

DPG-RSIS WORKSHOP

on

India, Singapore and The Evolving Geopolitics of Southeast Asia

April 13, 2022, Wednesday

Programme

OPENING SESSION (1030 – 1050 IST, 1300 – 1320 SST)	
1030 – 1040 IST 1300 – 1310 SST	Opening Remarks by <i>Ambassador Ong Keng Yong</i> , Executive Deputy Chairman, RSIS (10 minutes)
1040 – 1050 IST 1310 – 1320 SST	Opening Remarks by <i>Ambassador H. K. Singh</i> , Director General, DPG (10 minutes)

Panel 1 (1050 – 1205 IST, 1320 – 1435 SST)	
GEOPOLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE POST COVID ERA	
Chair: <i>Ambassador Ong Keng Yong</i> , Executive Deputy Chairman, RSIS	
US-China relations under the Biden Administration – US Indo-Pacific Strategy - Chinese post-Covid policy and assertions in Southeast Asia (SEA) – the impact on SEA of rising US-Russia tensions – SEA perceptions of the Quad – likely impact on Southeast Asia of US efforts to exclude China from technology value chains – is China running head-to-head with the US in the technology race? Is cyber security already the new frontier for asymmetric conflict? – Internal Political and economic developments in China and their likely impact on Asia.	
1050 – 1055 IST 1320 – 1325 SST	Remarks by Chair – <i>Ambassador Ong Keng Yong</i> , Executive Deputy Chairman, RSIS (5 minutes)

1055 – 1205 IST	Panelists (10 minutes / speaker) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ambassador Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy, Delhi Policy Group ➤ Associate Professor Li Mingjiang, Provost’s Chair in International Relations, and Coordinator, PhD Programme, RSIS, NTU ➤ Brigadier Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow for Strategic & Regional Security, Delhi Policy Group ➤ Dr. Frederick Kliem, Research Fellow, Centre for Multilateralism Studies, RSIS, NTU
1325 – 1435 SST	
Q&A (30 minutes)	

Break (1205 – 1305 IST, 1435 – 1535 SST)

Panel 2 (1305 – 1420 IST, 1535 – 1650 SST)

INDIA AND THE ASEAN

Chair: **Ambassador H. K. Singh**, Director General, DPG

Appraising ASEAN Centrality in the Regional Security Architecture of East Asia – ASEAN views on US Indo-Pacific Strategy – The situation in Myanmar and its potential to expand the Chinese foot print in the region– Singapore’s perspective of China’s rising influence and ambitions in the ASEAN – China’s BRI and debt trap diplomacy – Perspectives on India-ASEAN cooperation and India’s bilateral relations with ASEAN countries – ASEAN expectations from India and its Act East Policy – India’s expectations from ASEAN countries.

1305 – 1310 IST	Remarks by the Chair – Ambassador H. K. Singh , Director General, DPG (5 minutes)
1535 – 1540 SST	

1310 – 1420 IST	Panelists (10 minutes/speaker) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assistant Professor Sarah Teo, Coordinator, Regional Security Architecture Programme, Institute of Defence
1540 – 1650 SST	

	<p>and Strategic Studies, RSIS, NTU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow for Act East Policy, Delhi Policy Group ➤ Assistant Professor Gong Xue, China Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, and Deputy Coordinator, MSc (International Political Economy) Programme, RSIS, NTU ➤ Dr. V. S. Seshadri, Senior Fellow for International Trade, Delhi Policy Group <p>Q&A (30 minutes)</p>
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Break (1420 – 1435 IST, 1650 – 1705 SST)

<p>Panel 3 (1435 – 1525 IST, 1705 – 1755 SST)</p> <p>INDIA – SOUTH EAST ASIA COOPERATION ON MARITIME ISSUES</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Jane Chan, Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, NTU</p>	
<p>The present state of Maritime Cooperation between India and South East Asian countries, India and ASEAN – the potential for increasing scope and modes of such cooperation – Developing institutionalized frameworks for managing security challenges in the Indo-Pacific– Security architecture for the Indian Ocean – the role of ADMM+</p>	
<p>1435 – 1440 IST 1705 – 1710 SST</p>	<p>Remarks by the Chair – Ms. Jane Chan, Senior Fellow and Coordinator, Maritime Security Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS, NTU</p>
<p>1440 – 1525 IST 1710 – 1755 SST</p>	<p>Panelists (10 minutes/speaker)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Sinderpal Singh, Senior Fellow, Assistant Director, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, and Coordinator, South Asia Programme, IDSS, RSIS, NTU

	<p>➤ Commodore Lalit Kapur, Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, Delhi Policy Group</p> <p>Q&A (25 minutes)</p>
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CLOSING SESSION (1525 - 1535 IST, 1755 - 1805 SST)	
1525 - 1535 IST	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Amb. H. K. Singh, Director General, DPG - 5 minutes</p> <p>Amb. Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman, RSIS - 5 minutes</p>
1755 - 1805 SST	