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#### **A new global educational experience in international affairs**

RSIS and the University of Warwick launch the new NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme  
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The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), with the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS) at UK's University of Warwick jointly launched the new NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme today. Addressing the growing interest in a global educational experience among today's graduates and leaders, the new NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme will equip professionals from both private sector and public office to understand and appreciate the dynamics and trajectory of contemporary developments today.

The NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme will capitalize on both Schools' strengths to address the importance of multiple and cross-disciplinary approaches to global issues. At the same time as broadening the scope, experience and expertise of students in international affairs, the degree will provide opportunities to expand their networks across countries and industries. This new full-time Masters venture will allow students, in their first year, to study at the University of Warwick's Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS) and in the second year, at RSIS in Singapore.

The Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS) at the University of Warwick is one of the largest in the UK and sits among the elite of UK Politics and International Relations research departments. It has been consistently ranked amongst the top 10 departments for Politics and International Studies in all the UK Good University Guides. PAIS' provision of postgraduate education in the field of international studies is particularly strong on theoretical and methodological issues, and provides an excellent training for students wishing to undertake further study.



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RSIS complements PAIS through its commitment to policy-oriented education, specifically (though not exclusively) in the Asia-Pacific region. RSIS has acquired the reputation as a leading research institution and provider of rigorous professional education in strategic and international affairs with a solid practical and area emphasis. The School's reputation continues to attract and bring together professionals from various fields, including public officers and corporate leaders.

Speaking at the official launch of the Programme, RSIS' Dean, Ambassador Barry Desker, expressed the view that the joint Programme will not only provide a cutting-edge learning experience for students, but will also allow them to be immersed in "the latest thinking and networking opportunities from (the two Schools') respective strategic positions at the centres of Asia-Pacific and Europe."

Professor Richard Higgott, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research in the Faculties of Arts and Social Science, and Professor of International Political Economy at Warwick, said, "Our global problems increasingly require global solutions and this new programme will help create a new generation of policy-makers and researchers who will have a truly international perspective of the key issues and problems facing us today."

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**Background Information**

**About the University of Warwick**

Among UK universities, Warwick is a unique, and uniquely successful, institution. It took its first students in 1965 and has become one of the UK's leading universities, with an acknowledged reputation for excellence in research and teaching, for innovation and for links with business and industry. In the last UK government Research Assessment Exercise, Warwick was rated 7th in the UK for research excellence. In the national UK media league tables, it has consistently ranked in the top 10 of the UK's 120+ universities.

**About the Nanyang Technological University (NTU)**

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university ranked among the world's top 100 universities. The Yunnan Garden campus, NTU's main campus, is located in the south-western part of Singapore and will be the Youth Olympic Village of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010. The NTU@one-north campus, home to educational



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and alumni clubhouse facilities, is located near Singapore's biomedical research hub, Biopolis; and the new engineering and physical sciences hub, Fusionopolis.

NTU has four colleges. The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business) is the first and only Singapore business school to be ranked in the top 25 of the Financial Times Global MBA 2009 rankings. The College of Engineering, with six schools focused on technology and innovation, has a research output among the top four in the world. The College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences is home to the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia; a fast-growing humanities and social sciences school with distinctive niches of excellence; and Singapore's first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media. The College of Science is home to award-winning faculty, world-class laboratories and Olympiad medal winners.

The S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, one of three autonomous institutes of NTU, is a world authority on strategic studies and security research. NTU is also home to the internationally-acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore's only teacher-training institute. The Earth Observatory of Singapore, established in 2008 with \$150 million in state funding, is dedicated to hazards-related earth science.

As Singapore's main science and technology university, NTU makes significant contributions to the nation's renewed drive for research and innovation spearheaded by the Singapore National Research Foundation (NRF). NTU's strengths in biomedical sciences, environmental and water technologies, and interactive and digital media mirror the NRF's research focus. Impressed by the vibrant entrepreneurship environment at NTU, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, widely known as 'The Foundation of Entrepreneurship', has chosen NTU to be the first Kauffman campus outside the United States of America.



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NTU has a strong and broad international reach covering academic and research partnerships with top institutions in the US, Europe and Asia, such as MIT, Stanford University, Cornell University, Caltech, University of Washington, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Carnegie Mellon University; Cambridge University, Imperial College and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology; and Peking University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Waseda University, and Indian Institute of Technology. For more information, visit <http://www.ntu.edu.sg>.

#### **About the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS)**

Being one of just 17 UK universities with acclaimed Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) recognition, PAIS is one of the largest and most prominent departments of political science in the UK. PAIS has an outstanding reputation for research and teaching at all levels, gaining 7th for research in the Research Assessment Exercise 2008 and a maximum score of 24 for its teaching. It is ranked 5th in The Guardian University Guide 2009 subject ranking for Politics.

Based in PAIS, the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR) is the largest centre in Europe for research on the relationship between the global and regional dimensions of political economy.

#### **About the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)**

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was inaugurated on 1 January 2007 as an autonomous School within the Nanyang Technological University (NTU). The School absorbs the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established in 1996.

The School exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its three core functions are research, graduate teaching and networking activities in the Asia-Pacific region. It produces cutting-edge security



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related research in Asia-Pacific Security, Conflict and Non-Traditional Security, International Political Economy, and Country and Area Studies.

The School's activities are aimed at assisting policymakers to develop comprehensive approaches to strategic thinking on issues related to security and stability in the Asia-Pacific and their implications for Singapore.

For more information about RSIS, please visit <http://www.rsis.edu.sg/>