

EXPLORING NEW DIMENSIONS OF ASYMMETRICAL SECURITY

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NUS CAMPUS
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
9:00AM - 5:00PM

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Note: Each session will be led by discussion leaders offering some opening observations of approximately 15 minutes followed by approximately 60 minutes of Q&A/Dialogue conducted under Chatham House Rules.

This event will be hosted by the Department of Political Science of the National University of Singapore

8:30 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:05 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Professor Terry Nardin, Head, Department of Political Science, NUS

9:05 – 9:20 **Workshop Overview**

Professor William Tow, ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security and Professor of International Relations, ANU

This session provides the conceptual overview of the workshop, highlighting its objectives, mechanics and intended outcomes.

9:20 – 9:30 **Introduction of Participants**

This session acquaints participants with workshop staff, colleagues and their environment.

9:30 – 11:00 **Terrorism and Asymmetrical Security**

DISCUSSION LEADERS:

Associate Professor Bilveer Singh, Department of Political Science, NUS

Professor Peter Grabosky, ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security, ANU

Major General Anm Muniruzzaman NDC PSC (Ret), Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS)

This session weighs how terrorism relates to the evolving challenge of asymmetrical security. It evaluates the nature and analytical utility of an asymmetrical security paradigm and cross-compares its terrorism components

with other key aspects of the non-traditional security approach (i.e. humanitarian intervention, disaster relief, criminal justice dimensions, environmental and energy security, etc.) The second part of the presentation focuses on the concept of terrorism more directly, reviewing and evaluating various forms and the potential of terrorist acts, profiles terrorist organisations and groups of similar nature (e.g. para-state entities) their activities with emphasis on the issues, concerns and trends cultivating and sustaining their existence in order to continue to undermine and challenge individual nations and the Asia-Pacific region as a whole.

11:00 – 12:30 Integrating Other Elements of Asymmetrical Security: The Way Ahead

DISCUSSION LEADERS:

Professor Michael Wesley, ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security, Griffith University

Professor Kiichi Fujiwara, University of Tokyo

This session examines incidences of chemical, biological and nuclear terrorist acts and assesses the capabilities of Singapore, Australia and Asia-Pacific, in general, in addressing and responding to such threats.

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch Break

1:30 – 3:00 National Strategies for Asymmetrical Security

DISCUSSION LEADERS:

FA Mr Peter Crozier, AFP Liaison - Counsellor, Australian High Commission to Singapore

Ms Judith Lind, National Manager for Policy and Future Strategies, Australian Federal Police

Representative, Singapore National Police

This session discusses the experiences, national systems, strategies and policies of Singapore and Australia in combating terrorism. It examines individual state capabilities, multi-sectoral (domestic) approaches, domestic and foreign policies, and bilateral and regional initiatives designed to counter both domestic and international terrorism. This session aims to identify weaknesses and gaps which both Singapore and Australia can address in order to strengthen their efforts.

3:00 – 4:30 Regimes and the International Criminal Justice System: Human Rights and Human Security

DISCUSSION LEADERS:

Professor Simon Bronitt, Director, National Europe Centre, Research School of the Humanities and Associate Director, Australian Centre of Military Law and Justice, College of Law

Professor Jack Donnelly, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver

This session examines the compromises in ensuring human security to effectively deter and fight terrorism. It looks at the regulatory framework set in place by Singapore and Australia and assesses aspects of the international criminal justice system that impinges on individual rights and freedoms.

4:30 – 5:00 Workshop Synthesis and Closing Remarks

Associate Professor Lee Lai To, Department of Political Science, NUS