

**4<sup>th</sup> DPG - AUSCSCAP/ASIALINK WORKSHOP****Tuesday 23 November 2021****09:30a.m – 12:00p.m IST; 15:00p.m – 17:30p.m AEDT****AGENDA****Opening Session** (15 minutes, 0930 – 0945 IST, 1500 – 1515 AEDT)

1. Remarks by AusCSCAP Co-Chairs, Mr Ric Smith and Professor Tony Milner
2. Remarks by Amb. H.K. Singh, Director General, DPG.

**Panel I: Geostrategic Trends and Priorities** (60 minutes, 0945 – 1045 IST, 1515 – 1615 AEDT)*Chair: DPG (5 minutes)*

(This session comprises an exchange of views on the regional impact of recent geostrategic trends and national priorities. Subjects to be covered include recent developments like AUKUS, Quad, China/Taiwan).

**1. AusCSCAP Speakers** (15 minutes)

- Mr Brendan Sargeant (Director, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University).
- Mr John McCarthy (Senior Advisor, Asialink).

**2. DPG Speakers** (15 minutes)

- Brig. Arun Sahgal (Senior Fellow for Strategic and Regional Security, DPG).
- Cmde. Lalit Kapur (Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, DPG).

**3. Discussion** - 25 minutes.

**Panel II: Strengthening Bilateral Cooperation** (60 minutes, 1045 – 1145 IST, 1615 – 1715 AEDT)

*Chair: AusCSCAP (5 minutes)*

(This session encompasses an exchange of views on strengthening bilateral cooperation to realise the objectives of the Australia-India Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership)

1. DPG Speakers (5 minutes each, total 15 minutes).

- Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh (Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs).
- V. Adm. Anil Chopra (Retd).
- Dr. V.S. Seshadri (Senior Fellow for International Trade, DPG).

2. AusCSCAP Speakers (15 minutes)

- Mr Peter Varghese (Chancellor of University of Queensland, Chair of Asialink Council).
- Ms Lisa Singh (Director of the Australia–India Institute at Melbourne University).

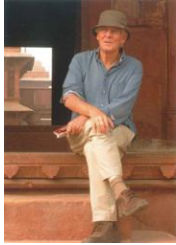

3. Discussion: 25 minutes

**Closing comments** (15 minutes, 1145 - 1200 IST, 1715 - 1730 AEDT)




Chde. Lalit Kapur, Senior Fellow and Amb. H. K. Singh, Director General, DPG

AusCSCAP Co-Chairs, Mr Ric Smith and Professor Tony Milner



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 <p>Richard (Ric) Smith AO PSM AusCSCAP Co-Chair</p>	<p>Richard Campbell (Ric) Smith AO PSM was born in Perth and educated at State Schools and the University of Western Australia, from which he graduated BA, B Ed. He taught in country high schools for three years before joining the Department of External Affairs in 1969. Mr Smith served in Australia’s diplomatic missions in India, Israel, The Philippines and Hawaii. He was a Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 1992 to 1994, and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Defence in 1994-95. He served as Ambassador to China and Mongolia from 1996 to 2000, and as Ambassador to Indonesia in 2001-02. He was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence in 2002 and retired from the Public Service in 2006.</p>
 <p>Professor Tony Milner AM, FASSA, FAIIA AusCSCAP Co-Chair</p>	<p>Co-Chair of AusCSCAP and International Director, Asialink. Professor Milner was Basham Professor of Asian History from 1994 to 2013, and Dean of Asian Studies from 1996 to 2005, at Australian National University (ANU). He is currently Emeritus Professor at ANU, as well as Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne and Visiting Professor at the University of Malaya. He has held visiting appointments at the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), National University of Singapore, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Kyoto University, Humboldt University, National University of Malaysia and the Institute for Strategic and International Studies in Malaysia. He was Director of the Australia-Asia Perceptions Project of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.</p> <p>Professor Milner has served on various Australian Government bodies - including a decade on the Foreign Affairs Council. Apart from publishing widely on Southeast Asian History, he is Co-Editor of the three-volume series, Australia in Asia (Oxford University Press). His books on Malaysia include The Malays. He comments on Asian regional developments in the Australian and Southeast Asian media.</p>
 <p>Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh, I.F.S Director General DPG</p>	<p>Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh served in the Indian Foreign Service from 1974-2010 and is a distinguished former career diplomat with extensive experience of geo-strategic and geo-economic issues as well as multilateral institutions which underpin international law and commerce.</p> <p>He has been India's longest serving Ambassador to Japan (2006-2010), Ambassador to Indonesia and Timor Leste (2003-2006), Ambassador to Colombia, Ecuador and Costa Rica (1999-2002), and India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva (1995-1999). He has held several significant assignments during his career, dealing with the United States, West Europe and the European Union and India's immediate neighbours.</p> <p>Ambassador Singh has contributed to the forging of the India-Japan strategic and global partnership, the intensification of India's relations with Indonesia and ASEAN, the evolution of India's revitalised Look East Policy and the shaping of India's policy towards key neighbours and strategic partners.</p> <p>From 2011-2016, Ambassador Singh was Professor for Strategic Studies at</p>



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	<p>ICRIER, a leading think tank in New Delhi. In June 2016, Ambassador Singh assumed responsibilities as Director General, Delhi Policy Group, which is among India's oldest independent think tanks focused on strategic issues of critical national interest. He has been associated with several public policy initiatives and Track II / Track 1.5 strategic dialogues involving major think tanks of India, US, Russia, Japan and Asia. He has written and worked extensively on the ongoing transformation of India's foreign policy and relations with the United States and Japan and their growing convergences in shaping Asia's emerging economic and security architecture.</p>
 <p>Brendan Sargeant Director, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre Australian National University</p>	<p>Brendan Sargeant is Professor of Practice in Defence and Strategic Studies and Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Studies at the Australian National University. He retired from the Department of Defence in October 2017. From September 2013 to October 2017 he was the Associate Secretary of Defence. Prior to that appointment he was the Deputy Secretary Strategy. As Associate Secretary, he was responsible for oversight of the implementation of the First Principles Review, a major reform of Defence organisation and enterprise governance, planning, performance and risk management. He was principal author of the 2013 Defence White Paper and has been involved in the development and implementation of Defence policy over many years.</p>
 <p>John McCarthy Senior Advisor, Asialink</p>	<p>John McCarthy is a former Australian career diplomat. He joined the then-Department of External Affairs in 1968. McCarthy's posts include Ambassador to Vietnam, Mexico, Thailand, the United States, Indonesia and Japan and High Commissioner to India. His assignments in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in Australia included Chief of Staff to the then-Foreign Minister Andrew Peacock, Chief Legal Officer and Deputy Secretary. McCarthy has an MA and LLB from Cambridge University and was called to the London Bar at the Middle Temple in 1965. He was a barrister in London from 1965 to 1966 and worked for the New York law firm of Shearman and Sterling from 1966-1967.</p>
 <p>Brig. Arun Sahgal Senior Fellow for Strategic and Regional Security, DPG</p>	<p>Arun Sahgal, a retired Brigadier of the Indian Army, is the Executive Director of the Forum for Strategic Initiative, a policy think tank focusing on national security, diplomacy and Track II Dialogues. He was previously the founding Director of the Office of Net Assessment, Indian Integrated Defense Staff (IDS), Head of the Center for Strategic Studies and Simulation, United Services Institute of India, and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. His research comprises scenario planning workshops, geopolitical and strategic assessments related to Asian security, and issues concerning nuclear doctrine and strategic stability in South Asia. His publications include co-authored books and net assessments for the IDS, Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), and the Indian National Security Council (NSC), among other clients. He has been a member of the Task Force on Net Assessment and Simulation, under the NSC, and a consultant with DRDO. He recently finished a monograph on Strategic Stability in South Asia for Sandia Laboratories, USA. He conducts simulation and strategic games at IDS, the Ministry of Defense, National Defense College, College of Defense Management, and other international clients. He is member of many Track 1.5 and 2 initiatives.</p>

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 <p>Commodore Lalit Kapur (retd.) Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, DPG</p>	<p>An alumnus of the Doon School, Dehradun and the National Defence Academy, Cmde Lalit Kapur is a veteran with over 35 years of commissioned service in the Indian Navy. He has served on a wide variety of Western and Russian origin ships, been a member of the Fifth Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (during which he pioneered a technique for survey of the Ice Shelf in the vicinity of Dakshin Gangotri) and been India's Defence Attaché at Muscat 1999-2002. He has served in the Defence Intelligence Agency as its first Deputy Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Defence Protocol and Foreign Liaison), where he was responsible for overseeing all foreign defence representatives in India, all Indian defence representatives abroad and military intelligence cooperation with friendly foreign countries; the Strategic Forces Command where he was responsible for strategic communications and the sea vector, and at Headquarters Offshore Defence Advisory Group, Mumbai, where he was responsible for all its operations. He has over 12 years of tri-service experience, 8 years of diplomatic experience and has achieved a 'Distinguished' grading in every course he has attended since 1980. The Commodore holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science from Jawaharlal Nehru University as well as two Masters Degrees (both with Distinction); one in Defence Studies from Madras University and the other in Management Studies from Osmania University. He also holds an M Phil degree from Mumbai University. A prolific reader, his interests include International Relations, human resource development and military history. He writes professionally and has numerous published articles to his credit.</p>
 <p>Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh Director-General, ICWA</p>	<p>Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh holds a Master's degree in Economics from Himachal Pradesh University. She joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1985. Her first posting was in the Embassy of India in Madrid, Spain, where she later went as Deputy Chief of Mission in 2006. She worked in the Ministry of External Affairs from 1989 to 1999, handling India's relations with Afghanistan and Pakistan. She was posted as Counsellor in the Embassy of India in Kabul from 2003 to 2005.</p> <p>She has had multilateral experience, particularly in economic and environmental issues. She was Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York from 2000 to 2003. She has served as Joint Secretary to the President of India from August 2007 to August 2012 and as Joint Secretary at the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) from 2012 to 2013.</p> <p>She has been High Commissioner of India to Singapore from 2013 to 2016 and Ambassador of India to Ireland from 2016 to 2018. For two years from 2018, she was Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs and retired in September 2020.</p>

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 <p>Vice Admiral Anil Chopra, PVSM, AVSM (retd)</p>	<p>Vice Admiral Chopra has the unique distinction of having been the Commander-in-Chief of both the combatant commands of the Indian Navy, i.e. the Western Naval Command, and the Eastern Naval Command; as well as being the Chief of the Indian Coast Guard for three years in the immediate aftermath of the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks. Admiral Chopra has been a Member of the National Security Advisory Board (2017-19), and of the apex Defence Acquisition Council, chaired by the Raksha Mantri, (2008-11).</p> <p>He was Chairman of the Offshore Security Coordination Committee; the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board; the National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Board, and Patron of the Sea Cadet Corps. Admiral Chopra has been a Distinguished Fellow with a number of think-tanks, including the Observer Research Foundation, Gateway House and Vivekananda International Foundation; and has been on the Governing Council of the United Services Institution, and the National Maritime Foundation. He has also been active in India's track 1.5 and track 2.0 dialogues, both at home and abroad. Admiral Chopra is a second-generation military officer.</p> <p>He is an alumnus of the Lawrence School, Lovedale; the Sherwood College, Nainital; and the La Martiniere College, Lucknow. He obtained his Masters and M Phil in Defence Studies from Chennai University. For his distinguished service, he was awarded the AtiVishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) in 2007, and the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) in 2013, by the President of India.</p>
 <p>Dr. V.S. Seshadri, I.F.S (retd.) Senior Fellow for International Trade, DPG</p>	<p>Dr. Seshadri joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1978 and served in several diplomatic posts during his career that included Nairobi, Brussels, Bangkok, Tehran and Washington DC. He was also on deputation to the Ministry of Commerce from 1999 to 2003 when he was the Joint Secretary responsible for WTO matters. Dr.Seshadri was the first resident Ambassador of India to Slovenia, Ljubljana from 2007 to 2010. He then went on to serve as India's Ambassador to Myanmar, in Yangon from 2010 till 2013. On return to India he held the position of Vice-Chairman of the think tank Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi from 2014 upto 2017. Thereafter he was also associated with CII in connection with a study project relating to RCEP. Dr. Seshadri had his college education in Bangalore and Hyderabad and secured his PhD. in Applied Mathematics from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in 1978. Dr Seshadri has contributed a number of research articles and discussion papers on trade and other international economic issues.</p>

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Peter Varghese AO  
Chancellor of University of  
Queensland,  
Chair of Asialink Council

Mr Varghese is Chancellor of The University of Queensland (UQ). Prior to this appointment, he served as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2012-2016). Previous senior appointments included High Commissioner to India (2009-2012), High Commissioner to Malaysia (2000-2002), Director-General Office of National Assessments (2004-2009), and Senior Advisor (International) to the Prime Minister (2003-2004). He was the author of the India Economic Strategy to 2035 commissioned by the Australian Prime Minister and submitted in July 2018.

He was educated at UQ, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours and a University Medal in history in 1978. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from UQ in 2013. He sits on the boards of CARE Australia and North Queensland Airports. He is also on the international governing board of the Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore.



The Hon Lisa Singh  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Australian India Institute

Lisa Singh is a former Australian Senator and was the first woman of South Asian heritage to be elected to the Australian Parliament. She is also a former Tasmanian Member of Parliament and was a Minister in the Tasmanian Government. She is Deputy Chair of the Australian Government's Australia-India Council and an advisory committee member of the University of Melbourne's Asialink and the University of New South Wales' Australian Human Rights Institute. Lisa has been a long-term advocate for a deeper Australia-India relationship. In 2014 she was awarded the *PravasiBharatiya Samman* by the President of India for building friendly Australia-India relations, the highest civilian honour for a person of Indian origin. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in human geography from the University of Tasmania and a Master of International Relations from Macquarie University.