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The Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) provides an informal mechanism for scholars, officials and others in their private capacities to discuss political and security issues and challenges facing the region. It also provides policy recommendations to various inter-governmental bodies, convenes regional and international meetings and establishes linkages with institutions and organisations in other parts of the world to exchange information, insights and experiences in regional political-security cooperation. The Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia manages the CSCAP Secretariat.



ISIS Malaysia

The Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia is the country's premier think-tank, with a mandate to advance Malaysia's strategic interests. As an autonomous research organisation, we focus on foreign policy and security; economics and trade; social policy and nation-building; technology and cyber; and climate and energy.

We actively conduct Track-Two diplomacy, promoting the exchange of views and opinions at the national and international level. We have also played a role in fostering closer regional integration and international cooperation through forums, such as the Asia-Pacific Roundtable, ASEAN Institutes of Strategic & International Studies network, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, and Network of East Asian Think-Tanks.

Programme

Day 1 (2 December 2024)

0815-0900

Registration

Lake Garden Foyer, Level 6

0900-0915

Opening remarks

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

Datuk Prof Dr Mohd Faiz Abdullah

CSCAP Co-Chair;

ISIS Malaysia Chairman

0915-0930

Welcoming remarks

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

Ralph Cossa

Chairman of the Board, President Emeritus and WSD-Handa Chair

Pacific Forum

United States

0930-1100

Session 1:

International order: whose rules and what order

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

Historical power structures have significantly shaped the current international order. This session focuses on its foundations, examining the governing rules, strengths and vulnerabilities. It will also explore the implications of shifting power dynamics and emerging actors for future global cooperation and governance in a changing geopolitical landscape. Given its strengths and vulnerabilities, is it worth clinging to the current international order or should we consider fundamentally reshaping it to fit contemporary realities? How can international institutions evolve to be more inclusive and reflective of a multipolar world? In what ways are rising powers challenging the established norms of the international order and what implications does this have for global governance?

Moderator:

Thomas Daniel

Senior Fellow
ISIS Malaysia

Speakers:

Dr Joel Ng

Deputy Head
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S Rajaratnam School of International Studies
Singapore

Prof Dr Kirill Babaev

Director
Institute of China and Contemporary Asia of
Russian Academy of Sciences

Dr Liu Qing

Vice-President and Senior Research Fellow
China Institute of International Studies

Lizza Bomassi

Research Analyst
European Union Institute for Security Studies
France

1100-1130

Break

Lake Garden Foyer, Level 6

1130-1300

Session 2:

Security and economic implications of political change in Asia-Pacific

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

The year 2024 is a pivotal year for Asia-Pacific, marked by domestic political changes with far-reaching implications for regional dynamics. Voters across the region are deciding not only their nations' futures but also that of international relations and global cooperation. As nations navigate shifts in governance, ideology and policy, understanding these changes is essential to comprehend their broader implications

for regional stability and economic cooperation. In what ways are domestic political changes within key countries influencing their foreign policy and security posture in Asia-Pacific? How are shifting alliances and geopolitical tensions affecting regional security dynamics? What economic policies or initiatives are emerging as a response to political changes and how might they reshape the economic landscape?

Moderator:

Shahriman Lockman

Director of Special Projects
ISIS Malaysia

Speakers:

Andrew Mantong

Researcher
Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia

Prof Dr Ken Jimbo

Keio University
Japan

Philip Turner

Senior Fellow
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1300-1430

Lunch

Vasco's Restaurant, Lobby

1430-1600

Session 3:

Assessing effectiveness of defence cooperation in Asia-Pacific

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

This session delves into the ADMM and ADMM-Plus frameworks, evaluating their impact on and contribution to regional stability amid

shifting security dynamics and rising geopolitical tensions in Asia-Pacific. It will also discuss the implications of mini-laterals, such as AUKUS and Quad. What are the primary challenges confronting these frameworks in addressing both traditional and non-traditional security threats? How can ADMM and ADMM-Plus enhance their mechanisms for collaboration among member states to respond effectively to emerging geopolitical tensions? What roles might non-ASEAN countries play within this framework?

Moderator:

HE Dr Luan Thuy Duong

Senior Adviser
Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Speakers:

Huy Kanthoul Vora

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Gen (rtd) Jerdwut Kraprayoon

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Lawrence Anderson

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Singapore

Datuk Prof Dr Mohd Faiz Abdullah

CSCAP Co-Chair;
ISIS Malaysia Chairman

1600-1700

Afternoon tea

Day 2 (3 December 2024)

0830-0915

Registration

Lake Garden Foyer, Level 6

0915-0945

Keynote address

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad bin Haji Hasan

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Malaysia

0945-1115

Session 4:

Economic resilience and supply chain diversification in Asia-Pacific

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

The global trade landscape has been significantly reshaped by recent events, including supply chain disruptions and transformation. This session aims to explore current supply chain challenges and their implications and identify recommendations for fostering resilient supply chains in Asia-Pacific. What role does economic diplomacy play in shaping supply chain resilience and geoeconomic partnerships amid major-power rivalry? How can regional cooperation be enhanced to address emerging threats in the supply chain landscape, particularly in the context of geopolitical tensions?

Moderator:

Dr Bradley Murg

Senior Adviser and Distinguished Research Fellow

Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace

Speakers:

Elena Burova

Senior Research Fellow

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Prof Dr Prabir De

Research and Information System for Developing Countries
India

Sam Hardwick

Research Scholar
Australian National University

Dr To Anh Tuan

Deputy Director-General
Institute for Foreign Policy and Strategic Studies
Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

1115-1145

Break

Lake Garden Foyer, Level 6

1145-1315

Session 5:**Navigating technological advancements: implications for climate action and resource security**

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

Technologies have long shaped national climate policies, commitments to international frameworks and net-zero aspirations. However, the emergence of new technologies calls for a deeper examination of how they interact with climate policy frameworks. In addition to clean energy solutions, these include high-risk technologies like carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS), and investments in data centres and artificial intelligence that have implications for resource security. How do we also safeguard human and environmental rights across the critical mineral supply chain in the pursuit of a green transition? How will these technologies shape climate responses in Asia-Pacific and ASEAN? What role does international cooperation play in leveraging them for climate mitigation and adaptation strategies to ensure a just transition?

Moderator:**Dr Aaron Jed Rabena**

Programme Convenor
Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress

Speakers:

Ahmad Afandi Nor Azmi

Fellow
ISIS Malaysia

Asoka Rasphone

Deputy Director-General
Institute of Foreign Affairs
Lao PDR

Dr Dhruba Purkayastha

Director
Growth and Institutional Advancement
Council on Energy, Environment and Water
India

1315-1430

Lunch

Vasco's Restaurant, Lobby

1430-1600

Session 6:

Sinking trust in troubled waters: geopolitical uncertainty in Asia-Pacific

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

The Asia-Pacific region is undergoing enormous changes, marked by shifting alliances, rising tensions and evolving security challenges. The uncertainty is also driven by rapid economic growth, increasing competition and heightened public awareness of and assertiveness towards many sensitive occurrences beyond national borders. Flashpoints like South China Sea, the Korean Peninsula, Myanmar and Indo-Pacific remain critical concerns. This session focuses on long-term influences on conflict, cooperation and competition. How do shifting alliances and rivalries influence regional security? What strategies can be implemented to foster trust among nations, considering escalating tensions and competition between major powers? What lessons can be learned from past conflicts and cooperation efforts in the region that could inform current security strategies?

Moderator:

Dr David Capie

Director
Centre for Strategic Studies
Victoria University of Wellington
New Zealand

Speakers:

Dr Go Myong-Hyun

Senior Research Fellow
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HE Ong Keng Yong

Executive Deputy Chairman
S Rajaratnam School of International Studies
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1600-1630

Closing remarks and reflections

Grand Ballroom, Level 6

Dr Suchit Bunbongkarn

Professor Emeritus
Chulalongkorn University

Datuk Prof Dr Mohd Faiz Abdullah

CSCAP Co-Chair;
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Profiles



Datuk Prof Dr Mohd Faiz Abdullah

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Datuk Prof Faiz leads the institute's policy development and Track-Two diplomacy, including through the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS) and Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC). He is also the Malaysian representative to the ASEAN Regional Forum Experts and Eminent Persons (ARF EEP) meeting and Co-Chair of CSCAP. His diverse career spans media, law enforcement, education, corporate law and public interest litigation, as well as strategic and international affairs advisory to federal and state governments. He is the founding dean of Selangor Business School (UNISEL) and the author of books on jurisprudence, public policy and strategic management.



Dr Charles Labrecque

CSCAP Co-Chair;
Director of Research, Asia-Pacific Foundation, Canada

Between 2015 and 2017, Labrecque was a lecturer in international relations and Canadian politics at Simon Fraser University. His research focuses mainly on Canadian foreign policy in Asia with a particular focus on subnational relations.



Dr Aaron Jed Rabena

Programme Convenor
Asia-Pacific Pathways to Progress

Rabena is professorial lecturer at the Asian Centre in the University of the Philippines and fellow at the Philippine Public Safety College. He served as non-resident fellow at the Pacific Forum in Hawaii and visiting fellow at the China Institute of International Studies, China Foreign Affairs University and ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore. He is also a Pacific Forum Young Leader and an alumnus of the East-West Centre and Daniel K Inouye Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies. His areas of interest include strategic studies, greater East Asian geopolitics and multilateral politics, political risk, and Chinese politics and foreign policy.



Ahmad Afandi Nor Azmi

Fellow
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Afandi's primary research interests lie in climate adaptation, biodiversity and environmental governance. Recently, he worked to the development of the National Climate Change Policy 2.0 with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability. With a decade of experience in research and consultancy across national policy assessments, reviews and strategic planning, his work has contributed to significant national and sub-national policies. He also serves as the environmental sustainability lead for the Malaysian CSO-SDG Alliance and a resource person for the All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on Sustainable Development Goals.



Andrew Mantong

Researcher

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Andrew's areas of expertise include non-traditional security, state-society relations, Indonesian foreign policy and ASEAN. He has worked with national and regional officials and academics to provide training and workshops on foreign and security affairs, conducted various studies and formulated policy recommendations for a range of foreign policy stakeholders. His research includes studies on Indonesian defence and maritime diplomacy, ASEAN political and security cooperation, and Indonesian foreign policy. He is currently examining Indonesian state-society relations in areas, such as radicalism and violent extremism, technology, and broader non-traditional security issues.



Asoka Rasphone

Deputy Director-General

Institute of Foreign Affairs

Lao PDR

Asoka assumed the present post in February, overseeing strategy research and international issues. He is a former minister counsellor and deputy chief of mission at the Laos Embassy in France, promoting relations with several European countries and handling Francophonie, UNESCO and OECD affairs. He has also worked extensively with international organisations, including the UN, focusing on various global issues. He is passionate about green diplomacy and community outreach.



Dr Bradley Murg

Senior Adviser and Distinguished Research Fellow
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Murg is Provost and Vice-Rector for academic affairs at Paragon International University in Phnom Penh. He serves as editor of CICP's *Journal of Greater Mekong Studies*. He is also an adjunct research fellow at Pacific Forum and a research fellow at the Central European Institute for Asian Studies. His work focuses on the political economy of the Greater Mekong sub-region; Chinese aid and investment in ASEAN; and ASEAN-China relations.



Dr David Capie

Director
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Capie's research interests focus on conflict and security issues, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region, and New Zealand's foreign and defence policy. He was regional co-chair of CSCAP from 2020 to 2022, and a member of the ASEAN Regional Forum Experts and Eminent Persons Group. He is a trustee of the Asia New Zealand Foundation and a member of the Ministerial Advisory Panel for the New Zealand government's Defence Policy Review.



Dr Dhruba Purkayastha

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Dhruba has more than three decades' experience in international development management consulting; financial advisory in the financing infrastructure and energy sectors; public policy and public-private partnerships; climate finance; adaptation; and energy transition. He has worked at the World Bank and International Finance Corporation and a leading credit rating agency in India. Prior to CEEW, he was the India director for climate policy initiative, working at the nexus of climate and transition finance. He is also a visiting faculty at IIM-Calcutta and guest faculty at IIM Ranchi.



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Burova is an executive secretary of CSCAP Russia, senior research fellow at the Centre for ASEAN Studies in ICCA RAS and senior lecturer at Lomonosov Moscow State University and MGIMO University. She participates regularly in policymaking sessions at the Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Export Centre and governmental enterprises bodies, such as Rosatom. She specialises in the socio-economic development of ASEAN countries, focusing on agriculture, food security, and Mekong resource management and development.



Dr Go Myong-Hyun

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Go is a senior research fellow and director of the Hybrid Threat Research Centre at INSS. He is a former senior fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul. His research applies quantitative perspectives to traditional and non-traditional security issues. He is widely cited by the international media, with special focus on the nexus between traditional and non-traditional security domains. He is also an adjunct senior fellow at the Centre for a New American Security and associate fellow at the Royal United Services Institute.



Huy Kanthoul Vora

Executive Director
Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace

Huy joined the Cambodian foreign service just before the advent of the Khmer Rouge after graduating from the Faculty of Law and Economics of the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Upon his return from exile overseas in early 2000, he participated in various capacities in the Cambodian legislature before joining the government. He has held cabinet-level positions as secretary of state for rural development, and foreign affairs and international cooperation.



Jaime B Naval

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Naval is a tenured faculty member at the Department of Political Science, UP Diliman. He has served at the Philippines' National Security Council (under Presidents Corazon Aquino and Fidel Ramos). He is actively involved in governmental and non-governmental discourses on the South China Sea. He is a former Fulbright fellow on national security and visiting fellow at the East-West Centre's China studies programme. He was a recipient of the Taiwan fellowship award and visiting scholar at the National Taiwan University. He is currently serving his second term as a member of the board of trustees of the Philippine Association for China Studies.



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Jerdwut spent decades in the Royal Thai Armed Forces where he held pivotal roles in defence and military education. He is a former director of the Peace Operations Centre, deputy commandant of the Joint Staff College and deputy commanding general of the National Defence Studies Institute. His operational expertise was honed during his tenure as commander of the 4th Armoured Battalion and assistant defence attaché in Washington, as well as through his work with the Thai Permanent Mission to the UN. He served on numerous national committees and working groups, including National Security Policy Committee, National Reform Steering Committee and various task forces.



Dr Joel Ng

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Ng's research focuses on regionalism, integration, security and intervention norms, focusing on ASEAN and its dialogue partners as well as the African Union. He is the author of *Contesting Sovereignty: Power and Practice in Africa and Southeast Asia* and has published widely in venues, such as *International Affairs*, *Project Syndicate*, *Council on Foreign Relations* and *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. He holds a DPhil from the University of Oxford.



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Ken is a Professor of International Relations at Keio University and a managing director of programmes at the International House of Japan. He is concurrently an adjunct senior research fellow at the Canon Institute for Global Studies. He served as special adviser to the defence minister in 2020 and prior to that, senior adviser to the National Security Secretariat. His main research interests are in international security, Japan-US security relations, and Japan's foreign and defence policy. He has been a policy adviser for various governmental commissions and research groups, including National Security Secretariat, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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Babaev has been Director of ICCA RAS since 2021. He is also president of the National Coordination Centre for International Business Cooperation and vice-chairman of the Scientific Council of BRICS National Research Committee. In 2024, he was elected chairman of the CSCAP Russian National Committee. He is the winner of the 'Leaders of Russia' national management contest and is included in the 'top 1,000 managers of Russia'.



Lawrence Anderson

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Anderson is a foreign service veteran, who served at the Singapore Permanent Mission to the UN in New York and embassies in the US and Thailand. He is the former ambassador to Cambodia, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, his appointments covered Singapore's bilateral relations with its neighbours; regional policy and strategic security issues involving ASEAN and its relations with Dialogue Partners; and technical assistance cooperation, among others. He is Singapore's representative on the advisory board of the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.



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Liu is the former director of the Department for American Studies and Department for Asia-Pacific Studies, CIIS. He served at the Chinese Embassy in Australia as first secretary. His research area focuses on China-US relations, Asia-Pacific cooperation and regional integration. He is the executive editor of the academic journal *China International Studies*. He is also chairman of CSCAP China.



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Duong is the former extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador of Vietnam to Myanmar. She was accredited with the lifelong title of Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in 2018. Duong teaches international relations, international conflicts, international relations history, foreign policies, public policies and public communication at DAV and other universities. She is also the vice-chair of the International Integration Committee of Business Community and chairman of International Cooperation Committee of Vietnam Association for Intellectual Women. She is a former minister counsellor at the Vietnam Embassy in the US. Duong is the author and co-author of several books and has published many articles in foreign newspapers and other publications.



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Ma was the Wang Gungwu Visiting Fellow at ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore, last year. He is the author of *Chinese Foreign Policy in Xi Jinping's Era: A Grand Design and Hot Issues* and *The Belt and Road Initiative: Opportunity and Challenge for China's Neighbouring Foreign Policy*. His commentary has been featured in publications, such as *The Diplomat*, *Fulcrum*, *Global Times* and *China Daily*. He specialises in Chinese IR theories/foreign policy, Sino-US relations and public international law, particularly territorial disputes in the South China Sea.



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HE Ong Keng Yong

Executive Deputy Chairman

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Ambassador Ong is concurrently Ambassador-at-Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is also Singapore's non-resident ambassador to Iran. He is Singapore's representative on the High-Level Task Force on ASEAN Community Vision Post-2025. He is also chairman of Humanity Matters, a non-profit humanitarian organisation, which is focused on inter-faith understanding and volunteerism.



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Turner is the former New Zealand ambassador to South Korea and North Korea. He had also served as a diplomat in Tokyo and Brussels. In between, he had 18 years' experience with Fonterra Cooperative Group, New Zealand's largest private company, undertaking senior roles in Auckland, Brussels, Tokyo and Shanghai. In Shanghai, he was managing director (president) Fonterra China, leading a business with a turnover of more than US\$1 billion and helping to steer the company through the melamine poisoning crisis. He currently lives in Tokyo, where he teaches at Lakeland University and is working on a PhD in international relations at Waseda University.



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Thomas Daniel

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