

## Threat Perception in a Complex Environment: Intelligence-gathering in the Asia-Pacific

### Conference

18-19 September 2006  
University of Adelaide  
Adelaide, Australia

### Overview

The current global environment is frequently defined in terms of uncertainty and complexity. Annually, Governments and businesses across the Asia-Pacific invest billions of dollars into public and private intelligence-gathering agencies in an attempt to understand threats within this difficult environment. This Conference draws on expertise from across the region to consider the issues of complexity, uncertainty and intelligence against the backdrop of the Asia-Pacific. The regional and multidisciplinary variety of the presenters will enable a valuable consideration of both theoretical and practical aspects of intelligence-gathering and the challenges of the current and future threat environment. The planned publication from this conference will have wide appeal in universities, intelligence agencies and Defence organisations. The Conference is the first in a planned annual series examining intelligence and security in the Asia-Pacific.

### Conference Panels

#### Day 1

0800 – 0915    **Registration**  
0915 – 0920    **Administrative Remarks:**  
0920 – 1020    **Keynote Address**

*Dr Michael E. Herman (Nuffield College) – Intelligence Problems in the New Century*

1030 – 1130    **Panel 1**  
**An Uncertain Environment**

*Chair: Prof. Purnendra Jain (Centre of Asian Studies, University of Adelaide)*

- *Mr Charles Vandeeper (University of Adelaide) – Intelligence in an Era of Uncertainty*
- *Lt.Kol (B) Ahmad Ghazali Abu Hassan (Universiti Utara Malaysia)– Hearts and minds campaign and its relevance in counter insurgency operations -the Malaysian experience*
- *Mr David Olney (University of Adelaide & AIIA) – Political Philosophy of Threat*

1130 – 1145 **Morning Tea**

1145 – 1300 **Panel 2 (Round table) – extended session** (to be transcribed)  
**Complexity : A discussion on Complexity and Theory**

*Chair & participant: Dr Richard Price (DSTO)*

- *Mr Jonathon Louth (University of Adelaide & AIIA)*
- *Mr Shawn D. Callahan (Anecdote)*
- *Mr Simon Pope (DSTO)*
- *Dr David Matthews (DSTO)*
- *Mr Greg Marsh (BAE Systems [Manager, Knowledge Management Projects] & ASDE – Australian Society for Defence Engineers)*

1300 – 1345 **Lunch**

1345 – 1445 **Panel 3**  
**Threat Perceptions**

*Chair: Dr Ian Hall (University of Adelaide)*

- *Dr Sanu Kainikara (Department of Defence & AIIA) – Technologically conditioned military response (ISR)*
- *Dr Lucy Resnyansky (DSTO) – Sociology of science and reliability of sources in threat assessment (with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region)*
- *Dr Dennis List (University of South Australia) – Scenario network mapping*

1445 – 1500 **Afternoon Tea**

1500 – 1600 **Panel 4**  
**Australia, South Pacific & Southeast Asia**

*Chair: Dr Shamsul Khan (University of South Australia)*

- *Dr Andrew O'Neil (Flinders & AIIA) – Australia's CT strategy*
- *Prof. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak (Universiti Utara Malaysia) – Malaysia and the Al-Arqam Movement*
- *Prof. Peter King (University of Sydney) – The South Pacific Dimension*
- *Dr Priambudi Sulistiyanto (University of Singapore) – Politics of Intelligence Reforms in Post-Suharto Indonesia*

1930 – 2200 **Conference Dinner – Kopi Tim (Adelaide City)**

## **Day 2**

### 1000 – 1100 **Panel 5** **Northeast Asia & the Historical Dimension**

*Chair: Dr David Lundberg (University of South Australia)*

- *Dr Felix Patrikeeff (University of Adelaide & AIIA) – Changing Nature of Intelligence in the Region*
- *Assoc. Prof. Fredric Zuckerman (University of Adelaide) – Russia & an Historical Understanding of Threat*
- *Dr Brad Williams (National University of Singapore/Monash University) – Japanese Intelligence-gathering*

1100 – 1130 Morning Tea

### 1130- 1230 **Panel 6** **South Asia & Central Asia**

*Chair: Dr Felix Patrikeeff (University of Adelaide & AIIA)*

- *Dr Shamsul Khan (University of South Australia) – The South Asian Dimension*
- *Dr Kirill Nourzhanov (Australian National University) – Changing Threat Perceptions in Central Asia*

1230 – 1330 **Lunch**

### 1330 – 1430 **Panel 7** **United States – Asia-Pacific perceptions**

*Chair: Prof. P. King (University of Sydney)*

- *Mr Michael Brennan (University of Adelaide) – US perception of threat in historical context*
- *Dr David Lundberg (University of South Australia & AIIA) – current perspectives on threat*
- *Dr David Mosler (University of Adelaide) – US threat perception in the region*

1430 – 1500 **Conference Final Comments**

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