

DKI APCSS publishes book on Oceania

The latest book published by the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, *Re-*



gionalism, Security & Cooperation in Oceania, demonstrates the Pacific Islands region is a complex study in how diplomatic, defense, economic and socio-political

factors shape the region's identity and comprehensive security.

DKI APCSS professor **Dr. Rouben Azizian** and **Dean of Academics Carleton Cramer** edited the collection of writings from 11 authors with expertise in issues impacting the area.

The work's intent is to help build more interest toward better understanding of Oceania's security – something often missing along with cultural sensitivity and strategic vision as many of the authors in this volume suggest, said Azizian.

The book is the result of an August 2014 workshop on regional security governance and architecture held in Vanuatu and hosted by DKI APCSS and the Pacific Institute of Public Policy.

Contributing authors were workshop participants. In this book, they offer expert analysis and discussion of key trends, challenges and opportunities for enhancing regional security cooperation and harmonizing Oceania's regional security architecture.

More information on the book is available at <http://apcss.org/apcss-publishes-new-book-regionalism-security-cooperation-in-oceania/>.

DKI APCSS faculty members wrote the following articles and papers in their capacity as subject matter experts. The views expressed in these articles are those of the authors alone. All listed writings are available on-line.

Non-traditional Security in East Asia: A Regime Approach

Dr. Jeffrey Reeves joined Dr. Ramon Pacheco of Pardo of King's College in London to edit the book *Non-*



traditional Security in East Asia: A Regime Approach.

The book addresses the changing East Asia security environment as impacted by the U.S.

pivot to Asia, the rise of China, growing economic interdependence, new institutional frameworks, and long-standing tensions.

The book brings together experts in security arenas, such as weapons proliferation and biosecurity, to evaluate the evolution, current state and possible future of the East Asian security environment built on dynamics dating back to the Cold War.

Reeves wrote a chapter in the book titled "Transnational Organised Crime in Asia: Norms, Principles and Regimes."

In this chapter, Reeves discusses how "The region's prevailing norms and principles changed from viewing security in entirely traditional terms to considering security from a horizontal perspective encapsulating issues such as terrorism, economic security and transnational organized crime. A number of regimes developed in response to these shifting norms and values, some building on existing norms, such as the need for greater regionalism,

and regimes such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), while some emerged from scratch."

The book also includes a chapter by DKI APCSS' **Dr. Jim Campbell** entitled "The Challenge of Biosecurity in East Asia: A Case of Proportional Ethics, or Non-Transferability of an International Regime?"

More information on the book is available at: <http://www.worldscientific.com/worldscibooks/10.1142/p1008>.

A 'Rules-based Approach' to Airspace Defense

U.S. Navy Cmdr. Jonathan G. Odom's article on air defense appeared in the October issue of *Revue Belge De Droit International (Belgian Review of International Law)*.

"A 'Rules-Based Approach' to Airspace Defense: A U.S. Perspective on the International Law of the Sea and Airspace, Air Defense Measures, and the Freedom of Navigation" is based



on a presentation he made last year at a University of Ghent conference.

In light of recent international developments, such as China's declaration of an air defense

identification zone (ADIZ) in the East China Sea and intercepts of military aircraft in international airspace, this article seeks to advance legal discussion and provide an updated perspective on the applicable international law of the sea and airspace, air defense measures, and the freedom of navigation.

It examines, among other things, the inherent differences between national and international airspace and

discusses how air defense measures of ADIZs and aircraft intercepts can be employed in a manner consistent with the freedom of navigation.

To read more, go to the Social Science Research Network site at <http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers>.

A Tipping Point in the U.S.-China-Vietnam Triangle

Published in the on-line magazine *The Diplomat*, Dr. Alexander Vuving's article "A Tipping Point in the U.S.-China-Vietnam Triangle" addresses the first-time visit by a Vietnamese

communist party chief to the United States.



According to Vuving, when U.S. President Barack Obama met with General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong in the

White House July 7, the two leaders took a major step forward in the quiet, yet profound shift that is "changing the game" both in the U.S.-China-Vietnam triangle and in Vietnam's domestic politics.

Vuving writes the visit reflects Vietnam's growing strategic partnership with the United States, a relationship that favors Vietnam's reformers as opposed to its conservative elite and will likely "irritate China." "It also means that Hanoi has reached the limits of its engagement with Beijing and is now trying to reach out to Washington to broaden its options." Vuving intimates China's actions in the South China Sea may be contributing to Vietnam's look West.

To read the complete article, go to <http://thediplomat.com/2015/07/a-tipping-point-in-the-u-s-china-vietnam>

Sharia Law and Its Implications for Women's Status and Rights

Dr. Saira Yamin contributed a chapter titled "Sharia Law and Its Implications for Women's Status and Rights" to a new two-volume book *Women, War and Violence: Topography, Resistance and Hope*, edited by Mariam



M. Kurtz and Lester R. Kurtz. Her chapter, which appears in volume 1, examines the relationship between Sharia (Islamic) Law and the status of women in Muslim societies.

In the book, Yamin explores how Sharia has been incorporated in legal and social structures and institutions, and reflects on associated implications for women.

According to Dr. Yamin, the chapter "finds that the interpretation and uses of Sharia are not uniform across the Muslim world and it has been used either as a tool for progressive reform or, conversely, for the suppression of women."

"This illustrates that in some Muslim societies where patriarchal norms and traditions are pervasive, women are subjected to injustice through judicial or extrajudicial means sometimes through misrepresentation of Sharia."

Yamin relates there is evidence to suggest that transformative change for women is possible through legal reform in compliance with Sharia.

For information on the book containing Yamin's chapter, go to <http://www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOCorporate/product.aspx?pc=A4032C>.

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Alumni Perspectives

While attending APCSS courses, Fellows are required to complete a Fellows Project, which may be done as a presentation, research paper or policy brief. APCSS makes these papers available on-line in our "Alumni Perspectives" publications.

"Cost-effective Maritime Security Cooperation Against Piracy in the Somali Region" is a paper by a recent graduate of the Advanced Security Cooperation course (ASC 15-1) Cmdr. Zeeshan Kareem, who serves with the Pakistani Navy. Kareem's paper addresses current international efforts to combat piracy in sea lanes off the Horn of Africa. He explains that Somali piracy has cost nations and companies billions of dollars over the years, including more than \$1 billion in 2013 alone. His paper advocates for continued international collaboration despite a lessening of piracy in the region since 2012. The

paper is available at <http://apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Zeeshanfinal-revised-final.pdf>.

"Engagement of Malaysia and Indonesia on Counter-insurgency in the South of Thailand," is a paper by recent graduate of the Advanced Security Cooperation course (ASC 15-1) Wassana Nanuam. She is a journalist with the Bangkok Post who writes on political and military issues. Her paper promotes cooperation between Thailand and two neighboring nations to help solve what she describes as an intractable insurgency in southern Thailand. The conflict has resulted in 5,300 deaths between 2004 and 2014. She writes that Thailand is moving away from a military focus to emphasis on peaceful dialogue. The paper is available at <http://apcss.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/AP-Wassana-counterinsurgency-Aug2015.pdf>.

Understanding Kashmir and Kashmiris

Understanding Kashmir and Kashmiris is a new book authored by **Dr. Christopher Snedden**. It provides a com-



prehensive, informed and even-handed narrative of the Kashmir dispute for a gener-

alist audience.

The seemingly intractable Kashmir dispute and the fate of the Kashmiris throughout South Asia and beyond are twin themes in Snedden's book. Its formal synopsis relates that in 1846, the British created the state of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) — popularly called 'Kashmir' — and then quickly sold the region to the powerful local raja (ruler), Gulab Singh. Intriguingly, had they retained it, the India-Pakistan dispute over possession of the state may never have arisen, but Britain's concerns lay elsewhere — expansionist Russia, beguiling Tibet and unstable China 'circling' J&K.

In his book, Snedden contextualizes the geo-strategic and historical circumstances surrounding the British decision to relinquish prestigious 'Kashmir', and explains how they and four Dogra maharajas consolidated and controlled J&K subsequently.

For more on Snedden's book, go to [http://www.](http://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/understanding-kashmir-and-kashmiris/)

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Women on the frontlines of Peace and Security

Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd contributed a chapter to the new National Defense University publication *Women on the Frontlines of Peace and Security*.

Her chapter is titled, "Promoting Women's Participation in Disaster Management and Building Resilient Communities." She makes the case that because women are especially vulnerable to the effects of disasters, they should be intimately involved in disaster planning and preparation, including making decisions and allocating resources.



She refers to the U.N. Hyogo Framework, which outlines work required to reduce disaster losses and associated gender issues.

The NDU publication as a whole addresses a wide range of security topics to include women and conflict prevention and integration of women into defense policy.

To read the article, go to <http://ndupress.ndu.edu/Books/WomenontheFrontlinesofPeaceandSecurity/WPSSectionV.aspx#ch16>.

APCSS Course Calendar

* Note: Dates are subject to change. Please visit our website for the most current information.

Course #	Start Date	End Date
Advanced Security Cooperation (ASC)		
16-1	31-Mar-16.....	4-May-16
Comprehensive Crisis Management (CCM)		
16-1	11-Feb-16.....	16-Mar-16 (T)
Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism (CSRT)		
16-1	14-Jul-16.....	10-Aug-16 (T)
Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC)		
16-1	16-May-16	20-May-16 (T)
Asia-Pacific Orientation Course (APOC)		
16-1	25-Jan-16.....	29-Jan-16 (T)
16-2	20-Jun-16.....	24-Jun-16 (T)

(T) = Tentative



Sharing perspectives in CSRT

Omobolanle Sabiu, with Nigeria's Ministry of Defense, takes part in an exercise as part of a recent Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism course. CSRT provides security practitioners in the Asia-Pacific region, as well as other designated countries around the world, the operational and strategic-level skills necessary to enhance their ability to understand and combat terrorism and transnational threats. CSRT Fellows explore the nature of today's terrorist threats, and analyze tools and capabilities for combating terrorism and transnational threats to promote appropriate strategies.