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Introduction

In today's world, global affairs has a broad imprint, impacting on social factors, politics, religious beliefs as well as environmental, economic and health considerations. Globalisation also means that these impacts are becoming increasingly interrelated. What happens in one part of the world invariably affects other parts.

As a renowned centre of excellence in international studies, RSIS aims to equip students with the necessary knowledge and skills needed to manage increasingly complex global problems. Our mission is to provide students with the relevant training and perspectives to work across different issues and diverse policies.

RSIS programmes are unique in the following ways:

- **The “Professional” Edge.** Classes are conducted in the form of seminars, whereby students are encouraged to contribute to debates and offer their own professional and geographical perspectives.

- **Real People, Real Experiences.** Students have greater contact with professionals from the diplomatic service, government, the armed forces, and the security and corporate sectors.

- **Excellence in Teaching.** Our world-class faculty are global experts in their respective fields of specialisation.

- **Flexibility.** Although students are required to take certain core courses, they are also given the opportunity to select elective courses.

RSIS continually seeks to expand its learning opportunities and this is why we launched a double degree with Warwick University's Politics and International Studies Department.

Through its graduate degree programmes, RSIS aims to establish an enabling environment, conducive to effecting positive change in today's world.

Faculty



It's hard to think of any other educational institution where one gets to debate with the world's finest scholars and rub shoulders with top political leaders and captains of industry, all in the span of a regular day. At RSIS, that's par for the course.

Associate Professor Tan See Seng

Our work at RSIS aims to contribute to the building of knowledge that cuts across the fields of International Relations, International Security and Development Studies.

Associate Professor Mely C. Anthony



I came to RSIS from India as a visiting scholar four years ago and have stayed since then. The peer group, the student body and the facilities here are all world-class. It's exhilarating to be with an institution that is rising to the very top.

Professor Rajesh M. Basrur

When dealing with the question of security, we need to always retain an objective and rational perspective, which is why the work we do aims at bringing intelligence to the situation, and forecloses the possibility of fear and paranoia. Only a rigorous academic approach to such issues can ensure that level-headed realism constantly prevails.

Dr Farish A. Noor



A Tropical Metropolitan City

Known as the Lion City, Singapore is a small city on the equator with a roaring voice. A metropolitan city with splashes of cultural heritage – it is a truly unique city. Singapore is an economic success; it is one of the world's most powerful trade hubs.

Renowned for having a high quality yet affordable standard of living, Singapore is a cosmopolitan city, with its tropical environment, efficient public transport system, low crime rate and political stability making for a comfortable lifestyle.

Catering to anyone from anywhere, Singapore offers a professional business experience, distinctive cultural enlightenment and a powerful learning experience.



One of the most vibrant cities in the world, Singapore is a dynamic melting pot of cultures that embodies the quintessence of the East and West.



Message from the Dean

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) is a Graduate School of Nanyang Technological University. Since our launch in 2007, RSIS has attracted top quality students from diversified professions. We have seen robust growth in student numbers from a small class of 10 to more than 200 students representing more than 50 countries.

At RSIS, we are proud to provide rigorous professional education with a strong practical emphasis. This prepares our students for a career in a broad range of fields, including foreign affairs and national security-related ministries, MNCs and local corporations, investment banks, NGOs and journalism.

Students are offered competitive opportunities through a variety of graduate programmes, including the Master of Science in Strategic Studies, Master of Science in International Relations, Master of Science in International Political Economy, Master of Science in Asian Studies and the NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme.

Additionally, RSIS has a growing PhD Programme, with students researching on topics ranging from counter-terrorism to defence management.

Besides being an educational institution, RSIS is also a think tank on policy and academic research. In this regard, RSIS comprises of the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR), the Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS), the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies (NTS), and the Temasek Foundation Centre for Trade and Negotiations (TFCTN).

The School also convenes numerous conferences, workshops, seminars, and colloquia on aspects related to the security and stability of Asia-Pacific. RSIS MSc programmes are different from other Masters Degree courses because we believe in encouraging our students to actively participate in research and networking activities. Here at RSIS, students are at the centre of our teaching programmes and we aim to produce graduates who can make a difference to society.

Ambassador Barry Desker, Dean,
S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Alumni



The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) came strongly recommended when I was considering the school for my post graduate studies. After spending several years working and gaining hands-on experience, I decided it was time for a Masters course. I discussed the options with my university lecturer and

he said, “Why don't you consider RSIS?” I started researching on the courses offered by RSIS and was pleasantly surprised by what I found.

The Master of Science (International Relations) has provided me with a good foundation in international relations theories, and at the same time, gives me the flexibility to develop my own concepts to support or challenge the existing strategies. It is also a relevant course as I find myself applying many of the concepts learnt to analyse the current affairs events today.

Other than the course content, I was also honoured to have met some of the brightest minds the course was able to attract. The intellectually stimulating conversations have led to some great ideas and significant networking.

Serene Loo

Media Manager, Shell Eastern Petroleum



Being in the heart of Southeast Asia, RSIS offers students a unique vantage point from which to study the region. The coursework is top notch, and is complemented by an esteemed cadre of professors who are approachable and have the student's interest at heart.

Exposure to a host of leading thinkers brought to the School as part of its lecture series programme is an additional bonus for inquiring minds. Also, it cannot be over-stated that the networking with fellow classmates, many of whom are established professionals, is invaluable. For those interested in pursuing graduate study I highly recommend RSIS.

Clint Lorimore

Associate Research Fellow, RSIS

About RSIS

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was officially inaugurated on 1 January 2007. Before that, it was known as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established ten years earlier on 30 July 1996. Like its predecessor, RSIS was established as an autonomous entity within the Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

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 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/>.

About Nanyang

Technological University (NTU)

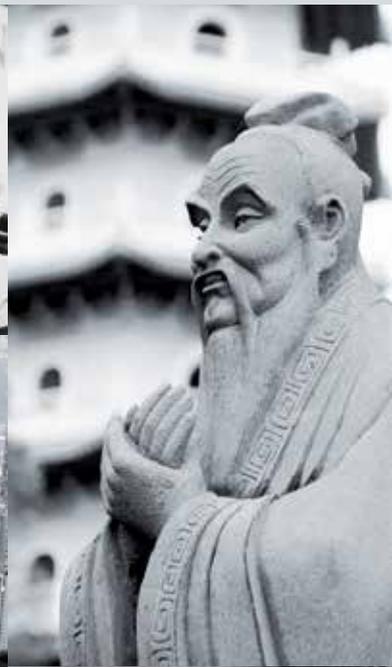
Young and research-intensive, Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is the fastest-rising Asian university in the world's top 50. In the QS World University Rankings 2013, NTU is ranked 41st in the world – up 33 notches in three consecutive years. The university has roots that go back to 1955 when Nanyang University was set up. Today NTU has five colleges with 12 schools and four autonomous entities, the National Institute of Education, the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, the Earth Observatory of Singapore and the Singapore Centre on Environmental Life Sciences Engineering.

NTU provides high-quality global education to about 33,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students. The student body includes top scholars and international Olympiad medalists from the region and beyond.

Hailing from more than 70 countries, the university's 3,800-strong teaching and research staff bring dynamic international perspectives and years of solid industry experience.

Master of Science Asian Studies

Interest in Asian Studies amongst scholars is a growing phenomenon as political developments in the region take a new turn and the economic strength of Asia grows.



Objectives

With a focus on comparative politics, international relations and economics, the MSc (Asian Studies) programme is designed to help students:

- Obtain the necessary empirical knowledge and analytical perspectives required to become leaders in various professions related to Asian affairs
- Develop an in-depth understanding of the dynamic changes and new trends in Asia, using approaches rooted in the disciplines of history, comparative politics, international relations, and economics
- Acquire various analytical tools and historical perspectives to facilitate development of expertise on emerging Asian political, economic and security issues on multiple levels

Relevance

On the political front, many Asian states are experiencing profound historical transitions, accompanied by numerous uncertainties. Economically, the vast majority of regional states continue to experience phenomenal growth, creating numerous profitable business opportunities and transforming the region into a new centre of economic gravity. In the security arena, many potential flashpoints in this region remain, including that in the Korean Peninsula, the Taiwan issue, the South China Sea dispute, regional arms races, resource scarcity, environmental degradation, and the rising influence of Islamic fundamentalism.

At the heart of the region lie the concerns associated with the rise of China as an economic and military powerhouse, the emergence of India and a more assertive Japan. The rise of ASEAN as an international organisation plays a crucial role in shaping the relationships among major powers and in cultivating East Asian regionalism. All these issues will have profound global implications and have generated keen interest among observers and policymakers throughout the world.

Benefits

In this programme, students are connected to the latest developments in the region with numerous opportunities to meet foreign policy makers and prominent Asian specialists from Think Tanks, non-profit organisations and universities throughout the world. Students also enjoy opportunities to hone their linguistic skills in Singapore, which is home to various communities that converse in many Asian languages. The cutting-edge knowledge and skills offered in this programme will benefit students in their professional careers in the private or public sector.

Content

The MSc (Asian Studies) programme is empirically driven and area-centric. The programme places strong emphasis on a range of issues, including:

- Political development in the region
- Economic development in major countries
- Traditional security issues in the region
- Non-traditional security in the region

The programme is tailored to the interests of individual students who may choose to focus on specific countries or develop extensive expertise in a certain area of interest.

Students are required to take two core courses. In addition, students completing a dissertation must take five extra courses (three primary and two electives), while those in the non-dissertation stream are expected to take seven courses (five primary and two electives).

Career Advancement

Graduates from this programme may consider careers in tourism, especially positions related to Asian tourism. Other related jobs may include those involving culture and history, for example museums.

Opportunities in research and academia also await students who complete this course. Government jobs in policy, foreign affairs and diplomacy are some other options.

In the private sector, graduates may look forward to opportunities in multinationals looking to break into the lucrative Asian markets, with positions in public relations or business development.



The quality of teaching is excellent not least because the lecturers deliver up-to-date materials, researching extensively in their respective fields.

May Yimon Aung, Myanmar
MSc Asian Studies

Master of Science International Political Economy

Politics and economics are intertwined. In today's globalised world, understanding one area and not the other makes comprehension incomplete. Analysing and drafting effective policy requires knowledge about the interaction between economic and political goals.



Objectives

The MSc (International Political Economy) programme provides the link between politics and economics by examining relevant theoretical and practical concepts from both disciplines. It seeks to equip students with:

- Analytical skills necessary to understand complex interactions between international politics and economics
- Substantive knowledge spanning countries and regions throughout the world
- An understanding of the historical evolution of the global political economy in order to appreciate and address challenges in the contemporary period

Relevance

This programme sits at the intersection of politics and economic markets. Many political scientists have studied political decisions divorced from the economic context. Similarly, economists have often studied the mechanisms of the market as though the economy works without manipulation from political actors. However, these two areas cannot be regarded separately. Governments frequently intervene in markets by setting wages, prices, tax levels and so forth. On the other hand, investors sometimes flee states, markets or currencies that are following objectively sound macroeconomic policies to invest in inefficient projects elsewhere in the world.

Benefits

Students are taught to analyse the interaction between the production, distribution and use of wealth with politically-driven rules and institutions in the global environment. Using real-world examples coupled with a host of international seminars and conferences, the IPE programme offers comprehensive insights into contemporary developments in world economics and politics such as the uneven impact of globalisation on states and societies, and the ongoing arguments over the formal and informal rules underpinning global governance.

Content

The MSc (International Political Economy) programme has been designed to ensure students gain a sound understanding in:

- Theoretical and methodological issues in International Political Economy (IPE)
- The basics of economic analysis, with an emphasis on macroeconomics
- Trade, finance and production networks
- Key political trends and developments that may affect the world economy and vice versa

Students are required to take three core courses. In addition, Masters students completing a dissertation must take four extra courses, while those in the non-dissertation stream must take six courses.

Please note that IPE at RSIS is not a course in international economics. Although economic concepts are given serious consideration, the focus is mainly on political determinants and their impact on economic outcomes.

Career Advancement

Students who complete this course may look forward to jobs as analysts in research institutions, financial corporations or government. Business strategy is another strong possibility. Graduates are also known to go into journalism.

In the government sector, some attractive options include researcher, analyst or policy-making positions in central banks, finance ministries or trade departments.



After having been based in the Asia-Pacific region for the last six years, I am confident that there is no better place to study Security, IR and International Political Economy than RSIS.

Cem Ozturk, USA
MSc International Political
Economy

Master of Science International Relations

The MSc (International Relations) programme offers an integrative set of courses that aims to equip students with the ability to understand international relations theories and develop their own concepts to deal with real-world situations.



Objectives

The MSc (International Relations) programme is designed to help students better comprehend the ever-changing international scene. It aims to:

- Develop analytical skills on a wide range of international and transnational issues in an increasingly complex world
 - Integrate theory with policy across the spectrum from traditional issues of military security to non-traditional concerns such as energy and food security
 - Inculcate a systematic understanding of the relationships among states and non-state actors in a globalised international system
 - Provide a sound basis for policy analysis in new and creative ways appropriate to an ever-changing policy environment
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Relevance

Today, international relations is no longer the exclusive preserve of war, peace and strategic diplomacy. The “high politics” of yesteryear have expanded in scope to accommodate an array of concerns, encompassing international trade and investment, ethnic conflict, terrorism and insurgency, and “non-traditional” security issues relating to the environment, energy, water and health. All of these are interrelated, often in complex and multi-dimensional ways. Against this backdrop, the management of conflict and the search for equity and justice are becoming more challenging by the day. The traditional approach to security is being subsumed by newer concepts such as comprehensive security. At the same time, global and regional multi-lateral institutions are experimenting with new techniques of dealing with conflict, such as preventive diplomacy and humanitarian intervention, often with mixed results.

Benefits

It is vital for professionals in the field of international relations not only to be conversant with the intricacies of new concepts and theories, but also to be well-acquainted with the intricacies of strategic planning, design and policy analysis. This is not restricted to makers of public policy. Such knowledge is now essential for corporate planners, members of non-government organisations, media specialists and academics.

Content

The MSc (International Relations) programme has been specially designed to cover a broad spectrum of issues, including

- Theories of International Relations
 - The making of foreign policy
 - Business planning and technology management
 - Area studies, specifically on the Asia-Pacific region
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Students are required to take two core courses. In addition, Masters students completing a dissertation must take five extra courses (three primary and two electives), while those in the non-dissertation stream are expected to take seven courses (five primary and two electives).

Career Advancement

Some of the common career options available to people who complete this programme include positions in government departments dealing with foreign affairs and diplomacy, as well as in media corporations, for example journalists and news programme producers.

Having been trained in International Relations may also provide significant advantages for translators at high-level events and meetings. Other organisations that graduates may consider include NGOs and MNCs.



The fact that your personal Mentor is just an appointment away, contributes to a system where the students are provided with every benefit and expertise available.

Durgalekshmi Suresh, India
MSc International Relations

Master of Science Strategic Studies

The MSc (Strategic Studies) programme is an imperative discipline that aims to equip students with the ability to comprehend strategic theories and emerging security issues.



Objectives

The MSc (Strategic Studies) programme is designed to help students better comprehend changes in the world of strategy, security and war. This programme aims to:

- Develop security analysts who will be familiar with pressing strategic issues in the Asia-Pacific and beyond
- Introduce contemporary thinking across a whole spectrum of strategic and security-related issues
- Convey a systematic understanding of the theories that explain the nature of interactions between states as well as non-state actors in an increasingly globalised international world

Relevance

Today, security is becoming increasingly complicated. While traditional security issues - revolving around the security of the state and territorial integrity, and the use of military force - remain an important element in the security calculus of states, this military focus on security is no longer exclusive. Economic and ecological concerns, migration and other non-military issues have begun to feature prominently in the security agenda. Against the backdrop of this transitional environment, conflict management has become increasingly sophisticated. The relevance and dominance of traditional approaches to security and order are being challenged by concepts of common, comprehensive and cooperative security. At the same time, global and regional multilateral institutions are experimenting with new techniques of dealing with conflict, such as preventive diplomacy, and humanitarian intervention.

Benefits

It is vital for professionals in the fields of defence and security management to be conversant with the new security concepts and strategic theories, as well as be well-acquainted with the intricacies of strategic planning, design and policy analysis. Such knowledge is also useful for corporate planners grappling with the complexities of the current security paradigms.

Content

The MSc (Strategic Studies) programme has been specially designed to cover a broad spectrum of issues, including:

- The study of the use of force in international politics
- Traditional security issues in the Asia-Pacific region
- The nexus between non-traditional security issues and the use of force
- Regional geopolitical issues and their impact on regional security



Being a highly distinguished institution located in the heart of Southeast Asia, RSIS is the logical choice for anyone with an interest in international studies.

Hansen Nikolas Bare, Denmark
MSc Strategic Studies

Students are required to take two core courses. In addition, Masters students completing a dissertation must take five extra courses (three primary and two electives), while those on the non-dissertation stream are expected to complete seven courses (five primary and two electives).

Certificate in Terrorism Studies (CTS)

MSc (Strategic Studies) students may also opt for a specialised coursework track that leads to the conferring of both a MSc (Strategic Studies) degree from Nanyang Technological University as well as a special Certificate in Terrorism Studies from the School's International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR).

Career Advancement

A degree in Strategic Studies opens doors to career opportunities in the military and defence-related industries. This degree may also benefit upgraders involved in security, civil defence and crisis response.

NGOs and news media organisations are other possible options for students who complete the course.

NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme

We live in an increasingly globalised world and learning should reflect this reality. The NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme thus seeks to provide an educational platform articulating the economic, political, social and strategic influences affecting Asia and the Western world.



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Objectives

The NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme represents an innovative programme of study offering students the opportunity to live and study in two culturally diverse countries/regions, thus experiencing the 'best of both worlds' in conceptual training, empirical relevance and policy application. The specific programme objectives aim to equip students with:

- A strong portfolio of theoretical and empirical skills in international and strategic studies
- An understanding of the practical skills essential to professionals operating in a dynamic 21st century international environment
- Deep insights into the multiple- and cross-disciplinary influences affecting contemporary public and private decision-making
- Opportunities to develop and exploit powerful global networks

Relevance

The NTU-Warwick Double Masters Programme enjoys unique differential advantages, including: the learning benefits derived from studying in the diverse and stimulating European and Asian environments; the blending of Warwick's strong emphasis on research and theoretical/methodological issues with RSIS' competence in professional and applied skills; and, finally, the provision of top flight post-graduate qualifications critical to the needs of public and private organisations operating in a demanding and complex international community.

Benefits

Students in Year 1 at Warwick will be exposed to its acclaimed expertise in the political and methodological aspects of international studies, providing a foundation for RSIS' global security focus in Year 2 studies. Additionally, there will be opportunities to enhance language skills, including the acquisition of Asian language competencies. Finally, Double Degree graduates will benefit from the acquisition in a condensed period of time of two Masters degrees from two globally-respected European and Asian Universities.

Content

The NTU-Warwick Double Masters programme is a 22 months programme. Students undergo the first year of their studies at the University of Warwick, starting in October each year, finishing in July the following year. Students will then proceed to RSIS for their second year at the end of July, finishing their degree the following June.

Students will read core subjects in fields such as international relations, international political economy and strategic studies. There will also be research methodology courses and the opportunity to take electives and a focused research project in relevant subject-areas. Flexibility is in place, moreover, to ensure that learning across Years 1 and 2 at Warwick and RSIS proceeds in a progressive and structured way.

About the University of Warwick/ PAIS

For more information about the University of Warwick, please refer to:
www.warwick.ac.uk/about

For information about the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS), please visit:
www.warwick.ac.uk/go/politics



The RSIS Doctor of Philosophy Programme

The RSIS PhD Programme is a rigorous research-led programme of study that allows students to explore their subject of interest in detail under the guidance of reputable faculty staff. Research areas may range from Strategic Studies, International Relations, Defence and Security Management to International Political Economy. This programme is suited for professionals who are looking to advance their level of expertise for further career development.



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Objectives

The RSIS PhD programme commenced in 2003 and around 25 candidates are presently undergoing doctoral research. The objectives are threefold:

- Provision of high level quantitative and qualitative skills to enable students to undertake advanced PhD programmes
- Application of these skills to support policy-oriented research of practical relevance
- Creation of opportunities for students to make an original contribution to knowledge in International Political Economy, International Relations and Strategic Studies disciplines, facilitating their pursuit of academic or professional careers

Relevance

Doctoral students are directed to develop research proposals that address real-world policy problems and challenges. These include, for example, Maritime Security in the Asia-Pacific region, Counter-Terrorism in Indonesia, the performance of Spanish defence offsets and ASEAN Multilateralism.

Benefits

PhD degrees from RSIS are held in high esteem nationally, regionally and globally. Students benefit from the programme's acclaim derived by its association with the School's highly-regarded Think Tank research activities and its well-received Masters programmes.

Content

The duration of the PhD programme is 3-4 years, determined by the candidate's ability to complete all aspects of the programme. RSIS MSc graduates will be required to successfully complete two courses prior to the PhD confirmation exercise, whilst other candidates will be required to take four courses. Two of the courses are mandatory, namely research methods and quantitative skills. A Primary Supervisor will be appointed to offer guidance to the candidate throughout the period of study. The Primary Supervisor will act as the Chair of the student's PhD committee, comprising other academics who have specialist knowledge in the subject area.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the RSIS PhD programme should possess the following:

- A good Bachelors and Masters degree in a related discipline
- The ability to pursue research in the candidate's proposed field of advanced study
- Demonstrated competency in English and the ability to undertake independent research
- For international students, a good GRE score is required for applicants whose mother tongue is not English

Presently, the University admits all students as probationary research students. At the end of the first year, students must demonstrate that their research proposals are worthy of PhD confirmation.

Career Advancement

RSIS doctoral graduates will be attractive to a wide array of professional and academic employers in the government and diplomatic fields, as well as in business and consultancy organisations, international agencies, such as the World Bank, UN, the Asian Development Bank, and Universities, both in a research and teaching capacity.



RSIS offers an excellent combination of strong academics, a diverse and talented student body, fascinating discussions, and supportive faculty and staff.

Susan Suh, USA
PhD Programme
