



# Indo-Pacific VANTAGE POINT

Educating, Connecting, and Empowering US, Allies and Partners

DKI APCSS Monthly Newsletter | **APRIL 2025**



**Deterrence**



## Hegseth makes first speech to Indo-Pacific at DKI APCSS

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth outlined his strategic vision for the Defense Department in the Indo-Pacific region during remarks to alumni of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu on March 25.

"Our relationships — and our teamwork — form the foundation of achieving peace through strength," Hegseth said. [Read more...](#)

## Readiness



## Allies and Partners



### MIPOC in DC

After an eight-year hiatus, DKI APCSS returned to the nation's capital to host the Mobile Indo-Pacific Orientation Course (MIPOC) from March 24 to 28, 2025. The event brought together 116 fellows from agencies including the departments of Defense, State and Homeland Security. Among them were 20 international participants representing 12 countries. With the new administration prioritizing Indo-Pacific policy, holding the course in Washington, D.C., offered Fellows deeper insight into the region's complexities.

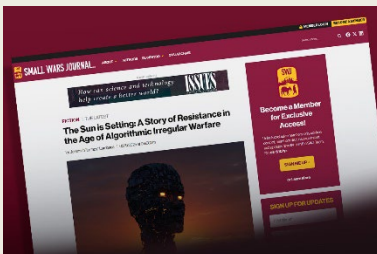
[Read more](#)

### PNG Cohort Unveils Maritime Security Project

Eight maritime stakeholders from Papua New Guinea developed a concept for a National Maritime Fusion Center as part of their Fellows Project during the five-week Comprehensive Security Cooperation Course (CSC 25-1) at DKI APCSS. The proposed center aims to enhance interagency coordination in response to complex maritime challenges.

[Watch on Youtube](#)

## New Faculty Publications



### [A Story of Resistance in the Age of Algorithmic Irregular Warfare](#)

Dr. "Lumpy" Lumbaca of DKI APCSS explores themes of technological overreach and human resilience in a piece published on March 19, 2025, in *Small Wars Journal*. In *The Sun Is Setting: A Story of Resistance in the Age of Algorithmic Irregular Warfare*, Lumbaca presents a fictional narrative set in 2084 exploring the rise of the Sky Global Algorithmic Network (Sky-GAN).

## Manipur and the Myanmar Conflict: Challenge for India with Implications for Regional Security Competition

by Srinii Sitaraman

## What is the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' Pivotal Role in Strengthening Indo-Pacific Deterrence Strategies?

Dr. Andrea Malji

Security Nexus

### Key Leader Engagement



**Maj. Gen. Stephanie Ahern**, Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy, Office of the Deputy U.S. Army Chief of Staff.

- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs (PDASD) Jedidiah P. Royal
- Lt. Gen. Joel B. Vowell, Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Pacific
- Mr. Brent Christensen, U.S. Department of State Senior Official, Acting-Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security
- French Indo-Pacific Ambassador Marc Abensour and French Consul General in San Francisco Florian Cardinaux
- National Defense University International Fellows.

### Upcoming Events



**Indo-Pacific Senior Enlisted Leader Subject Matter Expert Exchange (IPSEL SMEE 25-1)**  
Apr. 21-25, 2025

- **Comprehensive Security Cooperation**  
(CSC 25-2) - May 7 – Jun. 11, 2025  
(CSC 25-3) - Aug. 13 – Sep. 17, 2025
- **Transnational Security Cooperation**  
(TSC 25-1) -  
Jul. 13 – 18, 2025  
(TSC 25-2) -  
Dec. 7 – 12, 2025
- **Indo-Pacific Orientation Course**  
(IPOC 25-1) - Oct. 20-24, 2025

## Dialogue

*Dialogue features leading voices in defense, diplomacy, and academia discussing security challenges in the Indo-Pacific. This biweekly podcast offers fresh perspectives and practical solutions. Visit the Dialogue website to learn more and watch past episodes.*



- **Dialogue 42:** "China's Nuclear Rise" with Dr. Bill Wieninger
- **Dialogue 41:** India's Strategic Challenges with Dr. Srinu Sitaraman

[Dialogue Website](http://www.dkiapcss.edu)



Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies  
2058 Maluhia Rd • Honolulu • HI • 96815

<http://www.dkiapcss.edu>

