

Call for Papers

THE INDO-PACIFIC: SECURITY GOVERNANCE & PEACE

Second in the Series of Annual Workshops on *The Geotechnical Politics of Ocean Frontiers*

14-15 Nov 2018, Kaneff Research Tower, York University, 4700 Keele St., Toronto, ON M3J 1P3

- **Abstract (200-250 words max) email by 1 Aug 2018 to ycar@yorku.ca**
Pls. state in your email Subject Heading: **Abstract Submission: Indo-Pacific**
 - Confirmation on acceptance of abstracts by 15 Aug 2018.
 - Completed papers (5000-7000words) to be submitted by 15 Oct 2018.
 - Papers accepted for this workshop will be published by a reputed publisher/publishing institution.
Confirmation on publisher to be emailed to authors before or by 15 Oct 2018.
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About the Workshop

This second round of the annual series of workshops on “The Geotechnical Politics of Ocean Frontiers” focusses on “The Indo-Pacific”. This workshop brings together scholars, officials and research experts to discuss a range of trans-frontier security issues emerging from the Indo-Pacific region. Of critical importance is clarity on what the “Indo-Pacific” construct means and implies, both as an epistemic category of geostrategic vision and as a geophysical domain in the larger context of perilous maritime-space-nuclear nexus. The workshop also aims to promote insights into international security governance norms, Canada’s role in Indo-Pacific security governance, and Canadian engagement in trans-pacific peace processes through ASEAN, NATO, and the U.N. The larger purpose is to foster critical thinking on geostrategic issues management, and promote discussions on peaceful ways of establishing global security governance mechanisms.

This workshop is being organized as a roundtable, and is structured around three broad yet interconnected areas of focus: i) Trans-frontier security issues and inter-regional cooperation; ii) Peace norms and diplomacy for trans-pacific issues management; and iii) Canada’s role in “The Indo-Pacific”, and on a range of trans-frontier issues such as CBRN trafficking and nuclear terrorism. A set of exploratory questions under each of these areas are listed here, to serve as guidelines for further research and analysis. Papers are expected to be structured around these questions, but need not be limited to these.

Segment I: Security Issues & Cooperation

Research questions

1. What are the range of security issues emerging from the maritime-space networked domain of the Indo-Pacific? Can any one of the security threats be contained? Are they interconnected to Arctic security? How do they influence international peace regimes and global security governance mechanisms?
2. What national, multilateral and international cooperative mechanisms are in place for Indo-Pacific security and peace? How effective are they in issues management and/or for manageable stability?
3. Is the Indo-Pacific a case for cooperative security? or a case for multilateral treaty based collective defense? Or one of comprehensive security?

Segment II: Peace & diplomacy

Research questions

1. How is 'Peace' visualized and actualized?
What are some of the significant 'Peace' imaginaries for curbing/quelling "Indo-Pacific" conflicts?
- for instance, South China Sea conflicts; the larger dialectics of QUAD-ASEAN strategy and Sino-Russo network in the Indo-Pacific (that is connected to larger Arctic aspirations)
2. What national, bilateral, and multilateral diplomatic processes have been effective? and what new or innovative governance norms and strategies could be effective for realizing manageable stability and peace in the Indo-Pacific?
3. What level or scale of disarmament can be envisioned in the Indo-Pacific theater within the context of maritime-space-nuclear nexus of security threats? Why?

Segment III: Canada's Role in, and across the Indo-Pacific

Research questions

1. How best can we understand Canada's role in the Indo-Pacific, in the larger context of international security and defense relations?
 2. In what ways can cyber-defense mechanisms help in curbing the perils of maritime-space-nuclear threats? What is Canada's cyber-defense policy? Is it a peaceful alternative to conventional weapons and weapons of mass destruction? Can cyber-defense be an answer to the call for disarmament, esp. across the South China Sea and the Pacific borders of N. Korea and Russia? Why, or why not?
 3. How does Canada fight CBRN trafficking and other related security issues across the Indo-Pacific? What are the most important institutional partnerships and multilateral relations for controlling and quelling trafficking and terrorism across the maritime domain of the Indo-Pacific?
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Program Plan

14 Nov Wednesday: Public Session

- 4-4. 30p.m: Reception & Registration: workshop participants (scholars, officials, researchers), York's AVP Research, Heads of Depts. and faculty members (Political Science, Science & Technology Studies; Geography; Environmental Studies; Int. Law) & Science for Peace Committee members
4. 30-5. 30p.m: I. Welcome Address: by AVP Research Dr. Celia Haig Brown/York U President, Dr. Rhonda Lenton; Exec. Dir., York Center for Asian Research, Dr. Abidin Kusno
II. Introduction to the workshop objectives, on the 3 areas of focus; and on exploratory research questions - Venilla Rajaguru (York U; Science for Peace)
5. 30- 6. 30p.m: **Keynote Address** by a Security Expert/Global Affairs Rep (Workshop Chair)
Q & A with audience 15-20mins
6. 30-8p.m: Dinner (workshop participants)
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15 Nov Thursday: Roundtable (25 participants max)

- 9-10a.m: **Segment I: Security Issues & Cooperation**
3 Presentations
- 10-10. 30a.m: Discussions with 3 Discussants & roundtable participants
10. 30-10. 45a.m: Coffee Break – catered
10. 45-11. 45a.m: **Segment II: Peace & Diplomacy**
3 Presentations
- 11.45a.m –12. 15p.m: Discussions with 3 Discussants & roundtable participants
12. 15-1p.m: Catered Lunch
- 1-2p.m: **Segment III: Role of Canada**
3 Presentations
- 2-2. 30p.m: Discussions with 3 Discussants & roundtable participants
3. 30-3. 45p.m: Coffee Break - catered
- 3.45-4. 45p.m: Chair's closing remarks: summary of arguments, outstanding questions, and recommendations; discussions with roundtable participants
4. 45-5p.m: Vote of Thanks; wrapping up
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