

Our Mission

As the only centre specialised in the study of NTS in the Asia Pacific region, the RSIS Centre for NTS Studies' mission is to conduct quality, empirically-grounded research to produce objective, policy-relevant analyses aimed at furthering awareness and building capacity to address NTS issues in the region and beyond.

To fulfil this mission, we seek to:

- Advance the regional understanding of NTS issues by highlighting gaps in knowledge and policy, and identifying best practices among state and non-state actors in responding to these issues.
- Provide a necessary platform for scholars and policymakers within and outside Asia to discuss and analyse regional NTS issues.
- Network proactively with organisations worldwide to exchange NTS knowledge expertise.
- Engage policymakers on the critical importance of NTS and develop strategies to mitigate the risks to state and human security.



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CENTRE FOR
**NON-TRADITIONAL
SECURITY STUDIES**



What are Non-Traditional Security (NTS) issues?

Non-Traditional Security (NTS) issues are challenges to the survival and well-being of peoples and states that arise from non-military sources, such as climate change, resource scarcity, infectious diseases, natural disasters, irregular migration, food shortages, people smuggling, drug trafficking and transnational crime.

These dangers are transnational in scope, defying unilateral remedies and requiring comprehensive – political, economic and social – responses, as well as the humanitarian use of military force.



Our Research

1) Internal and Cross-Border Conflict Programme

- Dynamics of Internal Conflicts
- Multi-level and Multilateral Approaches to Internal Conflict
- Responsibility to Protect (RtoP) in Asia
- Peacebuilding

2) Climate Change, Environmental Security and Natural Disasters Programme

- Mitigation and Adaptation Policy Studies
- The Politics and Diplomacy of Climate Change

3) Energy and Human Security Programme

- Security and Safety of Energy Infrastructure
- Stability of Energy Markets
- Energy Sustainability
- Nuclear Energy and Security

4) Health and Human Security Programme

- Health and Human Security
- Global Health Governance
- Pandemic Preparedness and Global Response Networks

The first 3 programmes received a boost from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation when the Centre was selected as one of 3 core institutions leading the MacArthur Asia Security Initiative* in 2009.

* The MacArthur Asia Security Initiative was launched by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in January 2009, through which approximately US\$68 million in grants will be made to policy research institutions over 7 years to help raise the effectiveness of international cooperation in preventing conflict and promoting peace and security in Asia.

Our Output

Policy-relevant Publications

As a one-stop NTS resource repository, we produce:

- Books and monographs
- Research papers
- Policy briefs and reports
- Conference reports
- E-newsletters and alerts
- Commentaries and op-ed columns

Training

Based in RSIS, which has an excellent record of post-graduate teaching, an international faculty, and an extensive network of policy institutes worldwide, the Centre is well placed to:

- Develop robust research capabilities
- Conduct training courses
- Facilitate advanced education on NTS

aimed at, but not limited to, academics, analysts, policymakers and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Networking and Outreach

The Centre serves as a networking hub for researchers, policy analysts, policymakers, NGOs and media in Asia and farther afield interested in NTS issues.

Our networking and outreach events comprise:

- Seminars and conferences
- Research fellowship programmes
- Training workshops
- Briefings to visiting delegations on NTS issues

Visit www.rsis.edu.sg/nts for more information on our Centre.

The RSIS Centre for NTS Studies also serves as the Secretariat of the Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia). Visit www.rsis-ntsasia.org to find out more.