



Indo-Pacific VANTAGE POINT

Educating, Connecting, and Empowering US, Allies and Partners

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Readiness



Forging Unbreakable Bonds

IPSEL SMEE 25-1 cultivated enlisted leadership across the Indo-Pacific as 80 senior enlisted leaders and mentors from 22 regional economies gathered in Honolulu for the event, hosted by DKI APCSS and USINDOPACOM, to build trust, exchange security insights, and strengthen strategic leadership. [Read more...](#)

Allies and Partners



Maluhia Talks 2025 Shine a Light on Regional Challenges

Maluhia Talks brought together 18 senior officials from 15 countries for candid discussions on Indo-Pacific security challenges, priorities, and opportunities for regional collaboration.

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Karakoa Forum Launched in Manila

DKI APCSS professors joined the Department of National Defense and the National Defense College of the Philippines for the inaugural two-day Karakoa Forum in Manila, aimed at fostering strategic thinking among defense planners and professionals.

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Ernie Pyle: Remembering a true storyteller

At the Ernie Pyle 80th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony, DKI APCSS Director Suzanne Vares-Lum honored the Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent's enduring legacy of giving voice to the frontline warfighter.

New Faculty Publication



- [Regional Tensions Emerge as Bangladesh Moves Closer to Pakistan, Explored.](#)
- [Growing Risk in the Eastern Himalayas Warned](#)
- [AI's Role and Risks in Peacekeeping Operations Analyzed](#)
- [Water, Terrorism, and Escalating Risk in South Asia Explored](#)
- [Bold U.S. Arctic Strategy Urged Through a North American Federation](#)
- [Unresolved Conflicts Undermining Stability in South Asia Explored](#)
- [U.S.-India Drone Collaboration Framed as the Future of Deterrence](#)
- [Quiet Strategic Convergence Among India, Vietnam, and the Philippines Highlighted](#)
- [Stronger U.S.-India Defense Production Ties Called For](#)



[Yoon's Foreign Policy Falls Short of "Global Pivotal State" Vision](#)

In *Foreign Policy*, Dr. Lami Kim critiques former South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's foreign policy as aspirational but inconsistent, highlighting gaps between his global ambitions and his administration's cautious approach to regional security and values.

[Transforming perceived disorganization into strategic strength: Yoon's Foreign Policy Falls Short of "Global Pivotal State" Vision](#)

In *The Diplomat*, Dr. Miemie Winn Byrd analyzes how Myanmar's decentralized and adaptive resistance has outlasted past uprisings, weakened the junta's grip, and advanced toward Naypyidaw by transforming disorganization into strategic strength.

Key Leader Engagement



Adm. Samuel J. Paparo, U.S. Indo-Pacific commander, engaged with CSC 25-2 Fellows.



The Hon. Lourdes Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam

- SEAC Troy Black, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Adm. David Johnston, Chief of the Australian Defence Force
- Brig. Gen. Katherine Trombley, 9th Mission Support Command
- Maj. Gen. Yann Latil, Commander, French Forces New Caledonia
- The Hon. Brook Barrington, Secretary of Defence, New Zealand
- Air Marshal Tony Davies, Chief of Defence Force, New Zealand
- Texas A&M CAPSTONE Students, The Bush School of Government and Public Service
- Matthew Steinhelfer, AUKUS Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of State
- Rear Adm. Sean Regan, Commander, District 14, U.S. Coast Guard

Upcoming Events

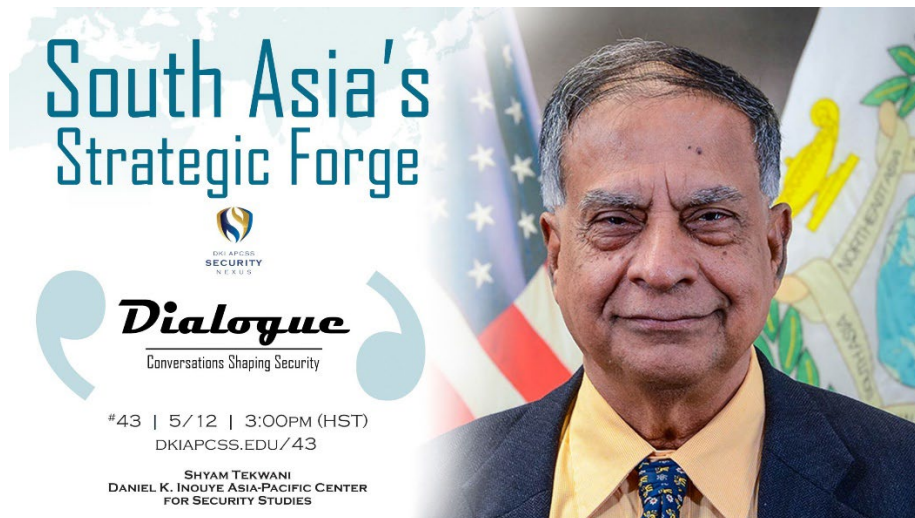


Whole-of-Society Resilience
to Hybrid Threats:
The Role of Civil Preparedness
June 23-26, 2025

- **Comprehensive Security Cooperation**
(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.



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