

## GIGA and ESIWA Workshop

# *“Geopolitics, militarisation and risk - a new case for Confidence Building Measures in the Indo-Pacific”*

November 27-28, 2023, Berlin and online

(sessions from 09:00 am – 12:30 pm CET)

- Annotated Agenda -



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Military application of emerging and disruptive technologies is taking place in various hotspots from the Korean Peninsula to the South China Sea, and beyond. This comes on top of rising defence budgets, rapid military modernisation, and procurement of game-changing capabilities. The introduction of nuclear and non-nuclear weapon systems, uncrewed platforms or platforms incorporating AI and having a degree of autonomy, hypersonic weapons etc., threaten the balance of power, increasing fear and instability. What kind of approaches, initiatives, or instruments such as arms control or enhanced CBMs would be needed to mitigate conflict risks to the extent possible? What role can the regional security institutions play in this regard?

**German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)** and the **Enhancing Security Cooperation in and with Asia (ESIWA)** Project, as co-organisers, have selected expert individuals (researchers and government officials) from countries in East-Asia and Southeast Asia together with European researchers and government officials with expertise on the Indo-Pacific and specific technologies to participate in a two half-day hybrid workshop on **27/28 November 2023** at the GIGA office in Berlin to take stock of challenges and approaches, and to brainstorm and exchange ideas (in a track 1.5 mode, and **under the Chatham House rule**) on how the region itself, but also Europe and Germany can contribute to develop new or enhance CBM's suited to mitigating emerging risks to Indo-Pacific security.

## Agenda:

### Day 1 – Monday 27 November (9:00 am to 12:00 pm CET)

#### Welcoming and opening remarks (9:00 am to 9.30 am)

**Patrick Köllner** (Vice-President of GIGA and Director of the GIGA Institute for Asian Studies)

**Sarah Sutter** (ESIWA Co-Director)

**Erik Kurzweil** (Deputy Director General of the German Federal Foreign Office, responsible for the Indo-Pacific)

Master of Ceremony:

**Wolfgang Rudischhauser** (GIGA, Diplomat in Residence and Fellow)

#### Session 1: The impact of military modernisation, including new arms technologies, on Indo-Pacific stability (9:30 am to 10.45 am)

Chair:

**Anja Dahlmann** (Institute for Peace and Security, Hamburg/Berlin (IFSH))

Presentations:

**Ambassador Marc Abensour** (French Ambassador for the Indo-Pacific Region) \*online\*

**Petr Topychkanov** (Stockholm Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)) \*online\*

**Jai Galliot** (University of New South Wales, Australia)

**Tetsuo Kotani** (Japanese Institute for International Affairs (JIIA)) \*online\*

**Renato de Castro** (De la Salle University, Malaysia)



Key issues:

- *What does the rapidly increasing defence spending, military modernisation and technological development (especially military adoption of emerging and disruptive technologies) and military activity (i.e. maneuvers and exercises, security and defence cooperation structures and minilaterals) in the region signify for regional security and stability in the Indo-Pacific?*
- *Discussion on uncrewed technologies, missile and anti-missile systems, nuclear systems and weapons proliferation and examples of the integration of unmanned assets within maritime operations and related operative, technological and security implications.*

**Short Coffee break 10:45 am to 11:00 am**

**Session 2: CBM regimes that respond to the dangers of emerging military technologies: transparency as a means to build confidence and reduce tensions (11:00 am - 12:00 pm)**

**Evan Laksmana** (International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Singapore)

Presentations:

**Bec Strating** (La Trobe University, Australia)

**Katsuya Yamamoto** (Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan)

**Jay Batongbacal** (University of the Philippines) \*online\*

**William Alberque** (International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), Berlin) \*online\*

Key issues:

- *Examine the opportunities, challenges, and limitations to implementing transparency measures in the region and explore practical approaches, in particular regarding emerging military technologies.*
- *Are there successful examples of CBMs in the region or subregions in the military/maritime field and regarding non-traditional security challenges that can be enhanced and built upon to address new challenges?*
- *Identify best practices and lessons learned by discussing examples of CBMs from Europe or other relevant regions where CBMs have been successful in addressing arms proliferation, with a specific focus on transparency.*
- *Among the emerging technologies addressed in session one, which ones would best allow to work out and test new transparency measures? Which countries or group of countries in the region would be ready to engage in enhanced transparency?*

**12:00 pm: Break until day two for participants joining remotely.**

**Lunch for physical participants**

**7 pm: Conference Dinner** (Brasserie Gendarmenmarkt, Taubenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin Germany)



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**Day 2 – Tuesday 28 November (9:00 am to 12:00 pm CET)**

**Short debriefing of day one deliberations with the help of the rapporteur (9:00 am to 9:15 am)**

**Session 3: Evaluating the effectiveness of existing fora and CBM regimes in the region and how they cope with new technologies. Is there scope for European contributions? (9:15 am to 10:30 am)**

Chair:

**Andrew Mantong** (Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia)

Presentations:

**Collin Koh Swee Lean** (S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore) \*online\*

**Valerie Niquet** (Foundation for Strategic Research, France)

**Aurelio Insisa** (European University Institute (EUI), Italy)

Key issues:

- *Regional or Multilateral institutions (ASEAN, ARF, ADMM+, EAS and others), various bilateral, trilateral or other minilateral mechanisms (QUAD, NAPCI etc.) and sub-state Dialog Fora (Shangri-la Dialogue, Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP), Asia-Pacific Round Table and others) have been all be addressing the risks and issues in the region in various ways in the past years or decades.*
- *Beyond institutions: practical cooperation and territorial delimitation between (e.g., likeminded ASEAN) countries in the region, in contested maritime areas (South China Sea) as signal for growing coordination and resilience against force or coercion measures by bigger countries; practical cooperation on fishery/resource exploration/exploitation also as entry point for CBMs on territorial disputes.*
- *With the new military developments, what kind of approaches, initiatives, or instruments (arms control, enhanced CBMs) would be needed to mitigate conflict risks to the extent possible? What role can the above institutions/mechanisms play in this regard? Which ones, if at all, would best fit to advance new CBMs, arms control measures or to improve transparency?*
- *Is there scope for Europe to assist the region in developing new or enhancing existing mechanisms and if so, how could Europe be involved further into the regional debates?*

**Coffee break (10:30 am to 11:00 am)**



**Session 4: Looking ahead and recommendations (11:00 am to 11:45 am)**

Chair and introduction:

**Sarah Sutter** (ESIWA Co-Director)

Rapporteur:

**Hanna Gers** (German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)) (10 min)

Commentaries (5-8 min)

**Ambassador Marc Abensour** (French Ambassador for the Indo-Pacific Region) \*online\*

**Sonja Bohnet** (Head of Division, Asia-Pacific Policy and Coordination, Indo-Pacific Policy, German Federal Foreign Office)

**Valentina Muiesan** (Head of Division for South-East Asia, Pacific, Antarctica and Regional Organisations, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

**Galuh Octania Permatasari** (Attaché of the Foreign Policy Strategy Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia)

**Discussion with Participants**

**Closing remarks**

Chair:

**Wolfgang Rudischhauser** (GIGA diplomat in residence and fellow)

**End of Workshop approx. 12:00 pm. Lunch for physical participants.**



## Participant list

### EU

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Dr. Christian Wirth	Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, SWP Berlin, Germany	online
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Elisabeth I-Mi Suh	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, DGAP Berlin, Germany	on-site
Anja Dahlmann	Institut für Frieden und Sicherheit, Hamburg/Berlin	on-site
Dr. Valerie Niquet	Federation pour la Recherche Strategique, France	onsite
Dr. Albrecht Schnabel	Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, (DCAF)	on-site
Dr. Aurelio Insisa	Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy	on-site

### ASIA

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Andrew Mantong	Centre for Strategic and International Studies, CSIS, Jakarta	on-site
Dr. Jai Galliot	University of New South Wales, Australia	on-site
Dr. Collin Koh Swee Lean	S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, RSIS, Singapore	online
Dr. Evan Laksmana	The International Institute for Security Studies, IISS, Singapore	on-site
Prof. Tetsuo Kotani	Japan Institute for International Affairs, JIIA	online
Prof. Renato Castro	De la Salle University Manila, Philippines	on-site
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Government Representatives		
Name	Organisation	Participation
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