



CIPR 2nd International Conference 2023

Consortium of Indo-Pacific Researchers

Organizes

Four Days International Conference (Virtual)

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Madison, Wisconsin, USA



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Studies (AIIS), Amity University,
Uttar Pradesh, India



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THEME:

Alliances and Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific: Elevating Strategies and Interests

Concept Note

The Consortium of Indo-Pacific Researchers proposes its annual international conference 2023 in a virtual mode. The theme of the conference is “**Alliances and Partnerships in the Indo-Pacific: Elevating Strategies and Interests.**” The conference aims at assessing and evaluating the alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific. The conference's primary objective is to promote discussion, exchange of ideas, and knowledge-sharing regarding the roles, responsibilities, and obligations of alliances and partners in dealing with the obstacles and prospects in the Indo-Pacific region. The event will also generate policy recommendations for policymakers based on insights and opinions from experts in this field. The conference will feature panels on the Indian Ocean region, ASEAN centrality & its Indo-Pacific outlook, Quad and AUKUS, and the growing importance of the Pacific Islands.

Today, the world has been witnessing a very complex and critical phase of international relations and politics. It has been more than 18 months since the Russia-Ukraine war that started on February 24, 2022. This war has a brutal impact not only on Europe but globally, including the Indo-Pacific region. Furthermore, a new conflict erupted on October 7, 2023, between Israel and Hamas in the Middle East, further dividing the already fragmented world.

The Indo-Pacific region is exceptionally significant because of its rapidly growing economies and workforce. It spans across two oceans and three continents. The region accounts for 60% of the world's Gross Domestic Product and is inhabited by 40% of the global population. With its thriving digital

economy and technological advancements, it plays a crucial role in global supply chains, international trade, and investments. However, the Indo-Pacific region has challenges in freedom of navigation, climate, biodiversity loss, free trade, human rights, and security.

The balance of power is shifting in the region, resulting in heightened competition among major powers, including the US and China, which is impacting the surrounding countries. Ensuring stability in the South China Sea, Indian Ocean, and Pacific Islands is crucial for global security and stability. The countries in the Indo-Pacific and beyond have been elevating their strategies to protect their interests in the region. The conference will focus on the allies and partners in each part of the region, from Northeast Asia and ASEAN to South Asia and the Pacific Islands. The discussion will explore the methods and processes by which like-minded partners and alliances can work towards maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and protecting the international system based on the United Nations Charter. The event will bring together academics, diplomats, researchers, and students from the U.S, Indo-Pacific region and beyond to foster dialogue, debate, and awareness on the topics covered by the panels.

Objective of the Conference: The conference aims to provide participants and the audience with a comprehensive understanding of the changing dynamics in global politics, especially after the Russia-Ukraine war. The conference will explore and analyze the regional priorities and challenges in the context of the heightened competition between the United States and China in the Indo-Pacific region through panel discussions. The conference will assess how implementing new military and non-military strategies and forming evolving alliances and partnerships will shape the future of the Indo-Pacific. The conference will also provide potential policy recommendations to decision-makers.

Panel & Sessions:

Plenary Session: The Emerging World Order and Ukraine War

Panel: U.S. and IOR Region with Reflections on Quad: Strategic Priorities and Partnerships

Panel: U.S.-ASEAN Partnership, Free and Open Indo-Pacific

Panel: The AUKUS Partnership: Strengthening Security and Alliances

Panel: U.S.-Japan-Korea: Trilateral Security Alliance and regional challenges

Panel: U.S. and Taiwan Partnership Amidst Geopolitical Competition

Panel: Pacific Islands: A Growing strategic Importance

Panel: Historical Lessons from the Pacific Alliances

Panel: Bay of Bengal Partnership in the Indo-Pacific

Panel: India-Israel-U.S.-U.A.E.(I2U2): Expanding Partnership

Panel: Students /Interns

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Speakers

The speakers are experts in foreign policy and international security studies from academia and practice.

- Prof. Yoichiro Sato, Asia Pacific University, Beppu, Japan
- Dr. Kei Koga, Associate Professor, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
- Prof. Peter Dombrowski, Naval War College, USA
- Prof. Mark Cogan, Kansai Gaidai University in Osaka, Japan
- Dr. Jacob Sotiriadis, National Defense University, Washington, DC USA
- Col Jeffery Hollman, INDOPACOM, Hawaii, USA
- Maj. Gen. Paul E. Knapp, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin, USA

- Prof. Nagalaxmi, Amity University, Noida, India
- Prof. Simon Reich, Rutgers University, USA

- Prof. (Fmr) Chintamani Mahapatra, Jawahar Lal University, Delhi, India
- Hayat Alvi, Ph. D. Associate Professor, US Naval War college, USA
- Lt. Gen. Mohammad Aminul Karim, Bangladesh
- Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Binoj Basnyat, Nepalese Army, Nepal
- Amb. (Fmr.) Anil Trigunayat, New Delhi, India
- Dr. Sannia Abdulla Close, Stanford University, USA
- Prof. Renato Cruz De Castro, De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines
- Prof. Stephen Nagy, International Christian University, Japan
- Dr Mohammad Zahidul Islam Khan, American International University- Bangladesh (AIUB)

- Prof. Srabani Roy Choudhury, JNU, Delhi, India
- Dr. Mehmed Ali, Chief Learning Officer, U.S. Space Force
- Prof. R. Evan Ellis, PhD. U.S. Army War College Strategic Studies Institute
- Amb. (Fmr.) Satyendra Prasad, United Nations, Fiji
- Dr. Satoru Nagao, Fellow, Hudson Institute, Japan.
- Professor Rajat Ganguly, Murdoch University, Perth, Australia
- Dr. Ali Tekin, Professor, İstanbul Gedik Üniversitesi. İstanbul, Türkiye.
- Dr. Fu-Kuo Liu, Director, Taiwan Center for Security Studies
- Prof. BM Jain, Fellow(fmr) Ohio University, USA
- Dr. Richard Hu, Deputy Director, Taiwan Center for Security Studies
- Dr. Mignonne Chan, Deputy Director, Taiwan Center for Security Studies
- Dr. Manjari Singh, Asstt. Prof., Amity University, Noida, India

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