COURSE DATES

The following Concentrations for in-resident CSC courses are currently planned in 2024-2025:

- **2024 14Feb-20Mar:** Understanding China; Cybersecurity; Economics and Security
- **2024 15May-18Jun:** Resilience to the Information Environment; Irregular Warfare; Crisis Management
- **2025 Courses: 5Feb-12Mar; 7May-11Jun; 13Aug-17Sep**

The schedule is subject to change.

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Regional Organizations such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), and other International Organizations (e.g. United Nations)

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THE CENTER

DKI APCSS programs advance cooperative strategy and policy actions based on *trust, critical thinking,* and *shared experiences.* Programs build partner capacity by educating, connecting, and empowering a *diverse, whole-of-society network of security practitioners* in order to achieve stability, security, and prosperity in a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

The Center has a strong focus on executive education via both resident and regional events. These academic events include courses and workshops. They are intertwined to produce a dynamic and integrated program of study, workshops, and research to support the Center's mission.

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Our website www.dkiapcss.edu contains useful information for Fellows, alumni, and others interested in our courses, publications, and what is happening in the region.

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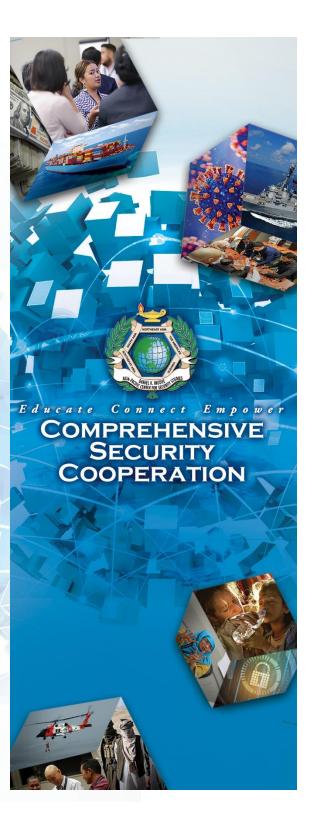apcsslink.org

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COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY COOPERATION

THE COURSE

The Comprehensive Security Cooperation (CSC) course is a 5-week in-resident executive program offered three times a year for mid-level military, government, and non-government professionals who intersect with the security sphere.

Fellows spend approximately three quarters of their time on complex, transdisciplinary, and transboundary challenges, and about a quarter on specialty security content that deep-dives into a variety of priority areas.

The resulting cross-talk between security professionals from different security sectors fosters understanding and the development of significant relationships and networks.

In parallel with presentations, discussions, and exercises, Fellows assess security environments, identify disruptors, analyze threat systems, and probe governance issues while collaboratively building relationships and mutual understanding.

Throughout the course, Fellows seek to develop resilient solutions to real organizational and regional security issues. These complimentary processes enhance the capacity of regional allies, partners, and others to comprehend and cooperatively address complex security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region thereby advancing the freedom, openness, stability, prosperity, and security of the Indo-Pacific region.

Fellows who successfully complete this course will receive a **Course Certificate** and **Alumni Status**.

Course Goals

CSC aims to contribute to a free, open, prosperous, and secure Indo-Pacific by:

1. *Educating*: Deepening understanding and encouraging critical evaluation of complex security challenges.

2. *Connecting*: Constructing a network of interdisciplinary practitioners to enhance international security cooperation.

3. *Empowering*: Building individual potential and partner capacity to find innovative solutions to complex security challenges, employing a whole-of-society approach.

Core Content

Critical thinking sessions emphasize the importance of objective, rigorous analysis while introducing fellows to analytical tools to help them understand complex security challenges.

Geostrategic sessions explore the range of different security challenges, regional security architectures, and geostrategic considerations within each geographic sub-region: Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Oceania. These sessions are complemented by an examination of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Strategy.

Security Challenges examined in detail in the course include, but are not limited to, economics and security; maritime security; counterterrorism and irregular warfare; environmental security; health security; media, misinformation and disinformation; and cybersecurity.

Capacity sessions seek to develop strategic-level understanding of such areas as statecraft; security sector governance; interagency cooperation; crisis management; and women, peace and security.

Exercises include strategic table-top exercises which aim to deepen understanding of strategic cooperation and competition between states.

Applied Learning Projects: Fellows apply what they learn in the course by working on either individual or group-based projects, which seek to find innovative solutions to complex problems.

CONCENTRATIONS

In addition to the core content, Fellows choose to select a specialty "concentration" or focus area that is of particular interest or professional relevance to them and can assist them with their Fellow Project. Concentrations are deep dives on specific security issues, which allow Fellows with mutual interests from different security sectors to work together on complex challenges.

Each iteration of CSC features a different combination of concentrations, including:

Maritime Security

Fellows explore the free and open Indo-Pacific concept with a focus on the maritime domain as they review traditional state-based and non-traditional transnational crime challenges, and avenues of mutual cooperation. Fellows gain an improved understanding of the global commons and the importance of sea control, maritime domain awareness, and upholding the rules-based international order. This concentration enhances understanding of the maritime domain, enables Fellows to collaborate on improving maritime security, and benefits all security practitioners.

Irregular Warfare and Counterterrorism

Fellows gain strategic understanding of contemporary terrorism, insurgency, and irregular warfare threats, and critically assess different response options by sharing international experiences and best practices. This practitioner-focused and highly interactive concentration builds practitioner networks to help nations successfully collaborate in the fight against terrorism and insurgency.

Cybersecurity

Fellows gain a non-technical, strategic-level, whole-of-society understanding of cybersecurity by exploring three dimensions: governance, resilience, and recovery. The aim of this concentration is to provide security practitioners with the knowledge, resources, best practices, and networks to navigate the cybersecurity environment and to understand how cybersecurity affects national and international security. Topics include strategy, policy, international frameworks, incident response, cybercrime, privacy/security, and public-private partnerships.

Crisis Management

Practitioners from the fields of emergency management and humanitarian assistance, environmental security and climate change resilience, and public health expand their knowledge of current models, frameworks, and resources to support complex, cooperative operations in both slow and sudden-onset crises. With an emphasis on human security, Fellows use case studies, simulations, and exercises to explore prevention, mitigation, and resilience strategies, while growing their professional networks.

Economics and Security

Fellows examine the impact of economic policies, trends, and actions on national security. Topics covered include trade agreements and sanctions, economic statecraft, and the digital and blue economies. Fellows in this concentration examine how countries at all levels of development and sizes use economics not just for growth and development, but also to deepen alliances and commitments or as a means of geopolitical competition.

INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT

The information environment is enabling shifts in power and governance that can polarize and multiply fissures in society, increase risk and harm to civilians, and degrade societal resilience. Participants in this concentration will learn more about how technology is compounding the effects and power of the modern information environment, how security in war and peace is affected by this increasingly powerful IE, and how to assess risk, strengthen resilience, and recover from harms arising in the IE.

Environmental Security

Fellows gain insights into the security impacts of current and projected environmental challenges. They will explore underlying science and data for climate change, pollution, food/water/energy, and other resource issues, and heighten their awareness of measures needed to mitigate and adapt to environmental threats. Fellows will furthermore develop an understanding of how to advance, participate in, and lead evidence-based environmental security decision-making.

Understanding china

This concentration provides professionals engaged in security across governmental, military, and civil sectors acquire deeper insights into the strategic workings of the CCP and PRC within the evolving geopolitical scene. This concentration encompasses understanding CCP ideologies, decision-making frameworks, and strategic objectives. By analyzing historical and contemporary dynamics, Fellows will refine their strategic acumen, learn to navigate the intricate Party-State relationship, and apply these insights to current friction areas. The program fosters a collaborative learning environment, enriching participants' capabilities to foster regional stability and peace through informed strategy and strengthened networks of security practitioners.