation policies in India and the scale and challenges of sanitation. Mr Reddy spoke about Ramky's waste management efforts in different waste types such as industrial, municipal and biomedical and elaborated on the market opportunity and market dynamics of waste management in India. In his presentation, Professor Jeffrey identified four categories of people involved in waste management – professionals (such as scientists), 'handlers' (who actually pick/handle waste), recyclers ('kabaadis'), and facilitators (such as co-operatives, non-government organisations, citizen groups, etcetera).

During the question and answer session, the audience asked about waste in India and other countries, food wastage, wastage in rivers, the use of Gandhi in the 'Swachh Bharat' campaign and the role of public policy in waste management.



4 June 2018

Singapore

ISAS WORKSHOP

Maritime Sri Lanka: Reclaiming Indian Ocean Identity



ISAS held a full day workshop on 'Maritime Sri Lanka: Reclaiming Indian Ocean Identity' on 28 November 2018 to assess recent assertions that Sri Lanka is an Indian Ocean rather than a South Asian state. ISAS' Director, Professor C Raja Mohan, said in his opening remarks that Sri Lanka is in the focus and is going to be an important part of the world. The keynote address was given by Professor Mohan Munasinghe via a video recording where he shared that Sri Lanka is reclaiming instead of transforming its Indian Ocean identity. He then explored how Sri Lanka is one of the first countries to embark on the 'Balanced Inclusive Green Growth' path. Colombo wants to be a dynamic and thriving Indian Ocean hub by 2030.

The first panel titled 'Historical and Contemporary Perspectives' discussed the paradigm shifts, strategic realities and shifting of power in Sri Lanka. This panel also explored how Colombo has been developing its

maritime identity after the civil war. The sea is seen as integral to its national consciousness. The end of the civil war opened new political avenues for Sri Lanka to rebuild its image.

The second panel, 'Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean: Geopolitical Imperatives', saw discussions on the strategic placement of Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean. Post-independent Sri Lanka helped it to have a clear stand in its foreign policy initiatives. However, a rules-based order is important for small states like Sri Lanka. There was a general consensus that Sri Lanka will become a significant player in the ocean.

The third panel titled 'Sri Lanka as an Economic Hub: Issues and Prospects' saw conversations on the Indian Ocean economy, policy challenges, diplomacy initiatives and the country's domestic and regional performance.

15 August 2018

Singapore

ISAS-MEI WORKSHOP

Reflections on the Partition of India and Palestine after 70 years

The workshop on 'Reflections on the Partition of India and Palestine after 70 Years' was jointly organised by ISAS and Middle East Institute (MEI), NUS, on 15 August 2018. It brought together speakers from different parts of the world to analyse the partitions of British India and Mandate Palestine. Mr Bilahari Kausikan, Chairman, MEI, delivered the Opening Remarks, and Professor C Raja Mohan, Director, ISAS, presented the introductory remarks.

In the Introductory Lecture, 'What is Partition?', Dr Victor Kattan from MEI defined partition. He stressed how it is not strictly a bilateral arrangement and may be a hegemonic act of imposition. He argued that while India and Palestine are popular cases of partition, they were part of a broader phenomenon.

The first panel discussion, 'The Partition of British India (August 1947)', was chaired by Dr Gyanesh Kudaisya. Professor Ian Talbot re-examined whether the British were "reluctant partitionists" and the reasons impelling them to pursue the partition of British India. His was followed by Professor Ayesha Jalal, who re-assessed the roles and legacies of Muhammad Ali Jinnah, religion and power sharing.

The second panel on 'The Partition of Mandate Palestine (November 1947)' was chaired by Dr Kattan. The first panellist, Dr Penny Sinanoglou, discussed how the 1937 Peel Commission report shaped British partition plans. Dr Laura Robson presented on the 1947 United Nations Special Committee.

The third panel discussion 'The Partitions of India and Palestine Compared' was chaired by Dr Iftexhar Ahmed Chowdhury. Dr Amrita Shodhan looked at how to make sense of the connections between Mandate Palestine and British India. Professor P R Kumaraswamy elaborated on India's dilemma of pragmatism versus principles considering Nehru's preference for a partitioned India but a federal Palestine.

The last panel on 'The Consequences of Partition for South Asia, the Middle East and Beyond' was chaired by Dr James M Dorsey. Dr Iqbal discussed how social identities in South Asia, particularly in Punjab, were impacted. Dr Mohamed-Ali explored the impact of the Palestinian partition as a mobilising factor on Islamist movements, particularly the Muslim Brotherhood.



24 September 2018

Singapore

ISAS-COSATT-KAS WORKSHOP

BIMSTEC at 20: Priorities and Prospects



On 24 September 2018, the workshop on 'BIMSTEC at 20: Priorities and Prospects' was jointly organised by ISAS, the Consortium of South Asian Think-Tanks (COSATT) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung of Singapore (KAS). It was opened by the representatives of the three partner organisations: Dr Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow and Research Lead (Trade and Economics) at ISAS; Dr Nishchal Pandey, Convenor of COSATT, and Mr Christian Echle, Director of the Regional Programme Political Dialogue Asia (KAS).

During his keynote address, Ambassador M Shahidhul Islam, Secretary of BIMSTEC, said he was optimistic about the prospects of the organisation. He highlighted that it has expanded its outreach, expertise, and focus, while undergoing a process of institutional transformation. Ambassador Islam emphasised how trade and investments and connectivity will remain at the core of BIMSTEC's work. While delivering the Special Address, Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman of the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies at NTU, said that enhancing infrastructure and standardising regulations

to allow people and goods to travel across borders easily are of fundamental importance.

In the following two panels, specialists in the field heading from the various BIMSTEC member states offered a country-perspective on the organization and the possible way ahead. The featured panellists were Ambassador Biren Nanda (Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group); Mr Kamal Thapa (Former Deputy Prime Minister and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nepal); Mr Asanga Abeyagoonasekera (Director General, Institute of National Security Studies of Sri Lanka); Mr Faiz Sobhan (Senior Research Director, Bangladesh Enterprise Institute); Professor Nu Nu Lwin (Professor, Yangon University of Economics); and Dr Sathaporn Opasanon (Associate Professor, Thamassat University). Major General (Retd) ANM Muniruzzaman (President of Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies) and Major General AKM Abdur Rahman (Director of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies) chaired the two sessions.

3 October 2018

Singapore

ISAS ROUNDTABLE

Indian-Singapore FinTech Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges

ISAS organised a roundtable on 'India-Singapore FinTech Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges' on 3 October 2018 to better understand how Singapore and India could leverage their complementary strengths in FinTech and the digital economy to strengthen collaboration and mutual benefits between the two growing FinTech players. The motivation for the roundtable arose from a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between the Singapore and Indian governments in June 2018 to strengthen cooperation in financial

innovation through the establishment of a Joint Working Group. This MoU builds upon a growing level of cooperation between the two countries in business-to-business cooperation, increasing cross-border investment and several initiatives to ease cross-border financial engagement in FinTech. The Roundtable saw a total of 32 selected participants from establishments such as the Monetary Authority of Singapore, OCBC Bank, World Bank, MasterCard, NITI Aayog and the Centre for Policy Research, India.



29 October 2018

Chennai, India

ISAS-CII DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Higher Education in Singapore



ISAS and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organised the ISAS-CII Distinguished Lecture by Professor Tan Eng Chye, NUS' President, in Chennai, India, on 29 October 2018. Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, ISAS' Chairman, moderated the event.

Titled 'Higher Education in Singapore', Professor Tan stressed on the huge opportunity for collaboration between India, particularly Tamil Nadu, and Singapore in the field of higher education. He added that higher education institutions must continue to innovate for the future in order to help prepare the future generation of students to thrive, create new opportunities and contribute to the society. He pointed out the various challenges faced by Singapore over the years in emerging as a major higher educational hub in Asia, and added that quality, transformative education, and influential research supported by innovation, has made NUS a leading global university in higher education.

Following his keynote address, Professor Tan engaged the guests in an interactive session chaired by Professor Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

The event attracted more than 150 members from the government and business communities, as well as representatives from the academic fraternity and civil society in Chennai.

The lecture came at the opportune moment, as India, particularly the Tamil Nadu state, has been emphasising the value of higher education and educational institutions are encouraging their students to pursue higher education abroad. The event provided the opportunity to the Chennai audience to hear the views of Asia's leading university on transforming higher education and the experiences of Singapore in this respect.

Do Welfare Policies Lead to Development? – The Tamil Nadu Experience

30 October 2018

Chennai, India

ISAS PANEL DISCUSSION AND BOOK LAUNCH

ISAS organised a panel discussion on 'Do Welfare Policies lead to Development? – The Tamil Nadu Experience' with prominent speakers from the media, civil service and the corporate sector on 30 October 2018. The speakers were Mr N Ravi, Chairman, Press Trust India; and Director, Kasturi and Sons, The Hindu Publishing Group, Mr R Poornalingam, IAS (Retd), former Health Secretary, Government of India and Mrs Vanitha Datla, Vice Chairperson, ELICO Ltd; and Managing Director, Elico Healthcare Services Ltd. The session was moderated by Dr S Narayan, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS. Dr Narayan was also

the former Finance Secretary, Government of India, and former Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of India.

Following the panel discussion, ISAS launched the publication, *The Dravidian Years: Politics and Welfare in Tamil Nadu*, authored by Dr Narayan. The book gives an insider's view of 50 years of the Dravidian rule in Tamil Nadu, with case studies of the successful policies and programmes, as well as examines the current scenario where reform objectives have morphed into political tools for obtaining votes.



20 November 2018

Singapore

ISAS-ATLANTIC COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM

Analysing the United States' Vision for the Indo-Pacific



ISAS organised a symposium on 'Analysing the United States' Vision for the Indo-Pacific', in partnership with the Atlantic Council, on 20 November 2018. The panellists for the symposium were Professor C Raja Mohan, Director, ISAS; Dr Bharath Gopalswamy, Director of the Atlantic Council's South Centre; Dr Matthew Kroenig, Deputy Director for Strategy at the Atlantic Council's Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security; and Dr Rani Mullen, Visiting Research Fellow, ISAS.

The symposium began with welcome remarks by Dr Gopalswamy and Professor Mohan. Dr Kroenig presented a brief history of the Council. He then spoke about America's 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific' (FOIP) vision, how this vision is different from before and the specifics of the vision. Following Dr Kroenig's presentation, Dr Gopalswamy's remarks focused on

the American pivot to Asia, the areas of focus such as commerce, infrastructure and energy, and the private sector focus of the vision. In her remarks, Dr Mullen questioned whether the new American vision and investment would be able to meet the challenge of competing in the region with China and ASEAN's response to the competition. The remarks by the panellists were followed by an interactive discussion with the audience. The points of discussion included the difference between the FOIP and the Washington Consensus, inclusive development as part of the American vision, South Asia's role in the Indo-Pacific, the sustainability of the Indo-Pacific without India, the pressure and implications of Sino-US competition on ASEAN, the commitment of India to the Indo-Pacific, impact of US disengagement on the federal American structure and the historical context for Indo-Pacific rivalry.

26 February 2019

Singapore

ISAS PUBLIC LECTURE

A Tale of Two Cities: Singapore and Calcutta Past and Present

ISAS brought the Singapore bicentennial commemoration fever across the seas, for the first time, in 2019. ISAS, in collaboration with the Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) in Kolkata, organised a public lecture entitled 'A Tale of Two Cities: Singapore and Calcutta Past and Present' at the VMH on 26 February 2019.

During his address, ISAS' Deputy Chairman Professor Tan Tai Yong said that Kolkata and Singapore were two entities and there was no one-size-fits-all theory applicable for any of the cities. While Singapore, being a city-state, was able to make decisions faster, Kolkata, being a city within a state, could not.

Professor Tan, who is also the President and Professor of Humanities (History) at Yale-NUS College, added that Singapore, which used to be part of Bengal Presidency and ruled from Kolkata (then Calcutta) till 1867, may learn how the city's chaos helps the flourishing of its liberal arts. He said that Kolkata, in return, may take a few tips from Singapore on how to expand its hinterland to re-emerge as a global city.

The public lecture was organised as part of a celebration of the historic relationship between Singapore and Kolkata, and the Singapore bicentenary.



28 February-1 March 2019

Singapore

RSIS-ISAS WORKSHOP AND
PANEL DISCUSSION

India – Rising Power in an Age of Uncertainty



ISAS and S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), NTU, jointly organised a two-day workshop on 'India – Rising Power in the Age of Uncertainty' on 28 February and 1 March 2019. The event brought together a diverse group of academics and experts from India.

RSIS organised panel discussions on India's Foreign Policy on the first day of the workshop. Following the welcome remarks by Professor Ralf Emmers Dean, RSIS, on India's rise, the first session commenced with discussions on India's great power status, Modi Doctrine and India's relations with the United States, Russia, and Japan. The second session was dedicated to India's relations with China and Pakistan. In the subsequent sessions, panellists discussed India's relationship with South Asia and Southeast Asia, West Asia and Africa. Towards the second half, panellists discussed India's military capabilities, defence

production, trade and investment policy and foreign aid policy.

ISAS organised the panel discussion on the second day. ISAS' Director, Professor C Raja Mohan, delivered the opening remarks on how domestic factors such as economy, democracy and society influence India's rise. The panellists discussed democratic institutions, social cohesion, trade reforms and societal challenges such as human capital and the country's demographic dividend.

The remarks by the panellists were followed by an interactive discussion session. The points of discussion were India's great power status, India's foreign policy challenges, domestic challenges such as the lack of opportunities for certain sections of the society, challenges of crony capitalism, credibility of institutions, trade effective confidence building measures and rising at low level social indicators.

25 March 2019

Singapore

ASIA FOUNDATION-ISAS PANEL
DISCUSSION

United States-India Relations in a Turbulent World

ISAS organised a panel discussion on 'United States-India Relations in a Turbulent World', in collaboration with the Asia Foundation, on 25 March 2019.

The panellists for the discussion were Mr Michael Kugelman, Deputy Director and Senior Associate for South Asia, Wilson Centre; Dr Tanvi Madan, Director, The India Project, Brookings Institution; Dr Rani Mullen, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS; Dr Amitendu Palit, Senior Research Fellow and Research Lead (Trade and Economic Policy), ISAS; and Mr Aman Thakker, Research Associate, Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

The discussion began with welcome remarks by Mr John Brandon, Senior Director, International Relations Programs, The Asia Foundation, who presented a brief snapshot of the Foundation and its work. Professor C Raja Mohan, Director, ISAS presented introductory remarks. Mr Kugelman presented on the United States' strategy towards Afghanistan in the context of the Trump administration's South Asia policy; and similarities and differences between the South Asia policies of the incumbent and previous administrations.

Dr Mullen spoke on India's role and involvement in the US' Afghanistan policy, including aspects such as development aid and negotiations. Dr Madan spoke on the role of 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific' in the "strategic script" of bilateral ties. She identified synergies and differences between the US and India in the Indo-Pacific framework. Mr Thakker's presentation focused on the positive realities of India-US trade, beyond the rhetoric between Delhi and Washington. Dr Palit's remarks covered bilateral trade ties between the US and India in the context of recent turbulence. He looked at issues such as trade deficits and the US' removal of India's GSP benefits.

The remarks by the panellists were followed by an interactive discussion with the audience. Some discussion points were the Indian approach to the 'Quad' in the Indo-Pacific, the US' counter to China's 'Digital Silk Road', bilateral sanctions and their impact on trade, prospects and implications for India of the American withdrawal from Afghanistan, a possible bilateral trade agreement, and Indian 'boots on the ground' in Afghanistan.





Other Events Listing

3 April 2017

Pakistan

SEMINAR

South Asia and Global Change

Dr Iftekhar Chowdhury

Principal Research Fellow, ISAS; and
Former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

Mr Javed Burki

Visiting Senior Research Fellow, ISAS; and
Former Finance Minister of Pakistan

Mr Shahid Najam

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Shahid Javed Burki Institute of Public Policy,
Pakistan

4 April 2017

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SEMINAR

Skills and Development: Challenges for South Asia

Dr Ruth Kattumuri

Co-Director
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12 April 2017

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WORKSHOP

The State of Uttar Pradesh: Indian State Elections and their Implications

Ambassador Gopinath Pillai

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	Mr Ajoy Bose Author and Resident Political Commentator CNN News18, India	
17 April 2017	Power Asymmetry and the China-India Water Dispute	
Singapore	Dr Selena Ho Senior Fellow LKY School of Public Policy National University of Singapore	
SEMINAR		
18 April 2017	WTO Reborn: A South Asian Perspective	
Singapore	Mr Pradeep S Mehta Secretary General Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), India	
SEMINAR		
19 April 2017	The Parsis of Singapore: History, Culture, Cuisine	
Singapore	Ms Grace Fu Minister for Culture Community and Youth, Singapore	Mr Rustom Kanga Author
ISAS BOOK LAUNCH	Professor Tan Tai Yong Executive Vice President (Academic Affairs) Yale-NUS College; and ISAS Deputy Chairman	Ms Subina Aurora Khaneja Author
26 April 2017	WTO Reborn: A South Asian Perspective	
Singapore	Dr Ghazala Shahabuddin Senior Fellow Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (CEDAR), India	
SEMINAR		

27 April 2017	Sri Lanka's Foreign Policy Orientations
Singapore	His Excellency Mr Nimal Weeraratne High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Singapore
AMBASSADORS' LECTURE	
13 May 2017	Master on Masters
Singapore	Ustad Amjad Ali Khan Author of <i>Master on Masters</i>
BOOK LAUNCH	Ambassador Gopinath Pillai Chairman, ISAS; and Ambassador-at-Large, MFA, Singapore
17 May 2017	Decoding India's Reservations on China's Belt and Road Initiative
Singapore	Professor C Raja Mohan Director, Carnegie India; and Visiting Research Professor, ISAS
SEMINAR	
25 May 2017	The Threat of Global Terror: Bangladesh Context
Singapore	His Excellency Mr Mustafizur Rahman High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Singapore
AMBASSADORS' LECTURE	
30 May 2017	Europe's Current Engagement with India
Singapore	His Excellency Mr Gurjit Singh Former High Commissioner of India to Germany
AMBASSADORS' LECTURE	
30 May 2017	The Partition of India after 70 years: Reflections on the Implications for Contemporary South Asia
Singapore	Dr Gurharpal Singh School of Oriental and African Studies University of London, United Kingdom
SEMINAR	

1 June 2017	Priorities of the Modi Government
Singapore	Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale Head of Foreign Policy Cell Bharatiya Janata Party, India
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
6 June 2017	Debating US-India Cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region in the Age of Trump
Singapore	Professor Deepa M Ollapally Research Professor of International Affairs George Washington University, USA
SEMINAR	
15 June 2017	China and India Competing for Spheres of Influence in South Asia
Singapore	Ambassador Shamsheer M Chowdhury Former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh
AMBASSADORS' LECTURE	
29 June 2017	A Conversation with OUP
Singapore	Dr Sugata Ghosh Director, Global Academic Publishing Oxford University Press, India
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
29 June 2017	Changing Images and Imaginaries of Bangladesh
Singapore	Professor Habibiul Haque Khondker Professor, Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
SEMINAR	
7 July 2017	India, China and the US: Strategic Choices
Singapore	Professor Lowell Dittmer Professor of Political Science University of California, Berkeley, USA
SEMINAR	

11 July 2017	Swachh Bharat (Clean India) – Obstacles and Advantages
Singapore	Professor Robin Jeffery Visiting Research Professor, ISAS
SEMINAR	Dr Assa Doron Associate Professor of Anthropology Australian National University, Australia
12 July 2017	India's Priorities in a Changing World
Singapore	Dr S Jaishankar Former Foreign Secretary of India
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	Ambassador Gopinath Pillai Chairman, ISAS; and Ambassador-at-Large, MFA, Singapore
24 July 2017	Meet the Authors Session
Singapore	Ms Dorothea Schaefer Editor, Asia Taylor and Francis, Asia
ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION	
27 July 2017	Canada at 150: Our Relations with Asia in a Time of Change
Singapore	Her Excellency Nancy Lynn McDonald High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore
PUBLIC LECTURE	
2 August 2017	Challenges to Economic Integration in Asia
Singapore	<div> Dr Ganesh Wignaraja Chair of the Global Economy Program Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Sri Lanka </div> <div> Mr Benjamin Yap Group Director, North and South Asia International Enterprise Singapore </div>
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Trade and Economic Integration: South Asia, SEA and APAC

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New Delhi, India

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15 August 2017

Singapore

SEMINAR

Bihari Overseas Labour Migration 1857-1869: Origins, Intermediaries and the Role of Trust

Prof Crispin Bates

Professor of Modern and SA History
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17 August 2017

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SEMINAR

Social and Cultural Impact of Partition through the lens of the Sikh Community

Mr Amardeep Singh

Author of *Lost Heritage: The Sikh Legacy in Pakistan*

18 August 2017

Singapore

IN-CONVERSATION

In Conversation with Mr Adil Hussain – India's Soft Power – The Indian Film Industry

Mr Adil Hussain

Indian Stage, Television and Film Actor

23 August 2017

Singapore

SEMINAR

Sri Lanka after Regime Change: Drift, Take-off or Relapse?

Prof Razeen Sally

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Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
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25 August 2017

Singapore

PANEL DISCUSSION

Pakistan in Challenging Times

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30 August 2017

Singapore

SEMINAR

Sustainable Development Cities: A Case Study of Mega Cities in India

Dr Panta Murali Prasad

Associate Professor
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31 August 2017

Singapore

CLOSED DOOR

A Conversation with Palgrave Macmillan

Mr Vishal Daryanomel,

Associate Editor, Palgrave Macmillan

6 September 2017	Nepal: Between a Rock and a Hard Place
Singapore	Mr Kunda Dixit Editor and Publisher of <i>Nepali Times</i> , Nepal
SEMINAR	
8 September 2017	Asia's Resurgence and Divergences in Economic Growth
Singapore	Mr Prasenjit Basu Founder and Chief Economist, REAL-Economics
BOOK LAUNCH & PANEL DISCUSSION	
13 September 2017	Understanding the Doklam Standoff
Singapore	His Excellency Jawed Ashraf High Commissioner of India to Singapore
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
18 September 2017	Bangladeshi Migration to Singapore: A Process Oriented Approach
Singapore	Dr Md Mizanur Rahman Associate Professor of Sociology Universiti Brunei Darulssalam
SEMINAR	
27 September 2017	CultureShock! India
Singapore	Ms Lynelle Seow Author of Book <i>CultureShock! India</i>
BOOK LAUNCH & PANEL DISCUSSION	
28 September 2017	Russia in Asia: Responding to Changing Times
Singapore	His Excellency Mr Audrey Tatarinov Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Singapore
AMBASSADORS' LECTURE	

5-6 October 2017

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ISAS WORKSHOP

Skills Development – Legacy, Current Challenges and Planning for the Future: Insights from the Indian, Southeast and East Asian Experiences

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6 October 2017

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CLOSED DOOR SESSION

The Challenge of Skilling India

Ambassador Gopinath Pillai

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10 October 2017

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**JOINT BOOK LAUNCH &
PANEL DISCUSSION****The South Asian Diaspora – Preserving Culture,
Tradition and Identity****Ms Sreyashi Sen**Founder and Managing Director
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JOINT WORKSHOP**Revisiting Globalisation: Comparing Country Experiences
from South Asia and the World****Dr Duvvuri Subbarao**Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow,
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13 October 2017

Singapore

JOINT SEMINAR**Indian Supreme Court's Balancing Act on Triple Talaq****Dr Ronojoy Sen**

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National University of Singapore

25 October 2017

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JOINT ROUNDTABLE

Political Economy of Development in Eastern India**Professor Subrata K Mitra**

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JOINT PANEL
DISCUSSION**The Clean India Mission: Challenges and Prospects****Professor Subrata Mitra**

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9 November 2017

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DISCUSSION**Indian Heritage in Singapore: Contexts, Memories and Representations****Professor Subrata Mitra**

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Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan

16 November 2017

Singapore

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

New India**Mr Ram Madhav**

National General Secretary

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24 November 2017

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JOINT SEMINAR

Accessing Schooling under the Right to Education Act in India: Results from a Field Study in Delhi**Dr Prachi Srivastava**

Associate Professor

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27 November 2017

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ISAS-ESI WORKSHOP

South Asia's Challenges and Opportunities in Sustainable Energy Transitions

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Executive Director, Energy Studies Institute

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Chairman of the Institute for Policy,
Advocacy and Governance

30 November 2017

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AMBASSADORS'
LECTURE

Peru and Asia: An Evolving Relationship

Ambassador Manuel Talavera Espinar

Ambassador of Peru to Singapore

30 November 2017

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CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Taiwan's New Southbound Policy

Dr Shen Ming-Shih

Director and Associate Professor
Graduate Institute of Strategic Studies
War College, National Defense University, ROC Taiwan

5 December 2017

Singapore

ROUNDTABLE

Interactive Session with Pakistan Civil Service

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Principal Research Fellow, ISAS; and
Former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

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Dean, National Management College, Pakistan

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Director General, Customs, Pakistan

Mr Fareed Qureshi

Director General,
Federal Board of Revenue, Pakistan

Mr Farmanullah

Director, National Accountability Bureau,
Pakistan

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Chief Controller of Purchase, Ministry of
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Mr Chaudhry Muhammad Tarique

Director, Inland Revenue Service, Pakistan

Mr Shivshankar Menon

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, ISAS; and
Former National Security Advisor to the Prime
Minister of India

Dr Duvvuri Subbarao

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, ISAS; and
Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

30 January 2018	Evolving Strategic Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific and India's Maritime Security
Singapore	Dr Vijay Sakhuja Visiting Professor and Senior Fellow Gujarat National Law University
SEMINAR	
2 February 2018	Employment Policy in Emerging Economies: The Indian Case
Singapore	Dr Amitendu Palit Senior Research Fellow and Research Lead (Trade & Economic Policy), ISAS
PANEL DISCUSSION	Professor Elizabeth Hill Senior Lecturer; and Chair, Department of Political Economy University of Sydney
13 February 2018	The Evolving Patterns of the Global Economic Activity: An Analytical Overview
Singapore	Dr Srikanta Chatterjee Emeritus Professor Massey University, New Zealand
SEMINAR	
15 February 2018	South Asia in a Changing World: Implications for Singapore
Singapore	Professor C Raja Mohan Visiting Research Professor, ISAS; and Director, Carnegie India
SEMINAR	
20 February 2018	Challenges and Opportunities for the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2019
Singapore	Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale Head of Foreign Affairs Cell and Overseas Friends of the Bharatiya Janata Party
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
26 February 2018	Germany and Europe – Strategic Partners for Singapore and ASEAN
Singapore	His Excellency Dr Ulrich A Sante Ambassador of Germany to Singapore
AMBASSADORS' LECTURE	

1 March 2018

Singapore

SEMINAR

The Monk who became Chief Minister**Mr Shantanu Gupta**Biographer of Mr Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, India

9 March 2018

Singapore

JOINT WORKSHOP

Security and Governance in South Asia**Ambassador Shyam Saran**

Former Foreign Secretary of India

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27 March 2018

Singapore

AMBASSADORS'
LECTURE**Costa Rica and its Relations with Asia: Thoughts and Opportunities****Ambassador Iris Manzanares Murillo**

Ambassador of Costa Rica to Singapore

11 April 2018

Singapore

SEMINAR

**Transition in Afghanistan:
Past Challenges, Future Prospects****Professor William Maley**ANU College of Asia and Pacific
Australian National University

24 April 2018	Presentation by Oxford University Press
Singapore	Mr Niko Pfund President, Oxford University Press, USA
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
26 April 2018	India and China: Compulsions of Cooperation
Singapore	Dr S Jaishankar Former Foreign Secretary of India
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
2 May 2018	Bringing Back the Old? – India-Europe Partnership in the Indo-Pacific
Singapore	Professor Raja Mohan Director, Carnegie India
SEMINAR	
7 May 2018	Update on India-China Relations
Singapore	Dr S Jaishankar Former Foreign Secretary of India
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
10 May 2018	Proposal to Impeach a Chief Justice – Can it ever be Apolitical?
Singapore	Mr Vinod Rai Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow, ISAS; and Former Comptroller & Auditor-General of India
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	Ambassador Gopinath Pillai Chairman, ISAS; and Ambassador-at-Large, MFA, Singapore
15 May 2018	Bangladesh: The Next Level of Development
Singapore	Ambassador Gopinath Pillai Chairman, ISAS; and Ambassador-at-Large, MFA, Singapore
SYMPOSIUM	His Excellency Mr Md Mustafizur Rahman High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Singapore
	Ms Ayesha Aziz Khan Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Summit Power International
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	Dr Amitendu Palit Senior Research Fellow; and Research Lead (Trade and Economics), ISAS
	Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury Principal Research Fellow, ISAS; and Former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh

17 May 2018	Kazakhstan and China's Road Belt Initiative: Implications for the Region
Singapore	Ambassador Dr Usen A Suleimen Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Singapore
SEMINAR	
1 June 2018	An Update on Pakistan's Key Relationships
Singapore	Ambassador Riaz Hussain Khokhar Pakistan's Former Foreign Secretary and Pakistan's Former Ambassador to India, the United States, and China
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury Principal Research Fellow, ISAS; and Former Foreign Minister of Bangladesh
5 June 2018	Pakistan's Foreign Policy: Current Issues
Singapore	Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi Executive Director Center for International Strategic Studies, Islamabad; and Former Ambassador of Pakistan
SEMINAR	
8 June 2018	Changing US-China Relationship: Impact on Asian Geopolitics
Singapore	Ambassador Shivshankar Menon Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
12 June 2018	Seven Decades of Independent India
London, United Kingdom	Professor Robin Jeffrey Visiting Research Professor Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS
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14-15 June 2018

Portsmouth,
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ISAS-UOP WORKSHOP

India-UK Trade and Societal Challenges: Current Trends and Post-Brexit Prospects

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19 June 2018

Singapore

BOOK LAUNCH AND
PANEL DISCUSSION

The Politics of Common Sense: State, Society and Culture in Pakistan

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Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan; and
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21 June 2018

Singapore

CLOSED DOOR SESSION

Interactive Session with the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

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27 June 2018	New Cooperation Opportunities under a Renewed Partnership
Mumbai, India	Mr Heng Swee Keat Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Singapore
IN-CONVERSATION	Ambassador Gopinath Pillai Chairman, ISAS; and Ambassador-at-Large, MFA, Singapore
	Mr Deepak S Parekh Chairman, Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, India
2 July 2018	India's Agrarian Distress and its Economic and Political Implications
Singapore	Dr Ashok Gulati Academic Visitor Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS
CLOSED DOOR SESSION	
31 July 2018	Is Corruption Growth? Enhancing in Autocracies?
Singapore	Dr Shrabani Saha Associate Professor University of Lincoln, UK
SEMINAR	
2 August 2018	The Global Trade War: Implications for India, China and the Region
Singapore	Professor C Raja Mohan Director, Institute of South Asian Studies National University of Singapore
ISAS-BUSINESS CHINA PANEL DISCUSSION	Mr Eduardo Pedrosa Secretary General, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
	Mr Lee Yi Shyan Chairman, Business China
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	Mr Dustin Watson Director, Asia Business Trade Association
7 August 2018	Sino-Indian Relations after the Wuhan Summit
Singapore	Dr Manoj Joshi Distinguished Fellow Observer Research Foundation, India
SEMINAR	
14 August 2018	India and the Gulf: Modi turns West
Singapore	Professor P R Kumaraswamy School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
ISAS-MEI SEMINAR	

21 August 2018

Singapore

ISAS-CII CLOSED DOOR
SESSION**The Future of Singapore-India Relations****Ambassador Gopinath Pillai**Chairman, Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS; and
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PANEL DISCUSSION

Pakistan under Imran Khan: A New Dawn?**Ambassador Gopinath Pillai**Chairman, Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS; and
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Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS**Professor Riaz Ul Hassan**Visiting Research Professor
Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS**Mr Shahid Javed Burki**Visiting Senior Research Fellow
Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS; and
Former Finance Minister of Pakistan**Professor C Raja Mohan**

Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS

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ISAS-MEI SEMINAR

**Secular States, Religious Politics:
India, Turkey and The Future of Secularism?****Professor Sumantra Bose**Professor of International and Comparative Politics
London School of Economics & Politics Science

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Ministry of National Development, Singapore**Mr Venkatraman Sheshashayee**Managing Director
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Modi and the Ganges: Governance in India**Mr Victor Mallet**Asia News Editor
Financial Times, Hong Kong

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Distinguished Professor at the School of International Service,
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Ambassador of Switzerland to Singapore

19 November 2018

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Director and Visiting Research Professor, ISAS

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3 December 2018	Narendra Modi's Religious Diplomacy and the Reinvention of Indian Foreign Policy
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25 March 2019

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Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

26 March 2019

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India-US Burden-sharing in the Indo-Pacific****Professor C Raja Mohan**

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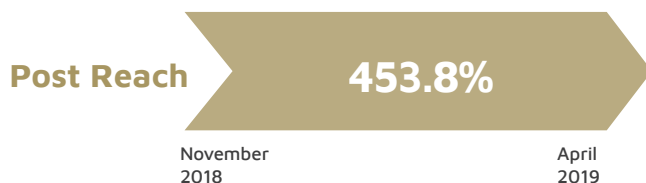




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104

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