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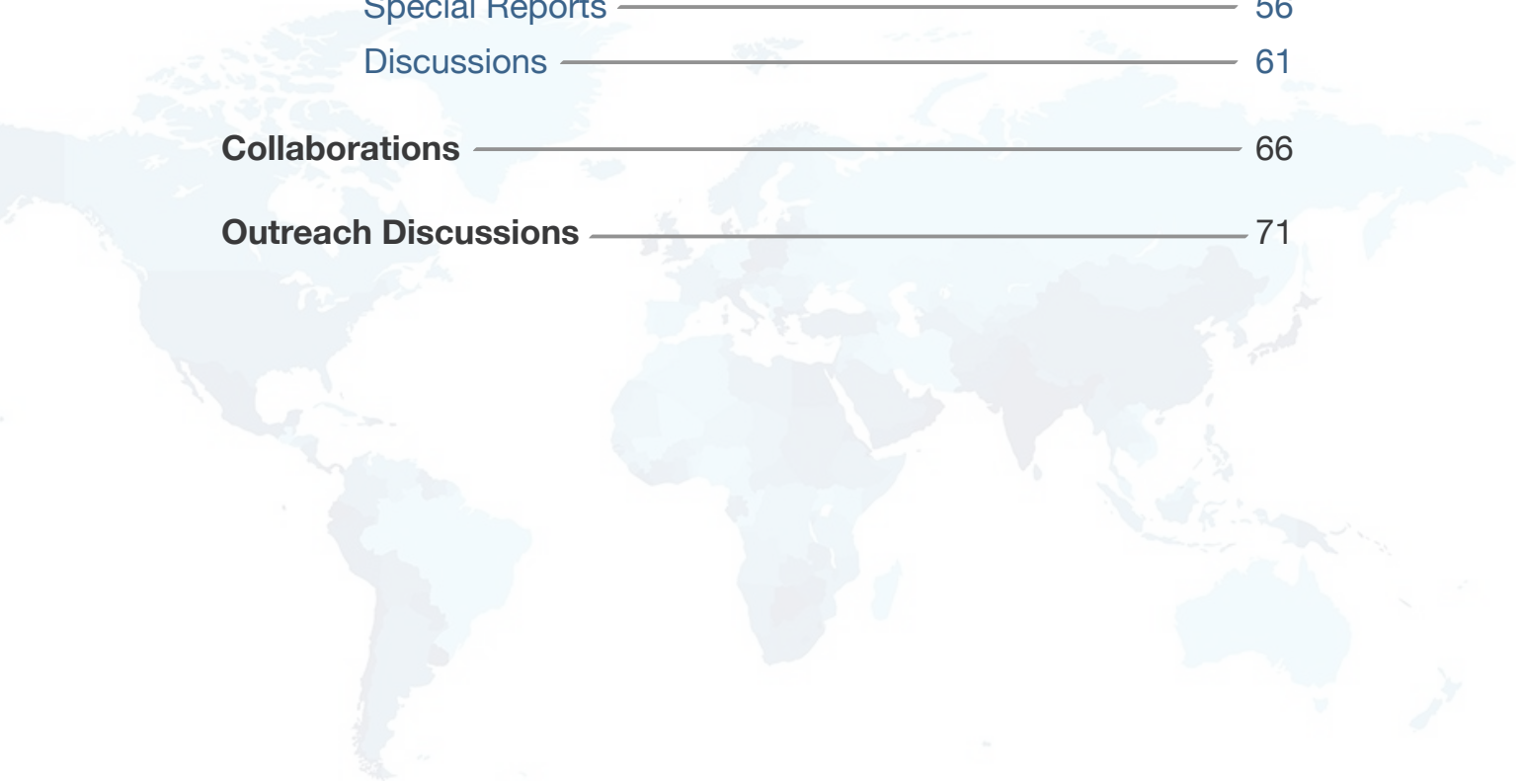
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Introduction

Ruhee Neog

Director

The old rulebooks - if there are such things for think-tanks - were dispensed with at the close of 2017.

Instead, we set our goals based solely on who we are, what we seek to do, and how best to leverage our collective skill-set and the resources at our disposal. These parameters contributed to the framework that steered our activities through 2018.

One, we fortified our core research areas and expanded the scope of work to more comprehensively include West Asia and the European Union geographically; and international law, the fourth industrial revolution, hydropolitics and hypdrodiplomacy, refugees and immigrants, and gender, thematically. This endeavour to more closely reflect evolving global geopolitical realities manifested in the form of publications, discussions, podcasts, and in *Reelpolitik*, IPCS' monthly film screenings. Some of these projects are carrying over into 2019.

Two, we chose to focus on conducting smaller, compact roundtables over 'events', based on the observation that these contribute to more substantial discussions. The 25 seminars and roundtables held in 2018, including the twelfth annual Germany-India-Brazil-South Africa (GIBSA) Quadrilogue, were implemented in this format. The GIBSA conference on *The Evolution of Multilateralism* was held at the track 1.5 level this year, and featured a breakaway, student-led seminar in JNU, organised in collaboration with the Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament (CIPOD).

Three, we laid emphasis on inter-disciplinary collaboration to address some of the consequences of siloisation, or the lack of interdisciplinary analysis that think-tanks and academia often represent. In 2018, we worked to instrumentalise our research through engagement with the fields of law and science and technology. Of these efforts, our collaborations with the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, and Government Law College (GLC), Mumbai, and the Women, Peace and Security Series are relevant examples.

Four, we aimed—and were successful—in better using social media to amplify outreach and build more robust engagement with digital constituencies in India and elsewhere.

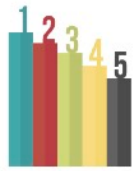
Five, while continuing the tradition of innovation in policy-oriented research representative of a cross-section of analysis from across the world, we recognised the importance of showcasing this in different formats, particularly at a time when the audience for the long-form is both shrinking and evolving. We increased the number of podcasts—featuring short interviews with subject-matter experts—that were commissioned through the year. *Reelpolitik*, IPCS' monthly platform for the study of security issues through visual representation, was similarly strengthened. This visual medium has been instructive in providing insights into the complexities that inform strategic analysis, and has expanded these critical conversations to a wider audience of stakeholders.

Finally, IPCS' emphasis on the capacity building of the next generation of emerging specialists continued as before. Its internship programme, which offers scholars and graduates an opportunity to observe geopolitical and security developments from an Indian perspective and training in policy analysis and writing, and facilitates their access to Delhi's strategic community, was busy this year. IPCS hosted 16 interns from universities and institutions in India, the Netherlands, Spain, the US, Belgium, and the UK.

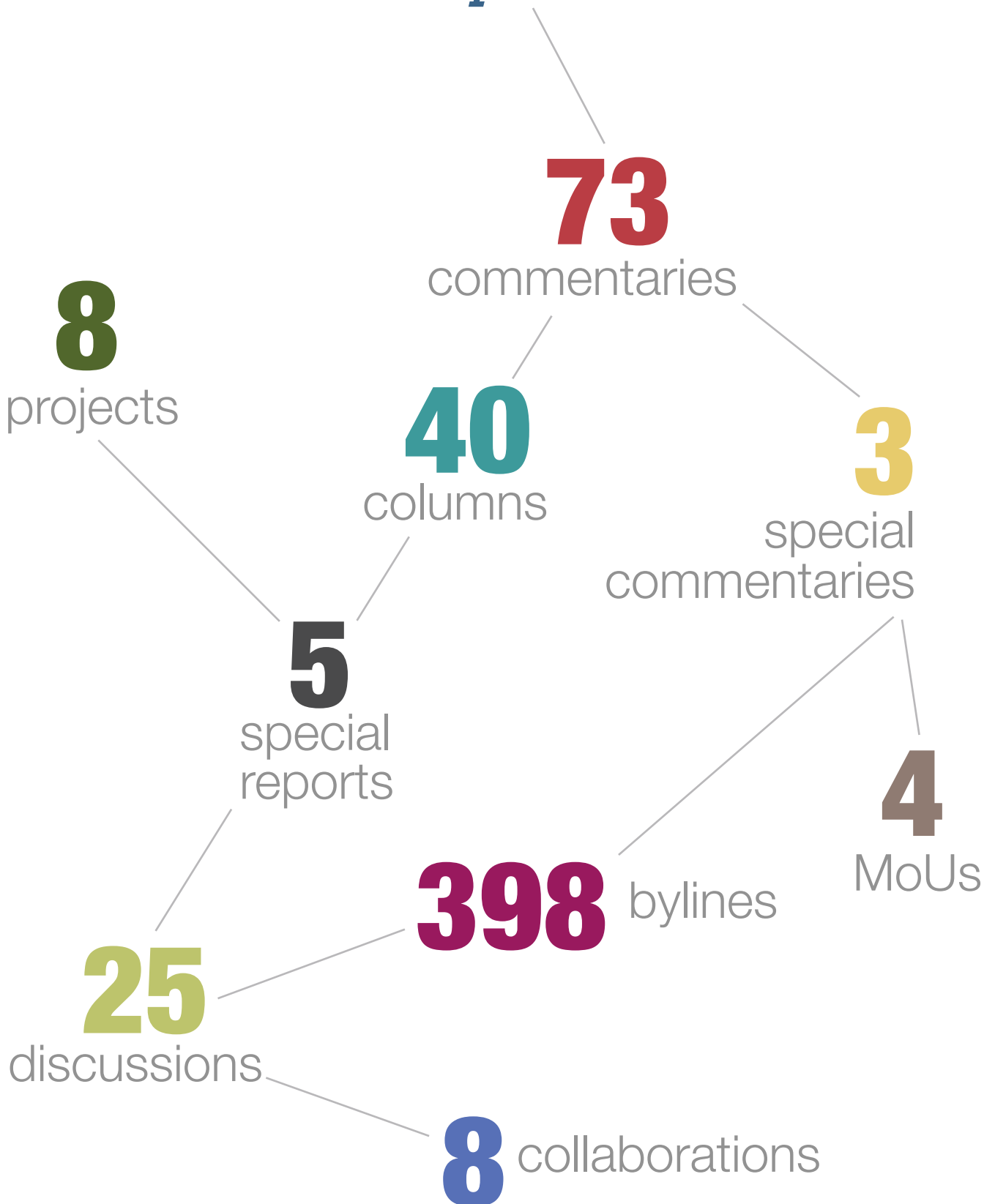
I invite you to read, in more detail, the range of activities undertaken by IPCS in 2018 in the following pages of its Annual Report, and as always, welcome your feedback at ruhee.neog@ipcs.org.

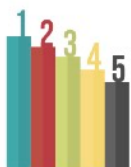
On behalf of IPCS, my very best wishes for the year, and I thank you for your continuing support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ruhee Neog". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Ruhee" is written with a large, sweeping 'R' and a long horizontal line extending to the right. The last name "Neog" is written with a large 'N' and a long horizontal line extending to the right, ending in a small dot.



NumberSpeak





NumberSpeak

16 interns



Total page likes: **13,557**
Total reach in 2018: **2,09,134**

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member **1**



Total followers: **6342**
Total impressions in 2018: **855,800**
Total profile visits in 2018: **29,429**



Total podcasts: **44**
Podcasts in 2018: **18**
Total plays in 2018: **926**



PROGRAMMES



Nuclear Security Programme



China Research Programme



South East Asia
Research Programme



Centre for
Internal and Regional Security

Colour Key



Please use this colour key as reference for all publications and discussions, which are colour-coded to their respective programmes.

THEMES



SECURITY & DEFENCE

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DISCUSSIONS

Commentaries

Column I Maritime Matters

8 January

Maritime Digital Trends in 2018

Dr Vijay Sakhuja argues that the ongoing digital transformation is highly disruptive and will dominate the maritime industry for many decades into the future

11 January

Ushering New Normalcy in Kashmir

Ayan Tewari highlights the need for addressing the socio-psychological needs of the youth to reduce future disruptions in the valley

23 January

Swarm Drones: Could they Shape the Future of Naval Warfare?

Dr Vijay Sakhuja argues that next-generation hybrid drone-missile unmanned systems may characterise the future naval realm

Column I Maritime Matters

15 February

South China Sea: Unmanned Vessels and Future Operations

Dr Vijay Sakhuja argues that new technology demonstrations by China and the US signal the unfolding of a new naval competition between them

19 February

Goldfein's Visit and IAF-USAF Affiliation

Gp Capt (Retd) Murli Menon comments on the opportunities for India's strategic enhancement

Column I Maritime Matters

27 February

The Debut of Counter-Drone Technologies

Dr Vijay Sakhuja considers why counter-droning is likely to emerge as an important tool of tactical warfare

8 March

Women Cyber Warriors and the Indian Military

Dr Vijay Sakhuja takes a look back at the role of women professionals at the forefront of innovation in cyber security

Column I Maritime Matters

31 March

Game-changing Technologies for Future Naval Operations

Dr Vijay Sakhuja considers why naval planners may need new strategies and fleet architecture reliant on emerging technologies

16 April

New Technologies Demand New Laws and Ethics

Dr Vijay Sakhuja argues for the formulation of general legal norms for the development and use of lethal autonomous weapon systems

11 May

China: Naval Drill and Regime Legitimacy

Palden Sonam weighs in on the drivers that motivated the largest naval exercise in the country's history

Column I Red Affairs

15 May

Counter-LWE Security Operations: Season of Success?

Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray argues the government's approach, which does not account for capacity-building in Indian security forces, cannot lead to any kind of decisive victory

Column I Maritime Matters

11 June

Disruptive Technologies and Future Naval Warfare

Dr Vijay Sakhuja argues that transformations led by AI, ML, big data, cloud computing, and quantum communications will cause major disruptions in naval warfighting

Column I Red Affairs

25 June

Governance Promises and its Antithesis: A Case Study of Junglemahal

Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray draws from the Junglemahal experience and argues that security operations must be followed by the establishment of effective governance structures

25 June

Asian Militaries and Artificial Intelligence

Dr Vijay Sakhuja on transformative technological changes that have the potential to upset the delicate balance of military power in Asia

25 June

The Shaky Acquisition of Combat Aircraft in the Indian Air Force

Air Commodore (Retd) Prashant Dikshit analyses recent developments with regard to the acquisition of combat aircraft for the Indian Air Force

Column I Maritime Matters

17 July

Digital Connectivity in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Dr Vijay Sakhuja discusses the benefits that optical fiber cables offer for ocean monitoring and maritime security

Column I Maritime Matters

1 August

The Challenges of AI-enabled Underwater Platforms

Dr Vijay Sakhuja cautions that these developments present clear dangers and could have potentially destabilising consequences

13 August

Challenges to Securing India's Borders

Tim Walpot asks whether new technologies hold an answer to India's border security problems

Column I Maritime Matters

20 August

Drones and Counter-Warfare

Dr Vijay Sakhuja comments on the use of drones by non-state actors and its impact on national military strategies

27 August

J&K and the Vajpayee Doctrine's Continuing Relevance

Dr Ashok Bhan weighs in on the importance of compromise and stakeholder management for the Kashmir peace process

31 August

Human Rights Violations Vs AFSPA: A Contradiction That Must End

Lt Gen AS Lamba argues that while criminality has to be punished, the state also has to protect its service personnel from unsubstantiated litigation

24 September

Managing the India-Bangladesh Border

Dr Joyeeta Bhattacharjee assesses the outcomes of the recent directors general-level meeting between the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB)

9 October

The Future of US Troops in Afghanistan: Assessing Potential Roles

Rajat Ahlawat assesses the current deployment structures and likely roles the new US troops will be deployed for, in Afghanistan

IN FOCUS ————— Politics & Security in J&K

25 September

J&K: Political Stability and the 2019 Lok Sabha Elections

Sarral Sharma identifies key political challenges New Delhi will face in Jammu & Kashmir the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections

17 December

J&K: Addressing Security Challenges Amid Political Uncertainty

Sarral Sharma weighs in on the dynamics of the new phase of militancy in the Kashmir Valley

29 December

Kashmir's Separatist Movement: Rising Challenges, Shrinking Relevance

Sarral Sharma discusses the challenges to the separatist leadership's influence in the Valley

22 November

Signalling with INS Arihant: Import of the Message and the Messenger

Dr Manpreet Sethi reads the three most significant reactions to the announcement of India's indigenous nuclear-powered submarine's first deterrent patrol

22 November

A Non-Traditional Security Perspective on Sino-Indian Border Management

Dr Siwei Liu contends with ecological concerns along the India-China border between India and China

Discussions

Book Discussion

11
June



The Spy Chronicles: RAW, ISI, and the Illusion of Peace

chair

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain

Member, IPCS Governing Council, &
former GOC, 15 Corps, Srinagar

speaker

AS Dulat

author & former chief of the
Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)

Roundtable

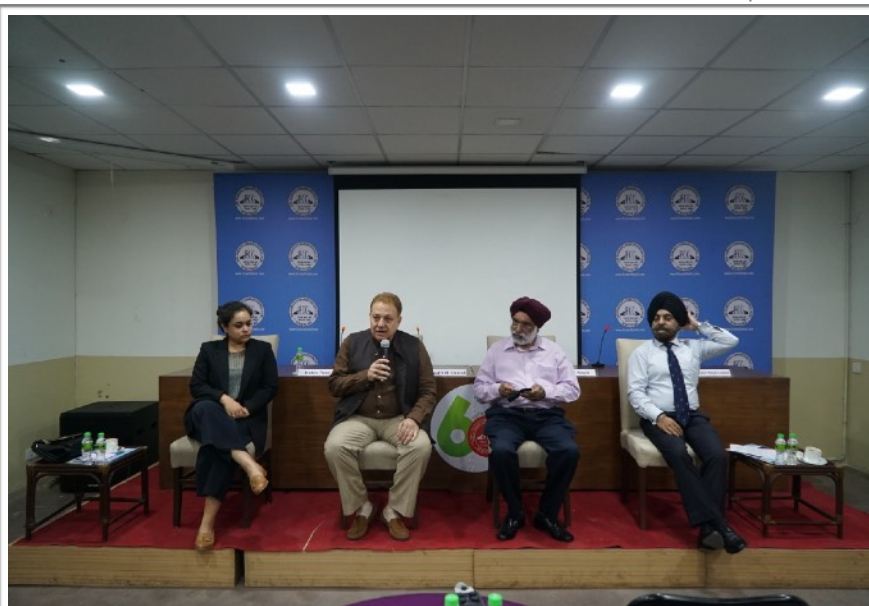
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The Diplomatist
Roundtable

**Conflict,
Peace, &
Reconciliation**

chairs

Ruhee Neog
Director, IPCS

**Dr Waheel SH
Awwad**
Journalist &
South Asia-based
political analyst.



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Aug

speakers

Lt Gen (Retd) Arvinder Singh Lamba
President, IPCS, and
former Vice Chief of Army Staff, India

Ambassador (Retd) Gurjit Singh
Former Indian Ambassador to Germany

Talk

speaker

Dr Amit Gupta

Associate Professor,
Department of International
Security Studies,
USAF Air War College



**4
Sep**

**Indo-Pacific, Quad & 2+2 Dialogue:
Indian & US Strategic Security Perspectives**

Discussion

**23
Oct**



**The Quetta
Experience:
Attitudes and
Values within
Pakistan's Army**

speaker

Col David O. Smith

formerly of the U.S. Army,
and Distinguished Fellow,
Stimson Center



12th
Annual

GIBSA
QUADRILOGUE

2018
NEW DELHI

 **Hanns
Seidel
Stiftung**



On 30, 31 October, IPCS hosted the 12th Annual **Germany-India-Brazil-South Africa (GIBSA) Quadriologue** in New Delhi, on the theme, **The Evolution of Multilateralism**.



This year, the conference featured a breakaway seminar at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), organised in collaboration with the Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament (CIPOD). GIBSA is made possible with the support of **Hanns Seidel Stiftung**.

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1 January

No Responsible Steward of Nuclear Weapons, This

Vice Admiral (Retd) Vijay Shankar on the repercussions of the logic that drives Pakistan's nuclear policy

9 January

A Human Security Approach to Nuclear Disarmament

Shivani Singh considers the importance of human security norms in the disarmament discourse

Column I Nuke Street

22 January

A Global Nuclear Order in Crisis

Amb (Retd) Sheel Kant Sharma considers the reasons for the severe damage caused to the tentative global rules for managing the nuclear age and avoidance of nuclear war

12 February

Denuclearising the Korean Peninsula: US Policy and China's Role

Dr Manpreet Sethi Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra argues that China cannot be brought on board unless its motivations to participate are addressed by the US

Column I Nuke Street

5 March

Winter Olympics in the Nuclear Shadow

Amb (Retd) Sheel Kant Sharma considers scenarios that might break the stalemate on negotiations with North Korea

9 March

2018 US Nuclear Posture Review: Intent and Implications

Dr Manpreet Sethi considers the government's initiatives and performance in the nuclear field

19 April

The Nuclear Consequences of Brexit

Arushee Vig argues that the negative fallout will be disproportionately balanced towards the UK

Column I The Strategist

3 May

The Regression of Nuclear Policy

Vice Adm (Retd) Vijay Shankar argues that the danger of mass destruction rests on the shoulders of leaders advocating doctrines of nuclear use

Column I Nuke Street

16 May

Two Decades After Shakti: India's Nuclear Policy

Amb (Retd) Sheel Kant Sharma considers scenarios that might break the stalemate on negotiations with North Korea

1 June

Bangladesh and Nuclear Power: Significance for India

Tarika Rastogi argues that Bangladesh' Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP) has the potential to re-energise India-Russia cooperation and significantly enhance India's geopolitical clout and standing in the nuclear community

Column I Nuke Street

3 July

Iran, North Korea, and Disarmament: Some Questions

Amb (Retd) Sheel Kant Sharma asks if the painstaking detail of old-fashioned disarmament would have any relevance in the new international order

4 July

India's NSG Membership and the Human Capital Factor

Abhijit Iyer-Mitra & Tarika Rastogi argue that India's forays into the nuclear knowledge sector must be seen as a major initiative with the possibility of significant returns on investment

Column I The Strategist

1 August

The Dilemma of a Threshold

Vice Adm (Retd) Vijay Shankar considers the logic of Pakistan's full-spectrum deterrence policy

Column I East Asia Compass

9 August

Trump, Kim, and Denuclearisation

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra says that there is a widening perception gap between the US and North Korea regarding denuclearisation

Column I Strategic Space

20 August

Nuclear Security: The Focus Must Not Flag

Dr Manpreet Sethi cautions that while great strides have been made in global nuclear security, steep challenges still remain

Column I East Asia Compass

20 September

US-China Contestation and North Korean Denuclearisation

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra explains that the US will need take a more in-depth, patient, innovative approach to devise a mutually acceptable quid pro quo with China rather than venturing alone

30 September

US-North Korea Nuclear Diplomacy: Contextualising the Third Inter-Korean Meet

Shivani Singh argues that smooth inter-Korean relations and cooperative US diplomacy must go hand-in-hand for any substantive progress

Column I East Asia Compass

17 October

Denuclearising the Korean Peninsula: Hope Amidst Uncertainty?

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra that while there is reason for optimism, there is still insufficient trust between the stakeholders

5 December

US Sanctions on Iran: An Examination of the EU's Role

Manuel Herrera considers the implications of a derailment of the JCPOA from a EU perspective

25 December

Collision on Course? An Assessment of EU-US Fall-Out Over the JCPOA

Manuel Herrera assesses the economic, military and institutional costs of a EU-US dehyphenation in light of sanctions on Iran

Column I Strategic Space

26 December

Limited Use of Nuclear Weapons: Political and Military Implications

Dr Manpreet Sethi on the implications of a limited nuclear exchange as an old debate emerges once again

Discussions

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2018 Nuclear Posture Review

speaker

Professor Amit Gupta

Associate Professor,
Department of Strategy and
International Security Studies,
USAF Air War College

Discussion

2
May



Changing Nature of Warfare in the Second Nuclear Age

moderator

Ruhee Neog

Director, IPCS

speakers

Tanvi Kulkarni

PhD candidate, Centre for
International Politics, Organisation
and Disarmament (CIPOD),
School of International
Studies (SIS), JNU

**Lt Gen (Retd) Balraj
Singh Nagal**

Director, Centre for Land
Warfare Studies (CLAWS), &
former Commander-in-Chief,
Strategic Forces Command of
India

Dr Manpreet Sethi

Senior Fellow, and Head,
Nuclear Security Project,
Centre for Air Power Studies
(CAPS)

Saikat Datta

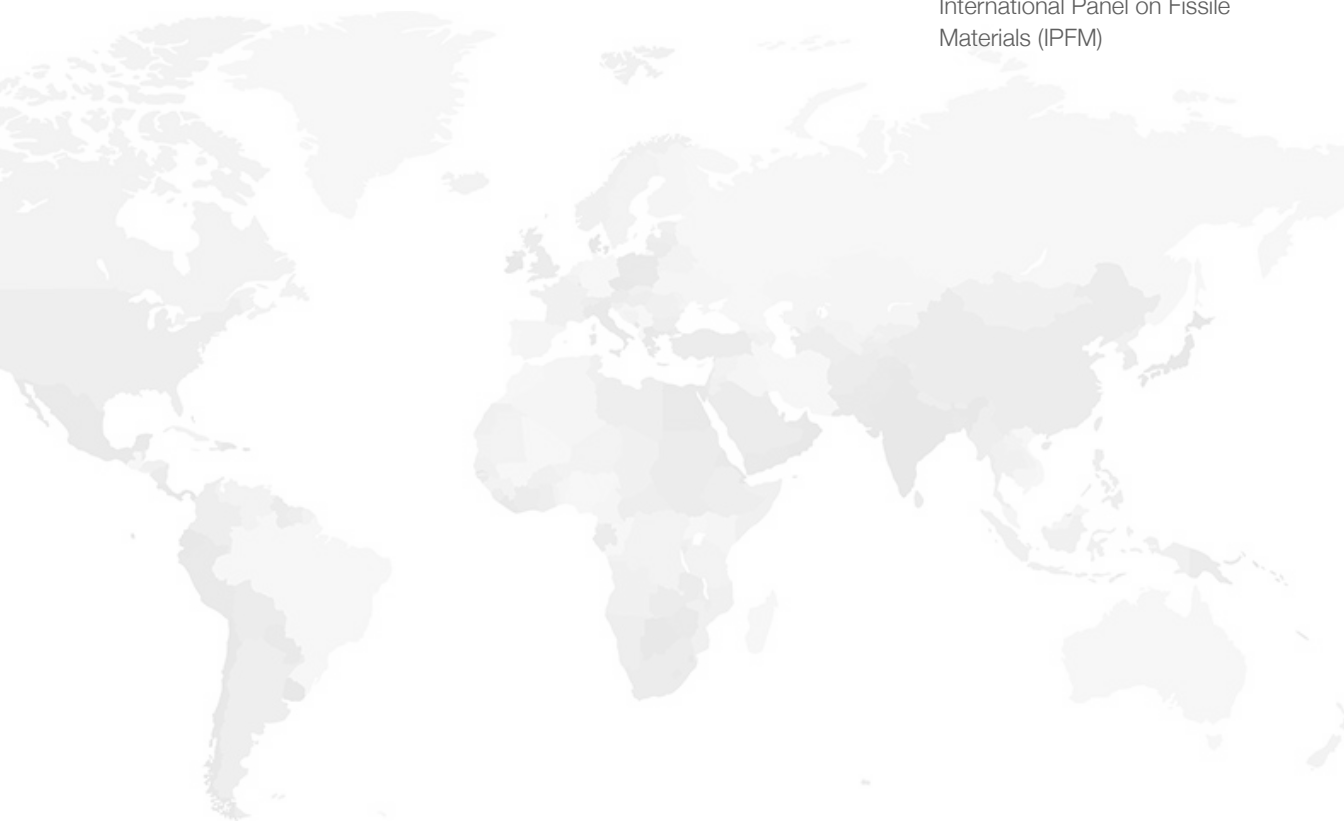
South Asia Editor,
Asia Times, and
author, *India's Special Forces*

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Senior Fellow and Head, Nuclear and Space
Policy Initiative, Observer Research
Foundation (ORF)

Professor R Rajaraman

Emeritus Professor of Theoretical
Physics, JNU, Distinguished
Fellow, IPCS, and former Co-Chair,
International Panel on Fissile
Materials (IPFM)



Projects

Hydropolitics in Iraq: Political and Conflict Dynamics

This project investigates how water could influence political and conflict dynamics in Iraq. It looks at how water has influenced the polity up to now and considers water-related issues with the general conflict dynamics of the country, which, in Iraq, often translates as sectarianism. Finally, the project assesses Iraq's external hydropolitics and the likelihood of a 'water war'.

 ongoing

Riparian Hydropolitics: The Yarlung Tsangpo-Brahmaputra-Jamuna River Basin

This project is a study of riparian hydropolitics over the transboundary Yarlung Tsangpo-Brahmaputra-Jamuna (YBJ) Rivers among China, India and Bangladesh, and how the existing water management approaches have a limited potential to address the fundamental issues pertaining to the river basin.

ongoing 

Populism and its Manifestations in SAARC

Considering the vast amount of ink that is dedicated to describing the role of populism in contemporary politics, it seems inescapable to conclude that we are living in an era of populism. SAARC is a largely unstudied geography with respect to this phenomenon, and this project considers its various manifestations across the eight countries that constitute the intergovernmental organisation.

 ongoing

Series on Women, Peace and Security

Conflict geographies in India have multiple interlinked dimensions that intersect with gender. However, given the tremendous complexities in gender equations across the country, these dimensions do not necessarily play out the same way. An India-specific deliberation on women, peace and security (WPS) necessitates a deeper context-specific understanding. This project, anchored in UNSCR 1325, is an effort to encourage an evidence-based approach to implement the Resolution in India.

ongoing 

Banking Sector Reform

India's banking sector has gone through extensive reforms since independence. While the changes had a positive impact on the economy and the sector, the issues that are still ever present in the sector are due to the lack of reforms since 2005. Many issues have resurfaced (NPAs, lack of privatisation, inefficiency), and outdated reforms have resulted in the banking sector being stuck in the past. By way of SWOT analysis of the banking sector, it is an attempt to understand the sector itself and how justified the demand of reforms in the sector is.

 ongoing

The Role of River Waters in India-Pakistan Relations

This research project considers divergent views between India and Pakistan on the interpretation of clauses in the 1960 Indus Water Treaty (IWT), the Treaty's successes, impact on the management and sharing of trans-boundary river waters, the potential for conflict and consequent escalation, and dispute resolution mechanisms.

ongoing 

Immigration and Forced Displacement in South & Southeast Asia

Recent immigration and forced displacement trends in the South Asian region necessitate an understanding of how and why they occur, as well as how governments are responding to them. This includes new refugee movements from conflict pockets and emergent state policies in dealing with newly displaced or preexisting refugee populations. The project has a special focus on Myanmar, Bangladesh, and India in light of the fresh displacement from Rakhine State and the deportation of Rohingya Muslims from India to Myanmar.

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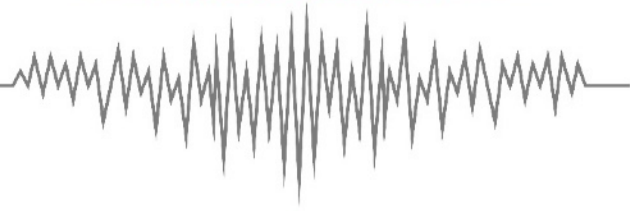
Evolving Discourses of Security in International Politics

These discussions explore language through which security is understood, represented, and practiced in various contexts. By examining how security is enacted and experienced by particular actors and groups – ranging, for instance, from nuclear strategists to women in armed conflict situations – the aim is to engender better-informed approaches to address contemporary challenges.

ongoing 



Podcasts



Donald Trump and the Iran Nuclear Deal

Ambassador (Retd) Sheel Kant Sharma

former Indian ambassador to Austria, Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Vienna and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), and former Secretary General of South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

The Rohingya Crisis: Refugees, Geopolitics, & India's Response

Ambassador (Retd) Rajiv Bhatia

Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House; and former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar



New Developments in US-Pakistan Relations

Ambassador (Retd) TCA Raghavan

Member, Governing Council, IPCS; and former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan

Unpacking the Maldivian Crisis

Mickail Naseem

President, Youth Wing, Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP)





India's Contributions to UN Peacekeeping

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain

Member, IPCS Governing Council, and former Corps Commander and Military Secretary, Indian Army



China's Constitutional Amendments and their Implications

Professor Srikanth Kondapalli

Chairperson, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and Distinguished Fellow, IPCS



The Emerging Geopolitical Environment in South and Central Asia

Ambassador (Retd) PS Raghavan

Convener, National Security Advisory Board, India; and former Indian Ambassador to Russia



Demonetisation and the Black Economy

Professor Arun Kumar

Malcolm Adiseshiash Chair Professor, Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi



India's West Asia Policy: The Old and the New

Ambassador (Retd) Talmiz Ahmad

Former Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Oman, and the UAE



India-ASEAN Economic Relations

Professor Amita Batra

Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)





Unpacking the US Airstrikes in Syria

Ambassador (Retd) VP Haran

Former Indian ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic

India's Vision for the Indo-Pacific: Aspects and Challenges

Commodore (Retd) Uday Bhaskar

*Distinguished Fellow, IPCS;
and Director, Society for Policy Studies (SPS), New Delhi*



What Does the Popular Unrest in Jordan Mean?

Ambassador (Retd) Anil Trigunayat

Former Indian Ambassador to Jordan

73 Years After Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Commodore (Retd) Uday Bhaskar

*Distinguished Fellow, IPCS;
and Director, Society for Policy Studies (SPS), New Delhi*



Reforms in Saudi Arabia: Beyond the Mainstream Media Narrative

Sami Hamdi

Founder and Editor-in-Chief, 'International Interest'

East Asia's Changing Geopolitical, Multilateral & Security Landscape

Dr Gudrun Wacker

Senior Fellow, Asia Research Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin, and Member, Steering Committee, Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP EU)



Non-traditional Security Threats for the EU: The Case of African Migration

Dr Melanie Müller

Associate, Middle East and Africa Research Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin



Evolving Security Concerns in Southern Asia

Dr Christian Wagner

Senior Fellow in the Asia Research Division of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin





ECONOMY

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Commentaries

19 January

The Yuan: China's New Strategic Tool in Pakistan

Air Cmde (Retd) Prashant Dikshit argues that China is steadily employing the Yuan as a strategic tool in Pakistan and makes projections regarding potential implications

16 February

Budget 2018-19: Beginning the 2019 Election Campaign

Prerana Priyadarshi considers the reasons that make this a populist budget and the pitfalls contained therein

8 March

Regulating India's Cattle Industry: A Socio-Economic Assessment

Ayan Tewari contends that if ideology-driven policy is inevitable, it is crucial to think of mitigating the negative effects during the formulation stage



17 April

Trump's Tariffs and a Looming Trade War: India's Stakes

Ayan Tewari considers the potential benefits of the recently imposed steel and aluminium tariffs for India

19 April

The Chabahar Port Project and Afghanistan's Alternative Approach to Trade

Jawad Torabi explores the challenges and opportunities to Afghanistan's alternative approach to trade

27 June

Iran's Economic Losses and the Nuclear Deal

Shivani Singh considers the possibility of economic compensation to Iran in light of US sanctions

27 June

'Advantage Assam': Instrumentalising Development through Tourism

Riddhi Mahanta argues that the state government's emphasis must remain on strengthening regional connectivity and community-level participation

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Apr



Demonetisation and the Black Economy

speaker

Prof Arun Kumar

Malcolm Adiseshiah chair professor,
Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi

chair

Dr Harsha Vardhana Singh

Former Executive Director & Senior Fellow, Brookings India;
former Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)



A flagship platform for the study of political, social, and security issues through visual representation.

India's Reggae Resistance: Defending Dissent Under Modi

Vikram Singh

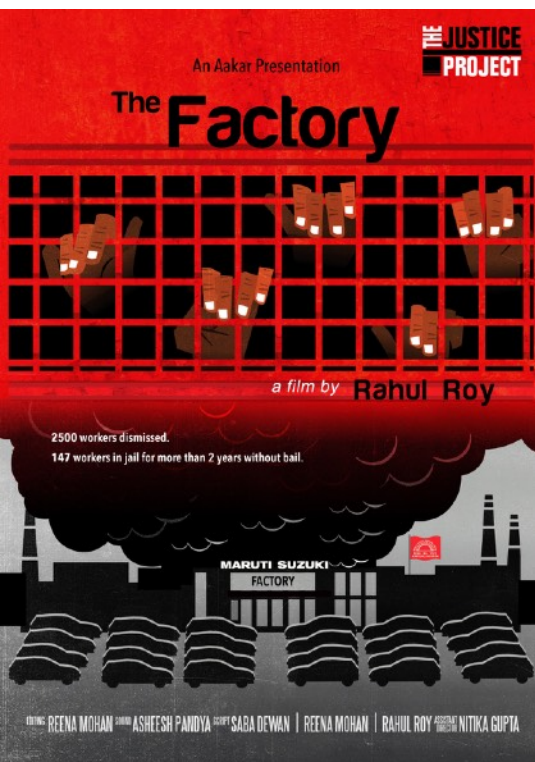
The film follows Indian musician Taru Dalmia who creates a unique street music system to add flavour to anti-government university protests that had erupted in the country during that time. The idea is to fuse music and political activism in one strand of collective dissent.



The Unreserved

Samarth Mahajan

This unique piece of non-fiction is a product of 17 straight days of end-to-end travel around India in the General/Unreserved compartment of the Indian Railways. In the process, the filmmakers confronted a whole gamut of emotions, stories, and experiences that were stitched together into a film. The run-time of the film is about an hour.



The Factory

Rahul Roy

147 workers of India's biggest automobile manufacturing company Maruti Suzuki are on trial for the murder of a senior manager and 2500 workers dismissed. It has been two and a half years and the case drags on. Their bail application has been rejected by the courts. On each hearing they are led to the court room by the police while families line up to catch a glimpse. The defence lawyers plan their strategy in the court canteen. Justice seems a dim hope. The film follows the fate of the under trial workers, families and dismissed workers to investigate the underbelly of industrial conflict and the elusive nature of justice.



World War Three: Inside the War Room

Gabriel Range, BBC2

Following the crisis in Ukraine and Russia's involvement in Syria, the world is closer to super power confrontation than at any time since the end of the Cold War. Now a committee of senior former British military and diplomatic figures comes together to war game a hypothetical 'hot war' in Eastern Europe, including the unthinkable – nuclear confrontation.

Sheenkhalai - The Blue Skin

Shilpi Batra Adwani

This upcoming feature-length documentary (currently in post-production) is a personal inquiry by the filmmaker into the roots and journey of the Pashtun Hindu community—to which she belongs—that was displaced from Quetta (in present-day Pakistan) to Rajasthan, India, during partition in 1947.

The journey is presented through oral history, foodways, ethno-musicology and linguistics, and material culture such as clothing, jewelry, coinage etc—all that connected the Pashtun Hindu community.

The screening was followed by a discussion with the director.



What The Fields Remember

Subasri Krishnan

On 18th February 1983, nearly 1800 Bengali Muslims were killed in Nellie and surrounding villages in Assam in one morning. No one was ever prosecuted and the incident remains in the annals of India's violent history. *What the Fields Remember* is a revisiting of the event and an exploration of how the survivors remember the violence 32 years later, and how the spaces that have witnessed this violence continue to mark people's relationship to history and memory.



The Borderlands

Samarth Mahajan

The Borderlands is a documentary currently in production about the human side of life in the Indian borderlands, beyond our understanding of military and political relationships. The Director, along with his team, is collaborating with filmmakers from Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to bring out stories from both sides of the border. The film is an effort to create important conversations on building cross-border relationships in the sub-continent.

Saudi Arabia Uncovered

James Jones, PBS

With undercover footage and on-the-ground reporting, this documentary reveals a side of Saudi Arabia that's rarely seen, and traces the efforts of men and women who are working to bring about change.



Boko Haram: Terror in Africa

Patrick Forestier

The documentary attempts to better understand the terrorist group through interviews with former prisoners, repentant fighters, and state forces battling them at the front-line.



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'Comfort Women' and the Japan-South Korea Relationship

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra comments on the diplomatic blunder in making a multifaceted bilateral relationship hostage to a handful of fractious issues

2 January

Doklam and the India-US Strategic Relationship

Pieter-Jan Dockx considers the arguments that seek to explain the US' failure to explicitly support India during the military standoff

5 January

Indian Foreign Policy and the Hafiz Saeed Problem

Abhijit Iyer-Mitra weighs in on the implications of Walid Abu Ali's presence at a Hafiz Saeed rally in Pakistan

12 January

Can India Complement and Gain from China's Belt And Road Initiative?

Sreejith S Nair assesses the opportunities and challenges posed by the Chinese initiative

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22 January

President Trump's Year in Office: A Foreign Policy Review

Dr Vivek Mishra identifies the developments that have thus far defined the Trump administration's foreign policy behaviour

7 February

Sushma Swaraj in Nepal: Reinvigorating Bilateral Relations?

Avasna Pandey analyses the 2 February 2018 surprise visit of India's Minister of External Affairs, Sushma Swaraj, to Nepal when the Left Alliance in Nepal is set to form a new government under KP Sharma Oli's leadership.

19 February

Belt and Road and US-China Relations in 2018

Rajeshwari Krishnamurthy suggests that BRI, through CPEC, could be poised to become a key determinant of the bilateral dynamic in South and Central Asia

Changes in Saudi Foreign Policy

27 February

Part I: Reorienting Saudi Foreign Policy: From Islam to the Arab Identity

Pieter-Jan Dockx traces the emerging trend in which Saudi Arabia's new de facto ruler Mohammed bin Salman is reorienting the pivot of the Kingdom's foreign policy from Islam to the Arab identity

13 March

Part II: Subtle Shifts in Saudi Foreign Policy: Domestic and International Dimensions

Pieter-Jan Dockx examines the domestic and international significance of the reorientation in Saudi Arabia's foreign policy pivot

9 March

Can Australian Democracy Dull Chinese Sharp Power?

Rachael Strogoff looks at Beijing's attempts to monopolise its narrative abroad and the reactions this has provoked

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12 March

South Korea's 'Moonshine' and a Trump-Kim Summit

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra reflects on the possibility of dialogue with North Korea and the kind of diplomacy it would require

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12 March

Quad: The Making of a Robust Entente?

Vice Admiral (Retd) Vijay Shankar argues that only a system based on practical rather than moral or ideological considerations can confront Chinese ambitions in the Indo-Pacific

16 March

China-India Relations: What is the Role of Third Parties?

Dr Siwei Liu argues that outside players complicate the already unstable bilateral relationship

23 March

Has India Changed its Tibet Policy?

Palden Sonam considers the likely motivations for the recent government circular regarding Tibet

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6 April

Regional Stability and Japan's Irresponsible Political Gambit

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra weighs in on the consequences of Shinzo Abe's policy priorities with regard to North Korea

30 April

Between Sanctions and Diplomacy: North Korea's Balancing Act

Shivani Singh analyses the factors that contributed to North Korea and the US agreeing to a historic bilateral summit outside of the six-party talks framework

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12 May

Summit Season: From Inter-Korea to Trump-Kim

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra discusses the events that led to the possibility of these summits and their consequences

16 May

Sino-Indian Atmospherics and the Wuhan Summit

Dr Siwei Liu comments on the importance of emotions management which threaten to derail the bilateral relationship

17 May

Modi's Nepal Visit: More Drama than Substance

Dr Pramod Jaiswal contextualises bilateral relations in light of the recent visit

21 May

What Motivates India and Vietnam to Cooperate?

Arushi Vig considers the reasons that justify strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries

22 May

Trump and the Iran Nuclear Deal: Geopolitics and Financial Unipolarity

Ambassador (Retd) KP Fabian explores the geopolitical and geoeconomic implications of the US' withdrawal from the JCPOA and argues for the dismantling of international financial unipolarity

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11 June

China and the Trump-Kim Summit: Beijing's Looming Influence

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra argues that although China appears to be in the background, Beijing's influence looms large on the future of North Korea's de-nuclearisation

21 June

India-Indonesia and Sabang Port: A Game Changer?

Angshuman Choudhury analyses the strategic significance of the recently signed India-Indonesia agreements over Sabang port and argues that it could facilitate more constructive Indian presence in the IOR

21 June

US Sanctions against Iran: What are India's Options?

Ambassador (Retd) KP Fabian analyses the big picture and the pros and cons of oil imports from Iran for India in the backdrop of US sanctions on Iran

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16 July

Enhancing India-South Korea Relations

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra weighs in on the bilateral relationship in light of President Moon Jae-in's recent visit to India

Column I Strategic Space

18 July

China and the Shape of the Indo-Pacific

Dr Manpreet Sethi contends that China's behaviour will ultimately determine the future trajectory of the Indo-Pacific and the Quad

2 August

Chinese Sharp Power and Taiwan-India Relations

Tai-Wei Chen looks at how China is using its 'One China' policy to subvert the Taiwan-India bilateral

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26 September

The Geopolitics of Ports and the Silk Road of the Sea

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera considers Sri Lanka's attempts to counter China's expanding sphere of influence

10 October

Between BRI and the Indo-Pacific: The Geopolitics of the South Pacific

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17 October

Iran and its Arab Neighbours post the Ahvaz Attack

Majid Izadpanahi explores the role of perceptions and the trajectory of Iran's relationship with the Arab states of the Persian Gulf in the wake of the attack in

17 October

Can Russia Successfully Mediate the Israel-Palestine Peace Process?

Jason Wahlang assesses what Russia could bring to the table as a mediator in the Israel-Palestine peace process and whether that would be sufficient for the process to achieve its objective

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19 November

India-Japan Relations: Proximity to the Indo-Pacific Strategy

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra notes the nuanced differences in Indian and Japanese positions on the Indo-Pacific strategy as a means to counter-balance China

3 December

Is 'Peace in the Middle East' in Russia's Interest?

Pieter-jan Dockx flags four factors and argues why Russia is unsuitable to play the role of a mediator in West Asia

Column I East Asia Compass

10 December

On the Sidelines of G-20: India's Third Way

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra considers the implications of India's participation in JAI and RIC, two trilateral meetings, during the G-20 Summit in Argentina

Kartarpur Corridor

14 December

India-Pakistan: The Berlin Wall Moment is Still Far Away

Commodore (Retd) C Uday Bhaskar examines the developments pertaining to the inauguration of the Kartarpur Corridor and argues that the 'Berlin Wall moment' is still far away for India-Pakistan relations

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China-India Rivalry in the Globalisation Era

speaker

Dr TV Paul

James McGill Professor of International Relations,
Department of Political Science,
McGill University, Canada

chair

Amb (Retd) Salman Haidar

Patron, IPCS, and
former Foreign Secretary,
Government of India

Discussion

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May



The GCC Crisis: One Year On

speakers

**Amb (Retd)
Sanjay Singh**

Former Indian
Ambassador to Iran &
former Secretary (East),
Ministry of External
Affairs (MEA),
Government of India

Amb (Retd) KP Fabian

Former Indian Ambassador
to Qatar & former Joint Secretary (Gulf),
Ministry of External Affairs (MEA),
Government of India

Prof Gulshan Dietl

Former Chairperson, Centre for
West Asian and African Studies,
& former director, Gulf Studies
Programme, JNU

Prof Girijesh Pant

Former Dean, School of
International Studies, and former
Director, Gulf Studies
Programme, JNU

Ambassador Lecture Series



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Jun**

Vietnam-India Relations: Past, Present, and Future

speaker

H E Mr Ton Sinh Thanh

Ambassador of Vietnam to India

chair

Lt Gen (Retd) Arvinder Singh Lamba

President, IPCS, and former
Vice Chief of Staff, Indian Army

Lecture

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Jun**



Developments in the Indo-Pacific

speaker

Amb (Retd)

Sanjay Singh

Former Indian
Ambassador to Iran &
former Secretary (East),
Ministry of External Affairs (MEA),
Government of India

Lecture



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Sep

Indo-Pacific, Quad, & 2+2 Dialogue: Indian & US Strategic Security Perspectives

speaker

Dr Amit Gupta

Associate Professor, Department of Strategy and
International Security Studies, USAF Air War College

chair

Abhijit Iyer-Mitra

Senior Fellow, IPCS

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Seminar

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Sep



moderator

Akriti Vasudeva

Research Associate,
South Asia Program,
Stimson Centre

India-Pakistan Relations: Time to Turn the Page?

Speakers

Tanvi Kulkarni

PhD scholar, CIPOD, JNU,
& Coordinator, Chaophraya
Dialogue - India Chapter

Sadia Tasleem

Lecturer, Department of Defence &
Strategic Studies, Quaid-i-Azam
University, Islamabad

Ruhee Neog

Director, IPCS

Discussion



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Dec

Liberal International Disorder

speaker

Dr Lydia Walker

Postdoctoral Fellow, Dartmouth College & Past and Present Fellow, Institute of Historical Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London

chair

Amb (Retd) TCA Rangachari

Member, IPCS Governing Council

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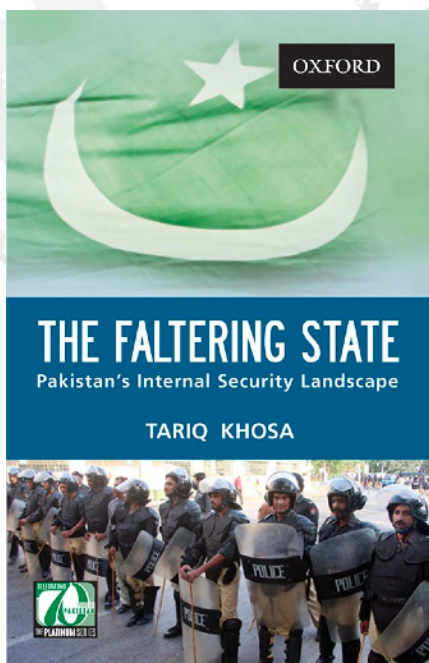
Pakistan's India Policy

speaker

Dr Moeed Yusuf

Associate Vice President,
Asia Center, United States Institute of Peace

Book Reviews



The Faltering State: Pakistan's Internal Security Landscape

Tariq Khosa

Oxford University Press, Pakistan 2018

Reviewed by

Rana Banerji

Member, Governing Council, IPCS

Investigating Crises: South Asia's Lessons, Evolving Dynamics, and Trajectories

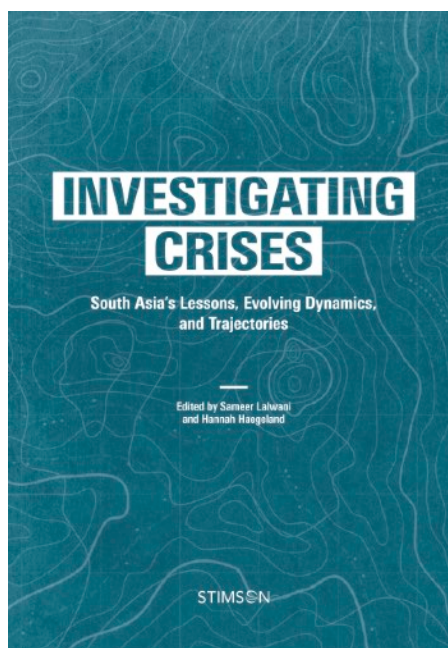
Sameer Lalwani & Hannah Haegeland (ed.)

Stimson Center, 2018

Reviewed by

Dr TCA Raghavan

*Member, Governing Council, IPCS;
& former Indian High
Commissioner to Pakistan*





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A Perspective from Tehran

22 January

Iran Protests: Drivers and Consequences

Majid Izadpanahi analyses what motivated the protests and the possibility of their future recurrence

23 January

Whither Tunisia?

Amb (Retd) KP Fabian reviews Tunisia's political journey since the exit of former President Ben Ali and assesses the current state of affairs in the country

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13 February

Sri Lanka: The New Regime and the Revolution

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera draws comparisons between developments in the country since 2015 and the French Revolution

13 February

Pakistan Senate Elections: New Alliances in the Offing?

Sarral Sharma assesses the potential strategies of major political parties in Pakistan in the run up to the upcoming Senate elections

19 February

Fragility of the Process: Myanmar's Long Road to Peace

Angshuman Choudhury analyses recent developments and identifies fundamental challenges plaguing Myanmar's peace process

28 February

Musical Chairs in China's Parliament

Professor Srikanth Kondapalli says that the proposed constitutional changes will increase the chasm between political factions domestically, and amplify China's frictions abroad

15 March

Decoding the Elections in Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura

Nasreen Habib analyses the politics and stability of alliances in the recently held assembly elections in Northeast India

Column I Dateline Colombo

19 March

Racism, Riots, and the Sri Lankan State

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera comments on the importance of a sturdy and responsible government that safeguards justice and the rule of law

22 March

Bangladesh: Political Polarisation and Resurgence of Terrorism

Krishna Kumar Saha looks at how polarisation between the ruling and the opposition factions will create fertile conditions for the resurgence of IS

27 March

From Bangladesh to Myanmar: Repatriation of Rohingya Refugees

Angshuman Choudhury considers why full repatriation may take at least 2-3 years, even as a best case scenario

11 May

Islamic State Partnerships in West Asia: First Ba'athists, Then Kurds

Pieter-Jan Dockx illustrates that the Islamic State only participates in alliances when it finds itself in a position of weakness

Column I Dateline Colombo

1 June

Sri Lanka and the World: Whither Political Prudence?

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera asks whether Sri Lanka's recent domestic and foreign policy choices have demonstrated political prudence

11 June

Myanmar's Military and the Rohingya Crisis

Roshni Kapur explores the difficulties in pursuing punitive action on the Rohingya issue

11 June

Myanmar's Ethnic Armed Conflict: Emerging Trends in Violence

Angshuman Choudhury analyses the developments in the January-May 2018 period in Myanmar and identifies emerging trends

21 June

Jammu and Kashmir: Analysing the BJP-PDP Break Up

Sarral Sharma contextualises the recent collapse of the BJP-PDP coalition in Jammu and Kashmir, and evaluates its potential upshots

2 July

Islamic State's Tactical Continuity in Iraq: Will it Lead to Territorial Control?

Pieter-Jan Dockx assesses the patterns in the Islamic State's attacks in Iraq and argues that not only has the group retained its territorial ambitions, it is strategically exploiting local socio-political and security circumstances to gain support

Special Commentary

2 August

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf: Performance in the Provinces & Potential Challenges Ahead

Sarral Sharma assesses the Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's electoral performance in the provinces, and identifies potential challenges for a PTI-led government in Islamabad

2 August

Part I: Identity and Violence: Media Coverage of the Recent Conflict in Sri Lanka

Anjana Vencatesan compares and assesses the tone of coverage by English and Tamil language media in Sri Lanka of the unrest that took place in February and March 2018

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Part II: Identity and Violence: Media Coverage of the Recent Conflict in Sri Lanka

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The Third 21st Century Panglong Conference: A Review

Angshuman Choudhury assesses the proceedings of the third 21st Century Panglong Conference, that took place in Naypyitaw from 11-16 July 2018

6 August

2018 Protests in Southern Iraq: Lessons for Iran's Post-Conflict Strategy in Syria

Pieter-Jan Dockx explores the relevance and significance of the socioeconomic aspect of the Hezbollah model for Iran's consolidation strategy in post-conflict Syria

31 August

Sinicisation under Xi Jinping: Key Features of the Implementation Strategy

Palden Sonam traces patterns in the implementation strategies of domestic policies currently underway in Xinjiang and Tibet

Column I The Strategist

24 September

Deen Aaya

Vice Admiral (Retd) Vijay Shankar, through the Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan's anthem, discusses the impact of organised religion on Pakistan

16 October

Why is Xi Purging Deng from History?

Palden Sonam analyses an emerging trend in China in which President Xi Jinping appears to be downplaying late paramount leader Deng Xiaoping's role in Chinese politics

Special Commentary

5 November

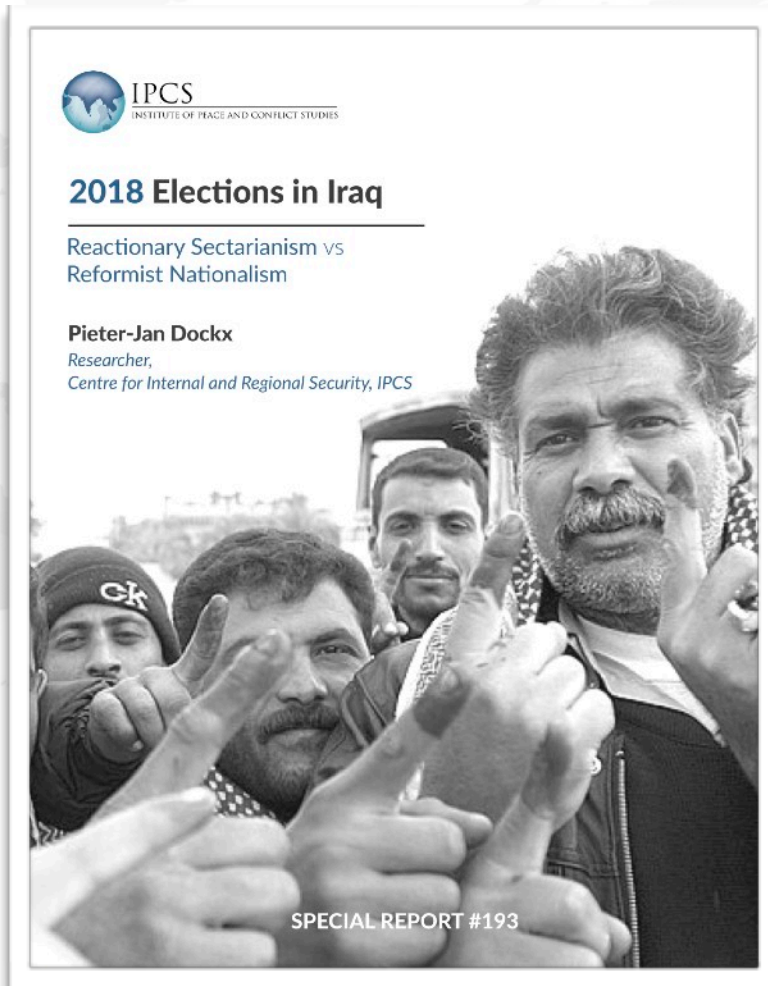
The Legal and Policy Complexities of India's October Rohingya Deportation

Angshuman Choudhury considers the government's deportation policy in light of ground realities and domestic and international legal commitments

7 December

The Contours of Xi's Chinese Nationalism

Palden Sonam explores the motivations behind the emerging narrative of nationalism in China and explores its manifestations in policy choices

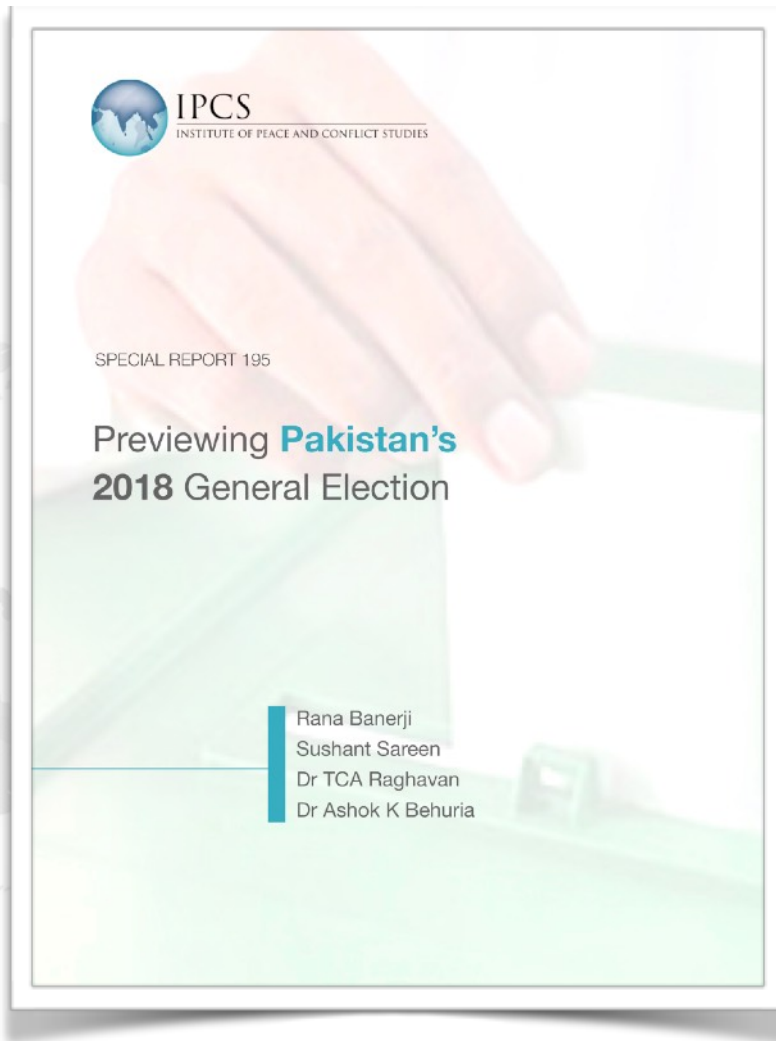


2018 Elections in Iraq: Reactionary Sectarianism Vs Reformist Nationalism

Peter-Jan Dockx

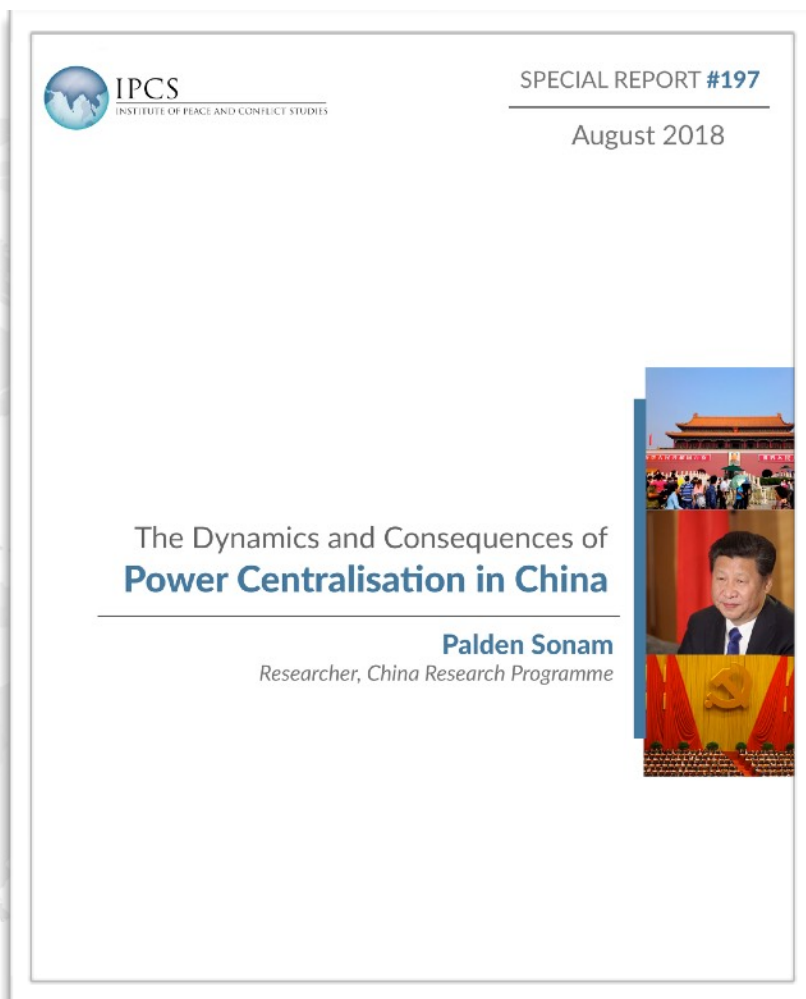
Researcher, Centre for Internal and Regional Security, IPCS

On 12 May 2018, Iraqis went to the polls for the country's first elections after the announced defeat of the IS. On the whole, the Iraqi electorate was asked to make a choice between two competing ideological currents. On the one hand, they could opt for the status quo of sectarian politics by Shia chauvinists like Nouri al-Maliki and Hadi al-Amiri. On the other hand, voters had the option of bringing to power Moqtada al-Sadr, the self-proclaimed leader of a nationalist movement that formed as a reaction to sectarian politics.



Previewing Pakistan's 2018 General Election

IPCS hosted a panel discussion on **12 July 2018** featuring four distinguished Pakistan experts—**Rana Banerji, Sushant Sareen, Dr TCA Raghavan,** and **Dr Ashok Behuria**—to deliberate the several factors likely to influence the trajectory of the Pakistani general election that were held on 25 July 2018. This report contains short write-ups authored by the panelists based on their presentations at the discussion, followed by the Speakers' Roundtable and Q&A, both rapporteured by IPCS.



September 2018

The Dynamics and Consequences of Power Centralisation in China

Palden Sonam

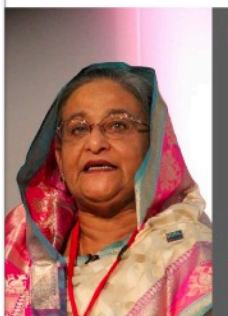
Researcher, China Research Programme, IPCS

This paper argues that despite Xi Jinping's plan to make governance more efficient, his over-consolidation of power and cult of personality will stand in the way of transparent and effective governance.



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Special Report #198 | August 2018



Politicised Humanity?

Tracing Discursive Shifts in Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Stance on the Rohingya Before and After August 2017

Albert van Wijngaarden

Visiting lecturer in History, Novosibirsk State University, Russia; and former Research Intern, IPCS

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This paper argues that, because of domestic political considerations, Hasina changed her framing of the Rohingya refugees from seeing them as 'others' to projecting them as part of 'humanity'.

October 2018



Citizenship Determination Processes in Assam:
The National Register of Citizens (NRC) and Beyond

Rajat Sethi

*Advisor to the Chief Minister of Manipur;
and Senior Fellow, India Foundation*

Angshuman Choudhury

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Citizenship Determination Processes in Assam: The National Register of Citizens (NRC) and Beyond

This is a report of the proceedings the discussion hosted by IPCS on ‘Citizenship Determination Processes in Assam: The National Register of Citizens (NRC) and Beyond’ with **Rajat Sethi**, Advisor to the Chief Minister of Manipur; and Senior Fellow, India Foundation, and **Angshuman Choudhury**, Researcher and Coordinator, South East Asia Research Programme (SEARP), IPCS.

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Women in Indian Politics

chair

Lalitha Kumaramangalam
Member, IPCS Governing Council; and former Chairperson, National Commission for Women

speaker

Dr Ranjana Kumari
Director, Centre for Social Research

Book Discussion



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Apr

Half Lion: How PV Narasimha Rao Transformed India

chair

Amb (Retd) Salman Haider
Patron, IPCS; and Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India

speaker

Vinay Sitapati
Assistant Professor, Ashoka University

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speaker

Sanjoy Hazarika

Director,
Commonwealth
Human Rights Initiative

National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the Politics of Immigration in Assam

Journal launch

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speaker

Mariam Safi

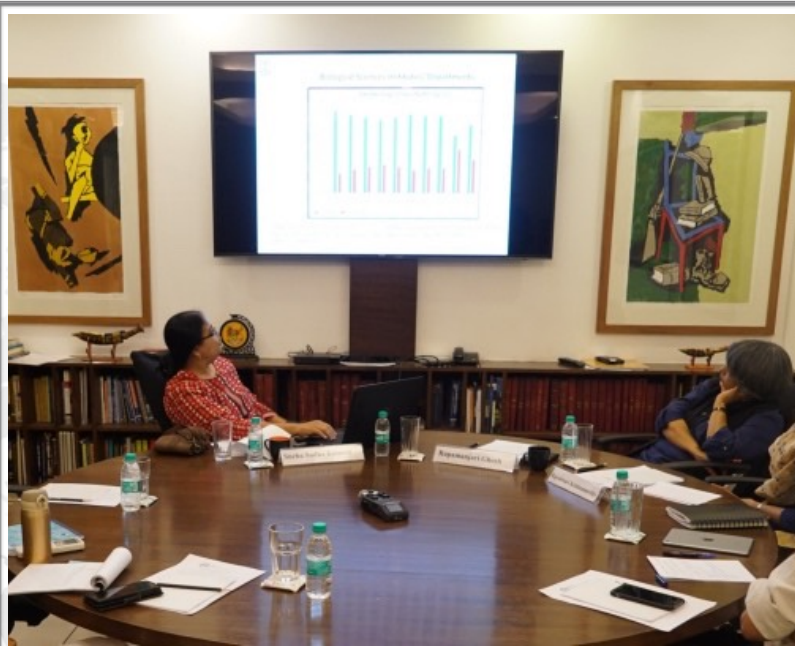
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Organization for
Policy Research and
Development Studies (DROPS),
and Editor-in-Chief, WPPJ

Women and Public Policy Journal (WPPJ) [Vol. 3]

Afghanistan's Peace Process: Evolution, Impact, and Gaps

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speakers

Prof Rupamanjari Ghosh

Vice-Chancellor,
Shiv Nadar University

Dr Sneha Sudha Komath

Professor,
School of Life Sciences,
Jawaharlal Nehru University

Indian Women in STEM and the Need for Affirmative Policy Action

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Fellow & Coordinator,
South Asia Centre,
Institute for Defence
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Research Programme,
IPCS

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Women's Participation in Afghan Politics & Economy

speaker

Zakia Wardak

social activist,
entrepreneur
& candidate for
Afghanistan's
parliamentary
elections 2018



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speaker

Haider al-Khoei

Research Director,
Centre for Shia Studies,
London

Iraq After the Islamic State: A New Beginning?

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Nov

China: Mass Surveillance and Minority Regions

speakers

Dr Tenzin Tsultrim

Research Fellow,
Tibet Policy Institute

Dr Mahesh Ranjan Debata

Director, UGC Area Studies, Centre
for Inner Asian Studies, SIS, JNU

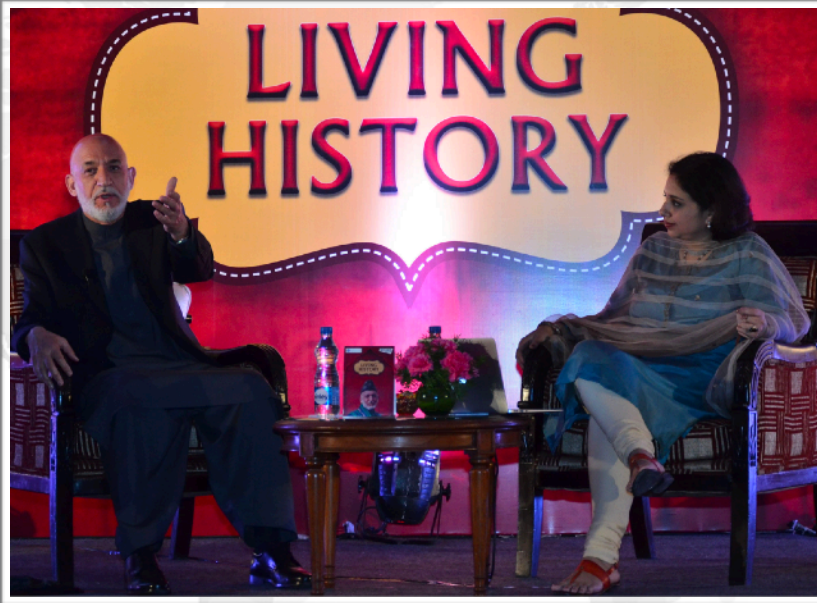
Saikat Datta

South Asia Editor, *Asia Times*;
& author, *India's Special Forces*

Collaborations

DISCUSSIONS

IPCS-Amar Ujala Joint Initiative | 22 April



IPCS and *Amar Ujala* launched the two institutions' joint initiative, '**Living History**', in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India. **H. E. Mr Hamid Karzai**, former president of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, delivered the keynote address at the inaugural tranche of this initiative. This was followed by a conversation between Mr Karzai and **Ms Suhasini Haidar**, Deputy Resident Editor & Diplomatic Affairs Editor, *The Hindu*, on the concept of living history and its contours and manifestations.

IPCS-DROPS Journal Launch | 14 June



IPCS co-hosted the launch of the 3rd Volume of the **Women and Public Policy Journal (WPPJ)**, titled "**Afghanistan's Peace Process: Evolution, Impact and Gaps**," published by the **Organization for Policy Research and Development Studies (DROPS)**. The launch featured a discussion with **Mariam Safi**, Executive Director, DROPS, and Editor-in-Chief, WPPJ. It was chaired by **Lalitha Kumaramangalam**, Member, Governing Council, IPCS, and former Chairperson, National Commission for Women, India.

IPCS-NLSUI Joint Symposium | 4 August

IPCS, in collaboration with the **National Law School of India University (NLSUI)** Bangalore's **Council for International Relations and International Law (CIRIL)**, organised a one-day symposium on "International Law & International Relations." The symposium took place at the NLSIU campus in Bengaluru, India.



IPCS-Sichuan University Discussion | 7 August



IPCS co-hosted a discussion with delegates from **Sichuan University's Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS)** for a discussion on **contemporary developments in South Asia**. It featured **Zeng Xiangyu**, Associate Professor, ISAS; **Liu Jiawei**, Associate Professor, & Director, South Asia-West China Cooperation & Development Studies, Sichuan University; & **Zhang Chunyan**, Lecturer, College of Foreign Languages and Culture, Sichuan University. It was moderated by **Amb (retd) TCA Rangachari**, Member, IPCS Governing Council.

IPCS-*The Diplomatist* Launch & Discussion | 8 August



IPCS and *The Diplomatist* magazine hosted the launch of the latter's 2017-18 annual edition, titled '**Conflict | Peace | Conciliation**', developed in collaboration with IPCS. It was held at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia, New Delhi.

IPCS co-hosted a roundtable discussion with **Stimson Center's South Asian Voices on India-Pakistan Relations: Time to Turn the Page?**, featuring **Tanvi Kulkarni**, PhD scholar, CIPOD, JNU, & Coordinator, Chaophraya Dialogue - India Chapter; **Sadia Tasleem**, Lecturer, Department of Defence & Strategic Studies, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad; & **Ruhee Neog**, Director, IPCS as speakers. **Akriti Vasudeva**, Research Associate, South Asia Program, Stimson Centre moderated the discussion.



IPCS-SAV Discussion | 10 September

The Policy Debate at GLC, Mumbai | 6 October



The **Government Law College (GLC), Mumbai**, hosted the fifth iteration of the GLC Debating and Literary Society's annual flagship '**Policy Debate**' with IPCS as the Knowledge Partner. The Policy Debate 2018, themed "**Crack in the Pillars: Will the Indian Democracy Sustain?**" took place at Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Convocation Hall, Mumbai University.

IPCS-CIPOD (JNU) Seminar | 31 October

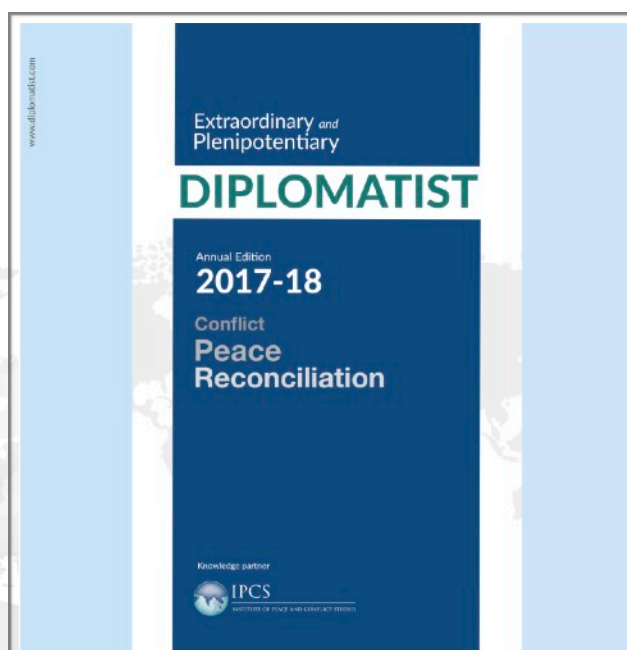


IPCS co-hosted a discussion with the **Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament (CIPOD), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** on the **Evolution of Multilateralism** as part of the 12th Annual Germany-India-Brasil-South Africa (GIBSA) 2018 quadrilogue.

PUBLICATION

The Diplomatist-IPCS Compendium

IPCS collaborated with *The Diplomatist* magazine to develop its 2017-18 annual edition, titled 'Conflict | Peace | Conciliation'. It is an attempt to initiate a broader conversation on how diplomacy and management can and have influenced the outcomes of contemporary conflicts.



MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING



In 2018, IPCS entered MoUs with **Afghan Institute for Strategic Studies (AISS)**, **Council for International Relations and International Law (CIRIL)**, **National Law School of India University (NLS)**; **Central University of Gujarat** and **OP Jindal Global University** for sustained, long-term collaboration towards research and conferencing on common areas of interest.

Outreach Discussions



Role of Civil Society in Policy Making: Why Think Tanks Matter

On 30 January, IPCS hosted a roundtable discussion on '**Civil Society and Policy Making: Why Think Tanks Matter**' to coincide with the release of the **2017 Global Go to Think Tank Index Report** by the Think Tank and Civil Societies Program of University of Pennsylvania's Lauder Institute.



Interaction with Student Delegation from Jindal School of International Affairs

On 28 September, IPCS hosted a student delegation from the **Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA)** at the O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat for an informal interaction. Issues ranging from the role of think-tanks in policymaking and narrative-building to India's nuclear diplomacy were discussed. The delegation was accompanied by **Tridivesh Singh Maini**, Assistant Professor, JSIA.



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