



DKI APCSS Monthly Activities Report

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US Ambassador Hugo Yon (left) poses with a number of DKI APCSS alumni who participated in the workshop.

Climate Resilience Workshop in Maldives

In September, DKI APCSS hosted a workshop focused on fostering partnerships to strengthen climate resilience in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) across the Indian Ocean region.

This crucial event brought together experts from climate security, disaster management, and emergency response sectors.

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Emerging Leaders and the Arctic

DKI APCSS, the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies (TSC), and the Canadian Department of National Defense (DND) partnered to organize an Emerging Leaders Forum. This four-day event brought together a diverse group of emerging defense and national security leaders from the Indo-Pacific and Euro-Atlantic regions.

The consequences of a rapidly changing Arctic was the starting point for the event, which took place from Sept. 9 - 12, 2024. [Read more..](#)



Thailand Security Dialogue 2024

Dr. Virginia B. Watson participated in the first Thailand Security Dialogue held in Bangkok, Thailand on August 26-28, 2024. She served as a panel member in the session "Energy and Environmental Security: Implications for Sustainable Peace to the Region," presenting a briefing on "Climate Change, Energy, and Defense Nexus." The event was organized by the National Defence Studies Institute and featured both civilian and military speakers from Thailand as well as various international institutions. True to its mandate, the forum provided an important convening space to discuss a) the geopolitical currents defining Southeast Asia; b) the nature of security issues and challenges that



shape the strategic approaches and interests of the region and Thailand; c) ASEAN and the security environment; and d) the regional role of Thailand moving forward. [Read more](#)

Acting Deputy Director Forman travels to Brunei, Papua New Guinea & Singapore

DKI APCSS Acting Deputy Director Dr. Lori Forman traveled to several countries in the region during September. While in Brunei, she guest lectured at the Command and Staff course at the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Defence Academy. The topic was economic security. She also gave remarks celebrating the 40th anniversary of relations between the United States and Brunei.

In Papua New Guinea, Dr. Lori Forman and Alumni Chief John Gasner met up with a number of alumni. They worked with the country team to develop a cohort for the upcoming CSC 25-1

During a brief stop over in Singapore, Dr. Forman and LCDR Nate Baladad met with key regional organizations and think tanks regarding options for collaboration. They also hosted an alumni gathering for Singapore alumni.



In commemoration of 40 years of US-Brunei relations, Ambassador McClelland and Dr. Lori Forman celebrated Bruneian alumni of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS). Collectively, 78 Bruneians have studied at DKI APCSS



Dr. Forman with the Command and Staff course participants at the Royal Brunei Armed Forces Defence Academy.



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Water Security featuring DKI APCSS' Dr. Ethan Allen. [LINK](#)



"China's Strategic Culture: Confucianism or Realpolitik?" featuring DKI APCSS' Dr. Lukas Filler. [LINK](#)



"Navigating Tensions in the South China Sea" featuring Dr. Virginia Bacay Watson and Dr. Alexander Vuving [LINK](#)

Upcoming Events / Webinars

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["Law and Rising Seas: Navigating Ocean Change"](#) featuring Dr. Joanna Siekiera.

Oct. 7, 2024

["Malaysia Between Giants"](#) featuring Elina Noor

Oct. 10, 2024

["Conflict's End in Ukraine"](#) featuring Dr. Marzena Żakowska

Oct. 28, 2024

Courses

Indo-Pacific Orientation Courses (IPOC 24-2) - Oct. 21-24, 2024

Transnational Security Cooperation (TSC 24-2) - Dec. 7-12, 2024

Workshops

National Security Policy Development in the Pacific Islands 17 – 20 November 2024
SUVA, FIJI

New Publications

Dr. Miemie Byrd's article on ["Myanmar military on verge of falling from power, analysts say"](#) was published last month by the *Indo-Pacific Defense Forum*.

Dr. Miemie Byrd's article for *The Diplomat* - ["Myanmar is Not About to Become a 'Fractured' State"](#) - looks at political linkages between the country's resistance groups, and their determination to build a federal democracy.

Dr. Lami Kim has new article in *Foreign Policy*: ["The Dream of Korean Unification Is Splitting Apart."](#) The article explores the diverging visions of Korean unification presented by South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Dr. Lami Kim's new article ["South Korea's Nuclear Latency Dilemma "](#) published by *War on the Rocks* delves into South Korea's debate over nuclear latency amidst growing security concerns from North Korea. The article emphasizes that South Korea must carefully balance domestic ambitions with maintaining international trust.

Dr. Lumpy Lumbaca's article ["How Irregular Warfare Can Find—and Exploit—the Vulnerabilities in China's Defense Industrial Base"](#) was recently published by the Modern Warfare Institute.

Dr. Srinii Sitaraman has authored a new *Security Nexus* paper titled ["Bangladesh: Quo Vadis—the Way Forward."](#) The paper addresses the country's pressing challenges, including widespread violence, the need for governance reform, and prospects for future political stability.