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In keeping with India's increasing global profile as a leading power and the accompanying dynamism of India's foreign and security policy, the Delhi Policy Group has expanded its focus areas to include India's broader regional and global role; India's initiatives to strengthen its strategic periphery; India's political, security and connectivity challenges and policies across the Indo-Pacific; and the strategic partnerships that advance India's rise. To support these goals, the DPG undertakes research, publishes policy reports and organises conferences on strategic and geo-political, geo-economic, and defence and security issues.

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3. *DPG-CSIS US-India Maritime Security Working Group Conference at CSIS, Washington D.C., April 24, 2019.*

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Conferences

DPG-RSIS Conference on "India, ASEAN and the Indo-Pacific: Evolving Regional Architecture", Singapore, April 10, 2019



DPG held its annual institutional conference with RSIS in Singapore on April 10, 2019. The theme of this year's interaction was "India, ASEAN and the Indo-Pacific: Evolving Regional Architecture" (Further details are available on the DPG website).

DPG-CSIS US-India Maritime Security Working Group Conference: "Accelerating the Momentum of Defense and Security Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific", Washington D.C., April 24, 2019



Following a series of five video conferences of the DPG-CSIS Maritime Security Working Group, the concluding conference of this DPG-CSIS

initiative on the theme “Accelerating the Momentum of Defence and Security Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific” was held at CSIS in Washington D.C. on April 23-24, 2019 (Further details of the event are available on the DPG website).

Policy Dialogues:

The DPG Senior Faculty held a series of Policy Dialogues in Washington D.C. between April 22-26, 2019.

[Meeting with H.E. Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Ambassador of India to the U.S., Washington D.C., April 22, 2019](#)



[Dialogue on West Asia with the Foundation for Defence of Democracies, Washington D.C., April 22, 2019](#) (Further details are available on the DPG website).

[Dialogue with USIBC, Washington D.C., April 22, 2019](#) (Further details are available on the DPG).

DPG Institutional Dialogue with the Hudson Institute, Washington D.C., April 26, 2019 (Further details are available on the DPG website).



Roundtables

DPG-SDS Roundtable Series on the Indian Economy: "The Future of Urban Mobility", New Delhi, April 3, 2019



The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) and the Society for Development Studies (SDS), organised a Roundtable discussion on "The Future of Urban Mobility" on April 3, 2019. Discussions at the roundtable were moderated by Dr. A. Didar Singh, I.A.S. (Retd.), Senior Visiting Fellow, SDS. Dr. O.P. Agarwal, Chief Executive Officer of WRI India and a recognised expert on urban mobility, lead off the discussion.

DPG Dialogue on Regional Connectivity Issues with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Singapore, April 11, 2019



DPG held a roundtable discussion with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy on Regional Connectivity Issues in Singapore on April 11, 2019. (Further details are available on the DPG website).

DPG-CICIR (China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations) Roundtable on bilateral and Indo-Pacific Issues, New Delhi, April 16, 2019



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a delegation from the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), including its Institute of South Asian Studies, Institute of South East Asian Studies and Institute of Maritime

Studies. The delegation was led by Dr. Hu Shisheng, Director of the Institute of South Asian Studies. The DPG faculty interacted with the visitors on bilateral relations and developments in the Indo-Pacific.

DPG-CSIS Roundtable Discussion on "India Reforms Scorecard", New Delhi, May 29, 2019



The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) and the Wadhvani India Chair at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington D.C. co-organised a roundtable discussion on major business and economic reforms which the new Government of India, which took office on May 30, 2019, can consider to trigger faster economic growth, job creation, trade and investment. The roundtable was attended by representatives of think tanks, business and industry organisations and civil society. The outcomes will be published by CSIS under the rubric "India Reforms Scorecard".

DPG Dialogue with the Prospect Foundation, Taipei in New Delhi, June 6, 2019



DPG hosted its periodic institutional dialogue with the Prospect Foundation, Taipei on June 6, 2019. The visiting delegation was led by Dr. Mark Tan-sun Chen, Chairman of the Prospect Foundation. The agenda for discussions, which were held under the Chatham House Rule, covered geoeconomic and geopolitical developments in the Indo-Pacific as well as prospects for India's economic relations with Taiwan.

DPG Dialogue with the Institute for Political and International Studies, Tehran in New Delhi, June 6, 2019



DPG hosted a high level delegation of the Institute for Political and International Studies, Tehran for an institutional dialogue on June 6, 2019.

The IPIS delegation was led by Ambassador Mohammad Kazem Sajjadpour, President of IPIS, who holds the rank of Deputy Foreign Minister, and included Ambassador Seyed Mousavi, Assistant Foreign Minister and Director General of the West Asia Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The agenda for the discussions included a review of developments in West Asia and India-Iran bilateral relations.

Faculty Activities

The DPG faculty was an active participant in various think tank interactions during this period, some of which are mentioned below.

Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General

Roundtable Discussion with Young India Policy Forum, CSIS, Washington D.C., April 25, 2019

Ambassador H.K. Singh delivered an address on the “Evolution of India’s Foreign Policy” to the Young India Policy Forum at CSIS, Washington D.C. on April 25, 2019.

ISEAS-ISAS Roundtable on “India-Indonesia: Constructing a Maritime Partnership”, Singapore, April 9, 2019

Ambassador H.K. Singh participated in this ISEAS-ISAS Roundtable held in Singapore on April 9, 2019, where he made a presentation on “Geo-political Perspectives in the Indo-Pacific” and took part in the public panel discussion (Further details are available at the DPG website).



Ambassador Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow

- Speaker and Discussant at Roundtable Discussion on "Chinese Engagement in Africa: Perspective from India, organised by ICS-NMML, New Delhi, April 5, 2019.
- Closed Door Brainstorming for a Midterm Review on "India-Russia Strategic Partnership in a Shifting World Order" based on 2018 Annual India-Russia Joint Statement, organised by ICWA, Sapru House, May 9, 2019.
- Member of panel on release/discussion of/on book titled "The McMahon Line: A Century of Discord", authored by Gen. JJ Singh, former COAS, June 21, 2019.
- Article on " China's India policy: the importance of bilateralism - an appraisal" in the June issue of India Quarterly. This is a special issue on China. IQ is a refereed journal of international affairs - the oldest in India.

Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Ph.D, Senior Fellow

- The Ottawa Dialogue on Nuclear and Mil to Mil CBMs, organised by University of Ottawa, Bangkok, April 15-18, 2019
- Interaction on developments in Afghanistan and Pakistan with Mr. Michael Kugelman, Senior Vice President, Wilson Centre, Washington D.C., April 20, 2019

Lt. Gen. Anil Ahuja (Retd.), Senior Fellow

- Strategic Gaming Exercise on National Security, Ex Indradhanush-II organised by Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), May 13-15, 2019.
- Talk on " Future of India's Defence Diplomacy" organised by Vivekananda International Foundation for the officers of Defence Intelligence Agency and Indian Defence Attaches (Designate), June 20, 2019.

Dr. Didar Singh, Senior Fellow

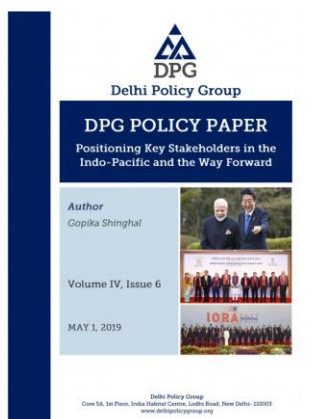
- Participation in EU Conference on "Future of Work", Brussels, April 8-10, 2019.
- Keynote Presentation in Session "Skill and Job Market and Future of Communication" at the 2nd International Symposium on "Leading the Future: Opportunities and Challenges in Future Workplaces" organised

by New Delhi Institute of Management in collaboration with AICTE, Govt. of India, New Delhi, April 6-7, 2019.

- Panelist in Session on “Building Resilience in Youth” at the Philosophers’ Retreat organised by Centre for Escalation of Peace (CEP) in collaboration with Govt. of Bhutan, Thimpu, June 13-17, 2019.

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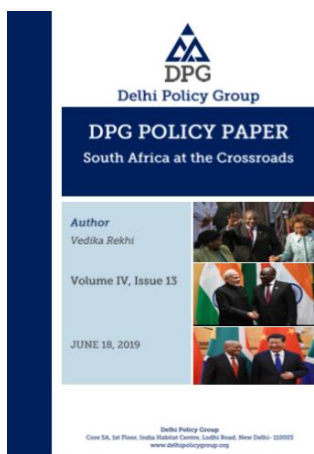


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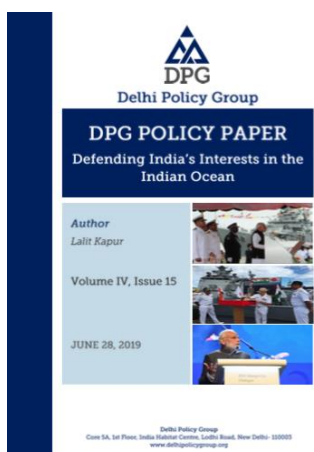


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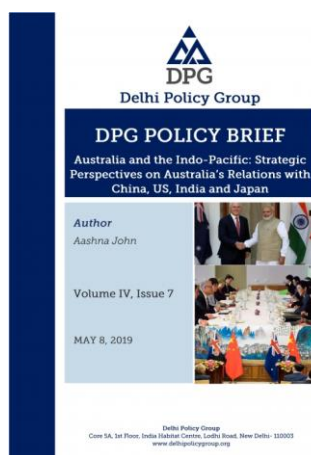
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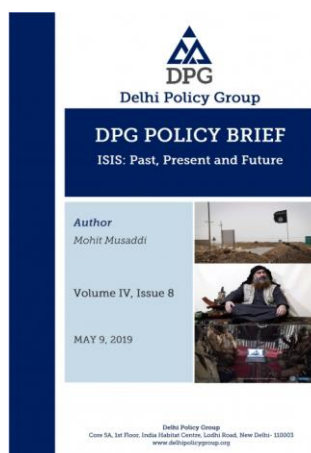
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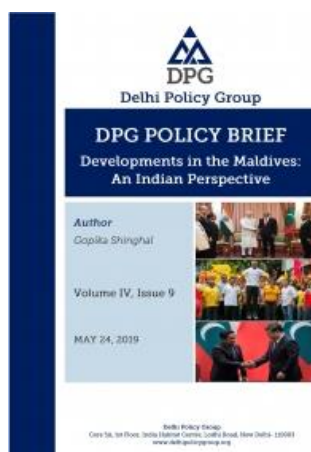
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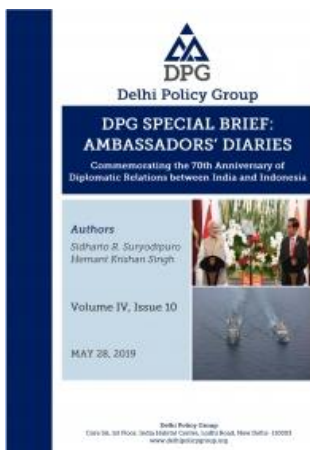
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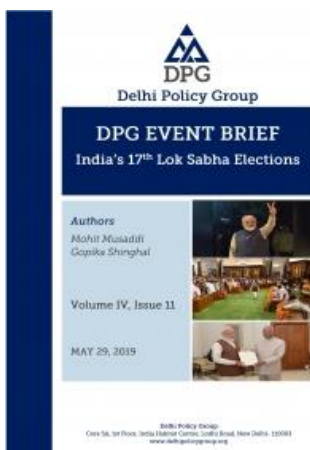
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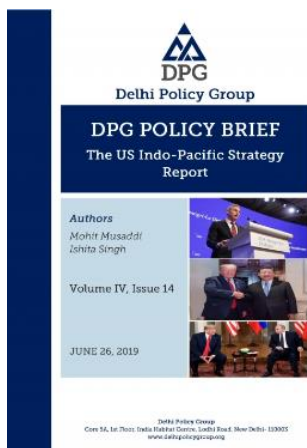
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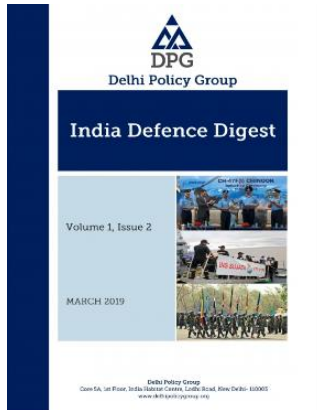
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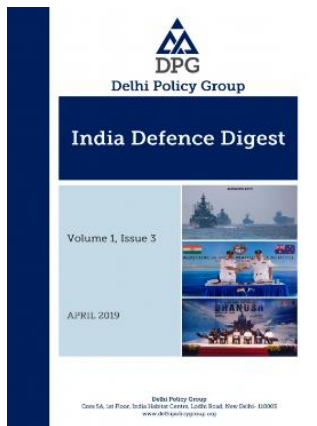
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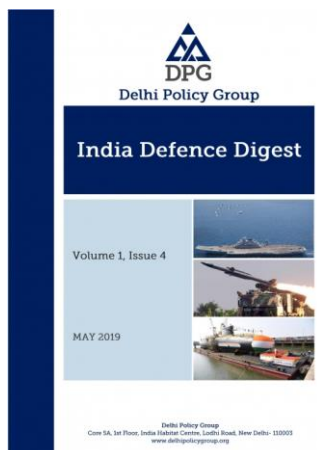
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