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Shyam Tekwani joined the faculty of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in July 2009. Mr. Tekwani has an extensive background in the media and comes to the Center by way of a comprehensive and intensive stint as a photojournalist reporting conflict and insurgency in South Asia. His exclusive reportage on the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka which he has covered exhaustively since its inception in 1983 has been published worldwide. His shift to academics after 15 years as a journalist converged with the parallel shift of insurgencies and propaganda to the Internet in the early-90s and his academic work has focused on the use of new media technologies by terrorists and insurgent groups.

He brings teaching and research interests to DKI APCSS including the role of media in conflict, new media and political violence, security sector reforms and insurgency and counterterrorism in the Asia Pacific region. He has taught courses and lectured globally on terrorism, international relations, history, media and security-related issues at various universities and institutions, including the last decade at the School of Communication Studies in the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

He has edited a book as well as published numerous book chapters, journal articles and working papers on media and conflict, terrorism and the media, besides opinion editorials in national and international newspapers. Some of his publications include: (ed.) *Media and Conflict Reporting in Asia* (2008); “Online Networks of Terrorist Groups and their implications for Security: A Case Study of Sri Lanka’s Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (2007)”;

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Mr. Tekwani holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (Honors) in History from the Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, India, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Photography from the Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore.

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