

New Faculty, New Expertise

APCSS welcomed several new faculty members. They include religious and cultural experts with unique experiences.

Dr. Ehsan Ahrari came to APCSS in January 2007 as Professor of Counterterrorism. His primary areas of expertise include Counterterrorism (Middle East, South Asia, and Central Asia), Nuclear and Missile Proliferation in Southern Asia (China, India, and Pakistan), Islam, Information Warfare, with special focus on China and the world of Islam, and Public Diplomacy, with special focus on Muslim countries.

His other areas of expertise include Interagency Coordination, Wargaming, and writing scenarios for tabletop exercises. He has



Dr. Ehsan Ahrari

offered Senior Executive Seminars on Transnational Terrorist Financing, Public Diplomacy, Jihadist-Salafi Movements, with special focus on South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East.

Faculty Members on the Move...and on the Road

In the last few months APCSS welcomed several new faculty members and bid a fond farewell to others.

Dr. Greg Barton departed APCSS for a position as the first occupant of the Herb Feith Chair for the Study of Indonesia at Monash University in Australia. He continues

his connection to APCSS as an adjunct professor.

Dr. Eric Shibuya is now an instructor for Oceania/Transnational Issues at the Marine Corps War College in Quantico, Virginia.

Dr. Ian Storey departed APCSS for a position at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

Dr. Jim Rolfe is working with the East-West Center here in Honolulu.

Two Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies faculty members were promoted from associate professor to full professor. Congratulations to **Dr. Alexandre Mansourov** and **Dr. Denny Roy**.

Captain Bette Bush departs APCSS for her new assignment as Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Yorktown, and Commander, Naval Munitions Command, CONUS East Division.

Last spring **Dr. Ehsan Ahrari** addressed Officers and Senior NCOs from Marine Forces Pacific Headquarters at Camp Smith. This was



Dr. Ehsan Ahrari with Col. Steven Baker, Chief of Staff, Marine Forces Pacific.

Dr. Alfred Oehlers joined APCSS in March 2007. He was previously an Associate Professor and Chair of the Economics Discipline at Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand.

Dr. Oehlers obtained his Ph.D in Political Economy from the University of Sydney. He also holds a Masters and Bachelors degree in Economics, both from Macquarie University, Australia.

He is a specialist in the political economy of economic growth and development, with particular reference to the countries of the Asia-Pacific region. He has written widely, covering a range of



Dr. Alfred Oehlers

issues connected with the rapid development of East and Southeast Asia. Much of this research has focused on Burma and Singapore, on topics relating to governance, democratization, corruption, public health, and ethnic conflict.

the first in a planned series of quarterly Professional Military Education events that MARFORPAC has discussed with APCSS. Dr. Ahrari addressed “*The Jamaah Islamiyya (JI): Strategy, Modus Operandi, And Future*” and also a broader presentation on terrorism, its roots and linkages.

In December, APCSS professor **Dr. Donald Berlin** visited India as part of the United States Department of State U.S. Speaker and Specialist Program. The program is intended to inform and engage international audiences about U.S. policy and society.

Dr. Berlin addressed various audiences and participated in media interviews while visiting Mumbai, Goa, Kochi, Kottayam, Chennai and Kokata. Topics



Dr. Mohan Malik presents information on Burma during a lecture in Thailand.

included maritime security, nuclear weapons, Indo-U.S. relations, and Indian Ocean geopolitics.

Dr. Mohan Malik recently returned from a trip to Thailand and India. He is working on a new publication called “*Resolving the Burma Imbroglio: Prospects for Six-Party Talks*.” According to Dr. Malik “Thai Alumni were extremely helpful in setting up meetings with staff from the Prime

Our newest professor is **Dr. Taj Hashmi**. He worked as professor of Islamic and Asian history, politics and culture at various universities in Australia, Bangladesh, Singapore and Canada. Born in India, raised and educated in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Australia, he has extensive experience in the Asia-Pacific and North America.

Dr. Hashmi received his Ph.D. in modern South Asian history from the University of Western Australia. He also has a Masters in modern history of the Middle East, South and Southeast Asia from



Dr. Taj Hashmi

Dhaka University. His areas of expertise include: Islamic resurgence and militancy, ethnicity, Asia-Pacific regionalism and security; military, Islam, democracy and civil society, South Asia; and culture, governance and underdevelopment.

diplomats and journalists based in Thailand, Burma, and India. Findings of the research will be written for the APCSS Publication Series and *Britannica Encyclopedia: Book of the Year 2007*. Given the sensitivity of the subject, government officials were reluctant to be interviewed in a formal/official setting. So I used the presentation-discussion format to elicit opinions at official forums, and informal discussions with journalists and Burma-watchers in both countries.”

Dean Lee Endress recently addressed the “Maritime Senior Leadership Seminar” in Singapore, where he facilitated discussions attended by regional senior officers. He also participated in a Cultural Experts Summit in Washington, DC.

VISITORS

Indonesian Visitors include EC Alumni

In May, a delegation from Indonesia arrived at APCSS for a tour and roundtable discussion. The

group included EC04-1 alum Maj. Gen. Heryadi, Senior advisor to PANGlima for International Relations. He is pictured between Lt. Col. John Gasner and APCSS Deputy Director Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jim Hirai. The group included Brig. Gen. Darpito Pudyastunkoro, Col. Surya Durma, Mr. Adhydurat Soemono, and Mr. Haryanto Bajuri.



**Brigadier
Sikand, India:
His experience
at APCSS**

“The greatest gain from APCSS was being able to listen to and understand others’ perspectives. I might not agree with the other; however, we can work together to come up with recommended solutions, a cooperative, rather than confrontational approach.

In my current job as India’s defense rep to the U.S., I have to relate with defense reps from 120 different countries. APCSS helped me to develop mutual respect and better understanding for the views of representatives from other countries and thus helps me do my job better.

The social activities were an important aspect of APCSS because our comfort level with others grew during these activities. Because of this comfort level, we were able to get to the crux of the issues discussed in the course instead of worrying about making our neighbor upset by our comments; we were able to have open and honest discussions. Living together at 444 Nahua also helped develop that comfort level.

India deems APCSS very important. APCSS is held in higher esteem today because the returning graduates speak so highly of the course. You can see how much we think about APCSS by who we send to the courses. We used to send Colonels to the course; now we send Brigadiers. Having attended APCSS reflects very high on our resume and dossier. This helps in our officer assessment system for selection to higher ranks.”



Eikenberry shares experiences in Afghanistan with APCSS Fellows

Army Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry, former commander of the Combined Forces Command in Afghanistan, visited the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies on February 16. While here he spoke with Fellows attending the Executive Course: Advanced Security Cooperation about his experiences during Operation Enduring Freedom.

In addition to the Executive Course Fellows, 41 international Fellows from the U.S. Army War College who were visiting the Center also attended his briefing.

Eikenberry’s new post is as the deputy chairman, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Military Committee, Brussels, Belgium.





U.S. Ambassador to
Sri Lanka/Maldives,
Robert O. Blake



U.S. Ambassador to the
Marshall Islands,
Clyde Bishop

CDSS Fellows visit APCSS

In April, APCSS welcomed a group of 66 from the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies (CDSS) at the Australian Defence College. A number of APCSS alumni were part of the group. They included: Col. Modjo Basuki, CS05-1, of Indonesia, Lt.Col. Siamelie Latu, EC01-1, of Tonga, Col. Tahan Lumbantoruan, CS06-2, of Indonesia, Capt. Pongsak Somboon, EC02-1, of Thailand and Lt. Col. Gilbert Toropo, EC03-3, of Papua New Guinea.



U.S. Ambassador to Papua
New Guinea, Solomon
Islands and Vanuatu,
Leslie V. Rowe



U.S. Ambassador to Fiji,
Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga and
Tuvalu, Larry Dinger

APCSS Hosts PLA Academic Delegation

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security studies. The agenda included a robust roundtable discussion, also attended by representatives from U.S. Pacific Command and University of Hawaii's East-West Center, which focused on PRC military transformation and Chinese views on transnational security issues.

The visit also included a social event which fostered mutual understanding by allowing interaction in a more relaxed environment.

Not only did the visit foster a greater understanding of the factors driving PRC military transformation and associated challenges, it served as an opportunity to encourage PRC attendance in APCSS programs and to explore potential future partnering and reciprocal educational opportunities between the two organizations.

COURSES

Advanced Security Cooperation

Executive Course 07-1



The most recent Executive Course: Advanced Security Cooperation took place in early 2007 with 47 Fellows from 30 different countries in the region.

The six-week course focuses on building relationships among future leaders and decision-makers within the region. It comprises three required elements: a core curriculum, an advanced studies program of electives, and

a professional enhancement program that includes skills workshops and guest speakers. Security is examined as a comprehensive mix of political, economic, social, as well as military aspects.

According to Dr. Rouben Azizian, course manager, this was a very energetic and cohesive group when it came to participation in the auditorium and seminars.

The interaction did not stop in the seminar rooms as Fel-

lows participated in APCSS lunchtime learning sessions called "Brown Bags." "The Brown Bag sessions are really starting to produce some very good discussions. The class was very interested in these, and several Fellows gave excellent presentations on security issues in the region," said Azizian.

Over the last year the course has been transitioning from its original broad and instructive overview of the region to a more focused, interactive and participatory course. "We continue shaping and revising the course," said Azizian.

"Rather than build a new course from scratch, we have taken an evolutionary approach - redesigning and changing as we go - so we don't lose the good things about the course which has

been going for 10 years now."

Feedback from the Fellows is also extremely important for this evolution.

According to Azizian, "An important aspect of APCSS is that we take the Fellows' views and perspectives very seriously. Our main educational approach is to create the right environment for Fellows to exchange their views, perspectives and experiences. While faculty instruction and facilitation are important - our Fellows value the opportunity to interact with each other."

The next Advanced Security Cooperation course will be held in October. "We hope to complete in that iteration the transformation from a survey type course to a more focused, problem-





solving-oriented course,” said Azizian.

“The traditional EC was a very wide ranging, comprehensive course providing a good overview of the security environment. But now we have more pressing issues. We have an urgent need for more collaboration like never before. We need to better focus on negative regional trends before they lead to major problems and shocks in the region. It is important at the same time to capitalize on the positive trends. We have to try to get the course to the point of how we can best collectively deal with issues and problems by building national and regional capacity and resilience. After all, the new name of the course

- Advanced Security Co-operation - has to reflect its true meaning and essence,” he said.

“In a globalized world, national borders do not guarantee full protection. We have to follow regional trends more carefully because they can impact our own national security in more significant ways than before. This means that curriculum change will be ongoing as the course will continue to adapt to the dynamic regional security environment.”



EC at-a-glance

Since 1996

- 31 Classes
- 2,024 Fellows from 46 Countries

Transnational Security Cooperation

Senior Executive Course

The Senior Executive course continues to evolve, aided and enriched by the feedback of each class. The latest courses have introduced more current assessment and response scenarios, a case study on creating a dissuasion campaign, and an extended discussion on creating the conditions for viable peace in crisis torn societies. Fellows have been given the opportunity to hone their skills in handling media interventions as well. Fellow feedback has validated the continuing improvement of the course in terms of knowledge gained, senior leader skills improved, and networks enriched.



SEC 06-3



SEC at-a-glance

Since 1999

- 17 Classes
- 334 Fellows from 32 Countries

SEC 07-1

Stability, Security, Transition and Reconstruction (SSTR)

In less than one year, APCSS has held three classes of the new Stability, Security, Transition, and Reconstruction course which aims to enhance regional capability to prevent, prepare for and respond to both human and man-made disasters. After completing the first class last summer, APCSS followed up with two additional classes. We continue to adapt the course, improving the content and flow based on attendee comments and regional demand

In May, 32 Fellows graduated from SSTR 07-1. The Fellows included senior military and civilian government leaders from 18 countries. Countries represented at the course were: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States and Vietnam. The highlight of this particular course was the high level of operational experience in disaster response that the Fellows had--over 1/3 of them had personally been involved in more than one such activity! This course also saw the beginning of an APCSS-sponsored web-site for sharing information among Fellows on stability focused activities through the use of the "Asia Pacific Cooperative Security Consortium," or APCSC. This represents a step ahead in APCSS's on-going efforts to provide a useful educational experience that does not end on graduation day.

Last December, 30 senior Fellows from 15 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region attended the course. Countries represented at the course were: Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and the United States.

The course takes a comprehensive approach to disaster preparedness and response activities focusing on three broad topic areas: 1) pre-conflict/complex emergency preparedness and prevention (2) post-conflict/complex emergency responses and transitions and (3) post-conflict/complex emergency reconstruction. It also addresses basic definitions and types of stability operations, coalition building and inter-agency coordination, interventions and occupations, post-conflict/complex emergency reconstruction steps, transition planning, and strategic communications, among other supporting topics. The course is designed to impart vital knowledge, share best practices from the attendees' experiences as well as to develop leaders' skills and frameworks in order to improve the effectiveness of regional nations and individual leaders in preparing for and responding to disasters.

SSTR at-a-glance Since 2006

- 3 Classes
- 88 Fellows from 22 Countries



SSTR 06-2



SSTR 07-1



Junior Exec Course transitions into an Asia-Pacific Orientation Course

For several years, APCSS has offered a three- week Junior Executive Course that focused on knowledge of the region and understanding how current



issues were shaping the Asia-Pacific security environment. To meet the needs of U.S. Pacific Command headquarters, APCSS offered a three-day Asia-Pacific Orientation Course (APOC) last fall and again in March.

Like the JEC, the APOC provided an introduction to Asia-Pacific culture, politics, and challenges, while addressing U.S. interests in the region. The curriculum broadly examined: security foundations, regional security perspectives, country-specific

and transnational issues, governance, development, and security cooperation issues. Attention was given to historical and emerging issues.

The next course, to be offered in July, will reflect the new merger of the Junior Executive Course/Asian Pacific Security Foundations (JEC/APSF) course with the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course.

According to course manager, Dr. Elizabeth Van Wie Davis, "APOC

brings together all of the best features of the JEC and the earlier APOC to create a course that offers a comprehensive survey of many of the security issues in the current Asia-Pacific region."

This new course will have a one week format and have two versions: one with a U.S. format exclusively for PACOM officers and an international version for select self-funded countries plus the U.S. Fellows.



JEC at-a-glance

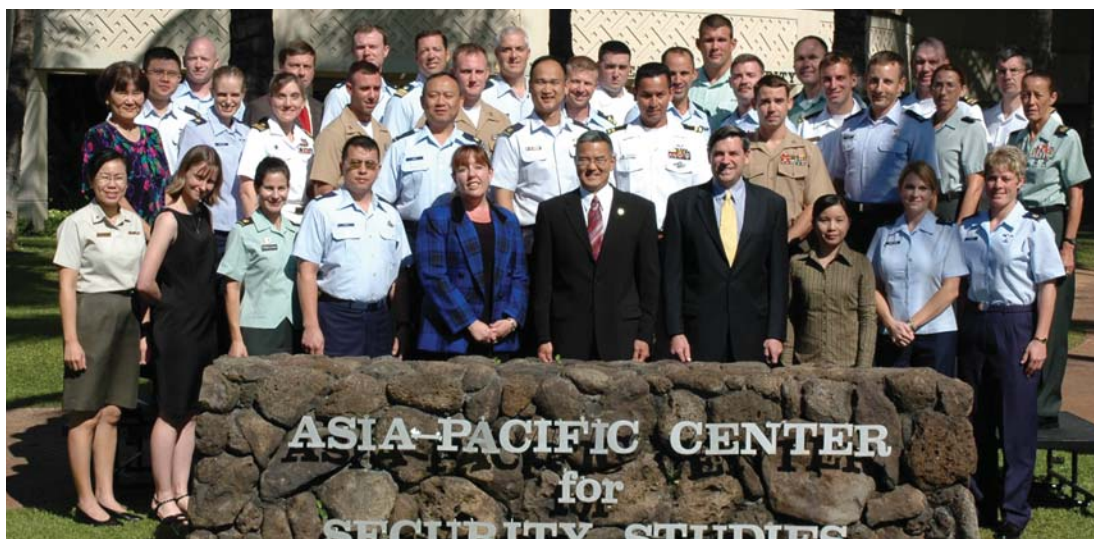
Since 1996

- 6 Classes
- 134 Fellows from 8 Countries

APOC at-a-glance

Since 2007

- 1 Class
- 46 Fellows



JEC 07-1

Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism



The Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism (CSRT) course helps Fellows develop a common understanding of terrorism and transnational threats that support terrorism in the region, build the trust necessary for productive partnerships, and examine ways to improve information sharing and multinational strategies to counter terrorist threats. CSRT Course 06-3, held in Fall 2006, was attended by 30 Fellows from 20 countries.

CSRT at-a-glance

Since 2004

- 7 Classes
- 336 Fellows from 51 Countries

