

Quarterly Update APR–JUN 2026



LEADERSHIP UPDATE



**KHONG
YUEN
FOONG**

**CO-DIRECTOR
(2023-26)**



**DIRECTOR (2026-PRESENT)
CO-DIRECTOR (2025-26)**

HUANG CHIN-HAO

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Professor Khong Yuen Foong for his exceptional leadership and dedicated service as Co-Director of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation. His stewardship has played a pivotal role in strengthening the Centre's research profile and advancing its mission. While he will be stepping down from his leadership position, we are pleased that he will continue to contribute actively to the Centre's work as a valued member of our research community.

Following the conclusion of the co-directorship arrangement, Associate Professor Chin-Hao Huang will assume the role of Director with effect from 1 July 2026.

As the Centre enters this next phase, we remain committed to building on the strong foundations, and to furthering excellence in research, dialogue, and policy engagement.

ANNOUNCEMENT



CAG is delighted to welcome Chuin Wei Yap as a Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow. With this advisory role, Chuin Wei would provide strategic guidance, support, and direction on CAG's research activities and public outreach. His extensive network in government and the industry would enable the Centre to draw on his expertise and insights to align with LKYSPP's strategic initiatives and to strengthen CAG's research output and policy impact in Singapore, the region, and beyond, especially on research related to regional security, geopolitics, and economic security.

Through Chuin Wei's work at the Hinrich Foundation, CAG has had the pleasure of collaborating with him and his team on several initiatives. We look forward to further strengthen and deepen the partnership between the Hinrich Foundation, CAG, and the LKYSPP, not least in advancing our shared commitment to fostering dialogue and enhancing Singapore's role and capacity in education and research on trade, regional development and stability.

Welcome aboard, Chuin Wei!

PUBLICATIONS AND SPECIAL ISSUES

JOURNAL ARTICLES

The special issue of Contemporary Southeast Asia , titled “Revisiting Economic Security in Southeast Asia”, co-edited by Denis Hew (Centre on Asia and Globalisation) and Su-Hyun Lee (RSIS | S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies), has just been published!

This collection brings together a range of contributions examining how evolving geopolitical and geoeconomic dynamics have changed the economic security landscape in Southeast Asia. While ASEAN’s approach has long been anchored in openness and interdependence, these foundations are increasingly being tested by great power rivalry, supply chain disruptions, and broader structural shifts in the global economy.

The issue explores how economic security has evolved and what it means for the region today, highlighting the growing importance of resilience, risk management, and the wider societal dimensions of security in an increasingly uncertain environment.



- 2026

“Introduction: Revisiting Economic Security in Southeast Asia,” by Denis Hew and Lee Su Hyun, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*.
- 2026

“ASEAN's Evolving Economic Security Mechanisms Through the Lens of Historical Institutionalism,” by Barbra Valockova and Mae Chow, *Contemporary Southeast Asia*.
- 2026

“Answering the Call: Why Aid Allies in Cyber Conflict?,” by Miguel Alberto Gomez and Gregory Winger, *International Interactions*.
- 2026

“China’s Interventions in ‘Gray Special Economic Zones’ in Southeast Asia’s Borderlands” by Selina Ho, Gong Xue, and Carla P. Freeman, *Journal of Contemporary China*.

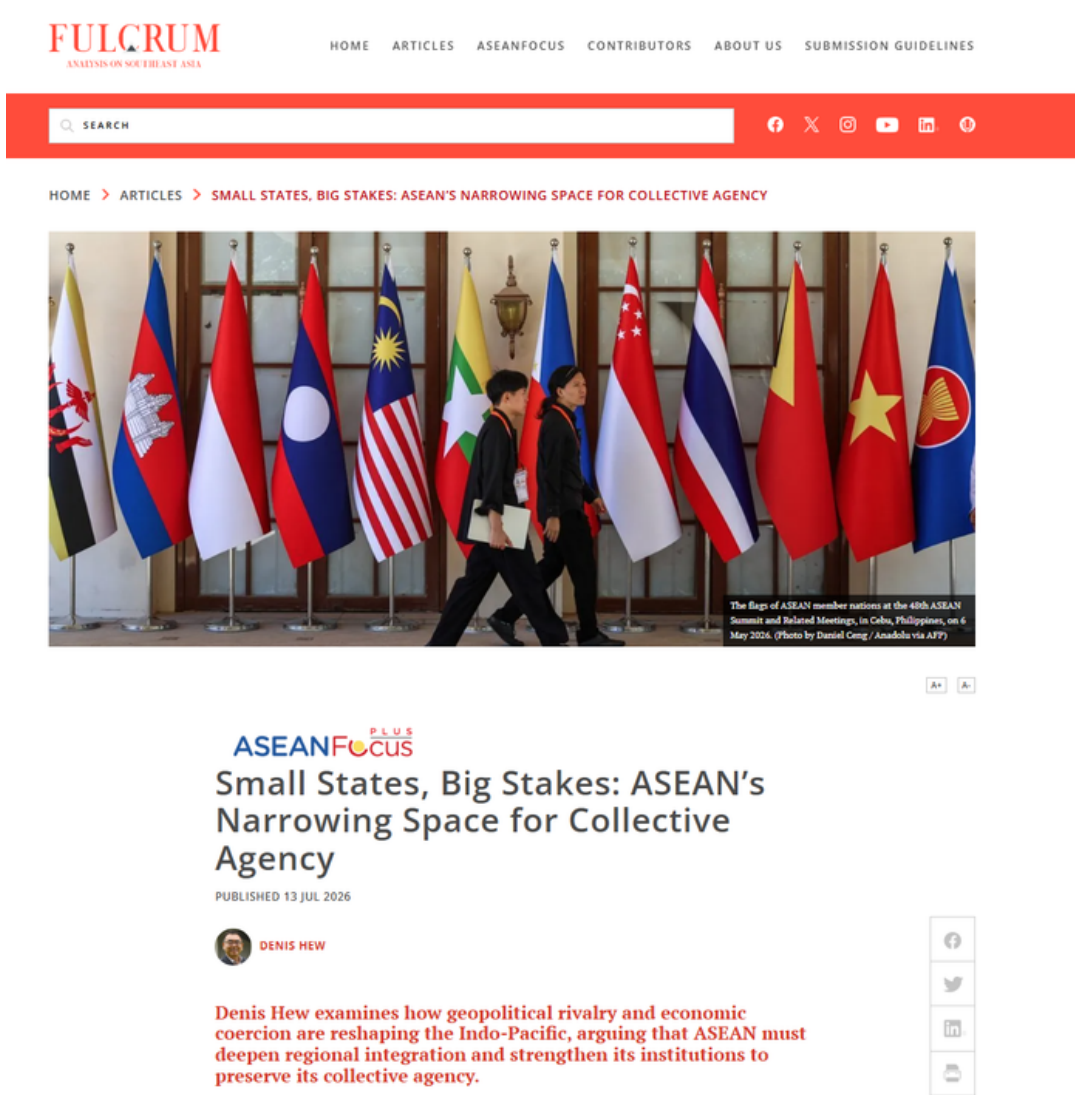
COMMENTARIES & OP-EDS

- 2026

“Small States, Big Stakes: ASEAN’s Narrowing Space for Collective Agency,” by Denis Hew, Fulcrum, July 13, 2026.
- 2026

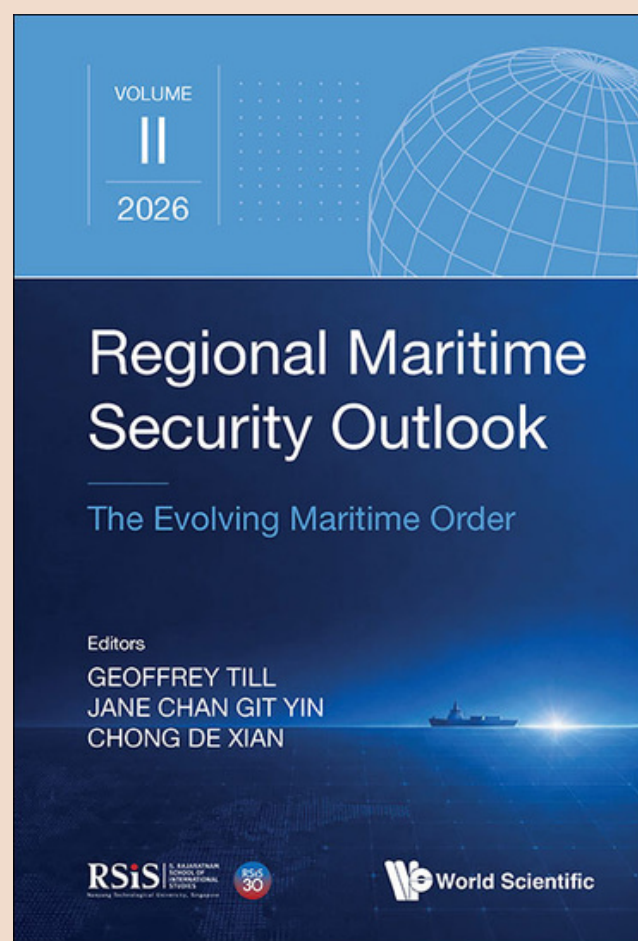
“Recalibrating ASEAN’s economic security in a fractured world,” by Denis Hew, East Asia Forum, July 2, 2026.
- 2026

“Undersea Cable Risks: Lessons for Southeast Asia,” by Mae Chow, Fulcrum, May 20, 2026.

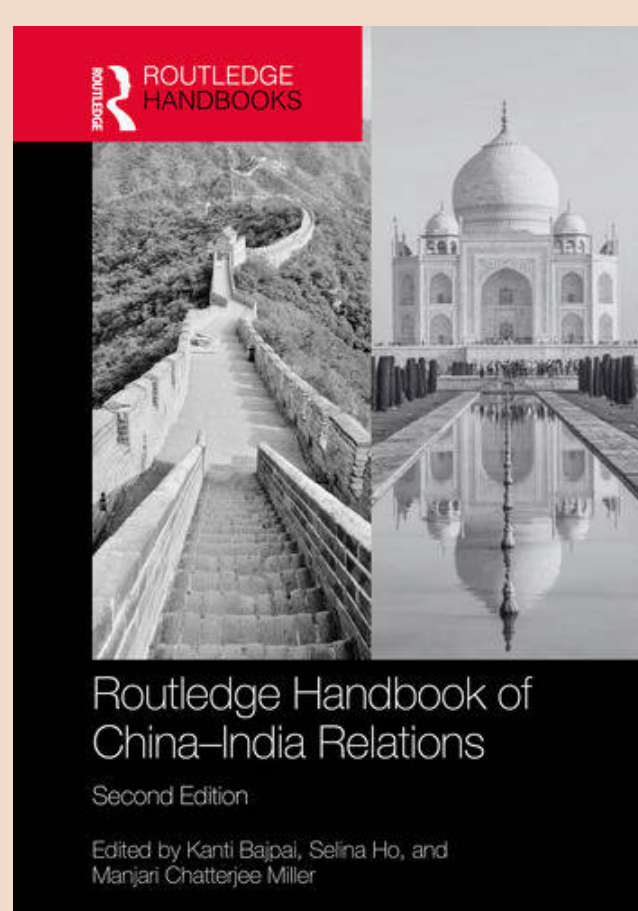


PUBLICATIONS AND SPECIAL ISSUES

BOOKS & EDITED CHAPTERS



- 2026 Mae Chow and Sarah Teo, “ASEAN and the Evolving Maritime Order in Southeast Asia: Limits and Possibilities,” in **Regional Maritime Security Outlook: The Evolving Maritime Order**, ed. Geoffrey Till, Jane Chan Git Yin, and Chong De Xian (World Scientific Publishing, 2026), 95-104.



- 2026 **Routledge Handbook of China-India Relations**, ed. by Kanti Bajpai, Selina Ho, Manjari Chatterjee Miller (Routledge, 2026).

VIDEOS & PODCASTS



Sage Research Methods (2026): Survey Experiment of US Public Opinion of Security Support for Partners in the Indo-Pacific Region featuring Dr Miguel Alberto Gomez, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, LKYSPP.



LKYSPP (May 20): ASEAN at the Crossroads: Rethinking Economic Security featuring Dr Denis Hew, Senior Research Fellow and Dr Barbora Valockova, Research Fellow at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, LKYSPP, Dr Su-Hyun Lee, Senior Associate Fellow at the Centre for Multilateralism Studies and Deputy Head of Graduate Studies at RSIS-NTU, and Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony, Associate Dean (International Engagement) and Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, also at RSIS-NTU.

CENTRE PUBLICATIONS

China-India Brief

The *China-India Brief* is a monthly digest focusing on the relationship between Asia’s two biggest powers. The Brief provides readers with a key summary of current news articles, reports, analyses, commentaries, and journal articles published in English on the China-India relationship. It features a Guest Column weighing in on key current issues in China-India relations.



China-India Brief #265 (SE)
(March 2026)



China-India Brief #266
(April 2026)



China-India Brief #267
(May 2026)



China-India Brief #268
(June 2026)

ASEAN BULLETIN

The *ASEAN Bulletin* is a quarterly publication series which seeks to bring together a key summary of current news articles, reports, events, and academic publications on the three pillars of the ASEAN Community.



ASEAN Bulletin Issue 9

India-ASEAN Relations in an Evolving Strategic Landscape

By Srinath Raghavan, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, LKY School of Public Policy, NUS.

CENTRE PUBLICATIONS

Counterpoint Southeast Asia

Counterpoint Southeast Asia is a webinar and policy brief series focusing on major questions of strategic significance for Southeast Asia by bringing in diverse voices from around the region. Each issue will tackle one question from different perspectives.

Issue 19 - July 2026



Counterpoint Southeast Asia

A publication of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation



Can Southeast Asia Safeguard Strategic Autonomy in Critical Minerals as US-China Rivalry Deepens?

By Barbora Valockova

Critical Minerals, such as nickel, rare earth elements, cobalt, tin, lithium and copper, now sit at the core of debates on energy security, industrial strategy and **geopolitical influence**. They underpin the energy transition, advanced manufacturing, and defence industries, and competition to secure their supply chains has become a key arena of **strategic contestation**, particularly between the US and China. Southeast Asia is a major player in this contest. Indonesia is the world's **largest nickel producer** and holds the largest share of global nickel reserves. Vietnam has **major rare earth deposits**.



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HONG KONG CHINA Speaker & Seminar Series

Counterpoint Southeast Asia is published regularly by the Centre on Asia and Globalisation at the National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. It seeks to answer major questions of strategic significance for Southeast Asia by bringing in diverse voices from around the region. Each issue will tackle one question from three different perspectives.

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To address this question, the Centre on Asia and Globalisation (CAG) invited three experts for its **19th Counterpoint Southeast Asia (CSA) webinar** on 25 June 2026: Vlado Vivoda (Sustainable Minerals Institute, The University of Queensland); Trissia Wijaya (Asia Institute, University of Melbourne); and Angela Tritto (Institute of Asian Studies, University of Brunei Darussalam).

Counterpoint Indo-Pacific

Counterpoint Indo-Pacific is published regularly by the Centre on Asia and Globalisation at the National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. It seeks to answer major questions of strategic significance for Indo-Pacific by bringing in diverse voices from around the region. Each issue will tackle one question from different perspectives.

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COUNTERPOINT INDO-PACIFIC

A Publication of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation



Can Small States and Middle Powers Shape the Indo-Pacific?

By Denis Hew

Navigating intensifying geopolitical and geoeconomic tensions, the Indo-Pacific region stands at an inflection point in a rapidly changing global order. The region, long defined by dynamism and promise, now faces compounding uncertainties. Intensifying US-China rivalry, economic fragmentation, technological competition, rising trade protectionism, and contested maritime boundaries are driving regional volatility. Against this backdrop, a critical strategic question emerges: Can small states and middle powers shape the Indo-Pacific's future? Do they have the agency to address these emerging challenges and navigate an increasingly hostile global landscape?



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Counterpoint Indo-Pacific Issue 1 - Can Small States and Middle Powers Shape the Indo-Pacific?

To address this question, the Centre on Asia and Globalisation (CAG) invited three experts for its **inaugural Counterpoint Indo-Pacific (CIP) webinar on 14 April 2026**: Sarah Teo (Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, RSIS); Kanti Bajpai (Ashoka University; Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS); and Tomoo Kikuchi (Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies and Institute of Japan in the Global Economy, Waseda University).

ASEAN in Practice Podcast Series

The *ASEAN in Practice podcast series* invites practitioners from around the region to discuss ASEAN issues and policies.



Ep 15: Shockwaves from the Middle-East Conflict: Implications on Southeast Asia’s Energy Security with Mirza Sadaqt Huda (June 2026)



Episode 14: Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada: Advancing Canada’s Engagement with Southeast Asia with Barrett Bingley (June 2026)



Episode 13: Stargazing Southeast Asia: Singapore, ASEAN, and the New Space Economy with Lynette Tan (May 2026)

PAST CENTRE EVENTS



SEMINARS & WEBINARS

- 2026 **CAG Panel Discussion on “APEC China 2026: Key Updates and Developments,” July 21, 2026.**
- 2026 **CAG Counterpoint Indo-Pacific [Online Webinar] on “AI in the Indo-Pacific: A Path to Gains or Instability?,” July 14, 2026.**
- 2026 **CAG Counterpoint Southeast Asia 19 [Online Seminar] on “Can Southeast Asia safeguard strategic autonomy in critical minerals as US-China rivalry deepens?,” June 25, 2026.**
- 2026 **CAG Lecture on "Adjusting to a Great Power Order: De-Risking and Hedging As Pragmatic Strategies for the European Union and ASEAN," by Dr Alfred Gerstl, President of the Central European Institute of Asian Studies (Slovakia) & Associate Professor at the Palacký University in Olomouc, May 20, 2026.**
- 2026 **CAG Panel Discussion on “Can Small States and Middle Powers Shape the Indo-Pacific?,” April 16, 2026.**
- 2026 **CAG Lecture on “A Third Cold War” by Professor Barry Buzan, Emeritus Professor of International Relations at the LSE, April 13, 2026.**

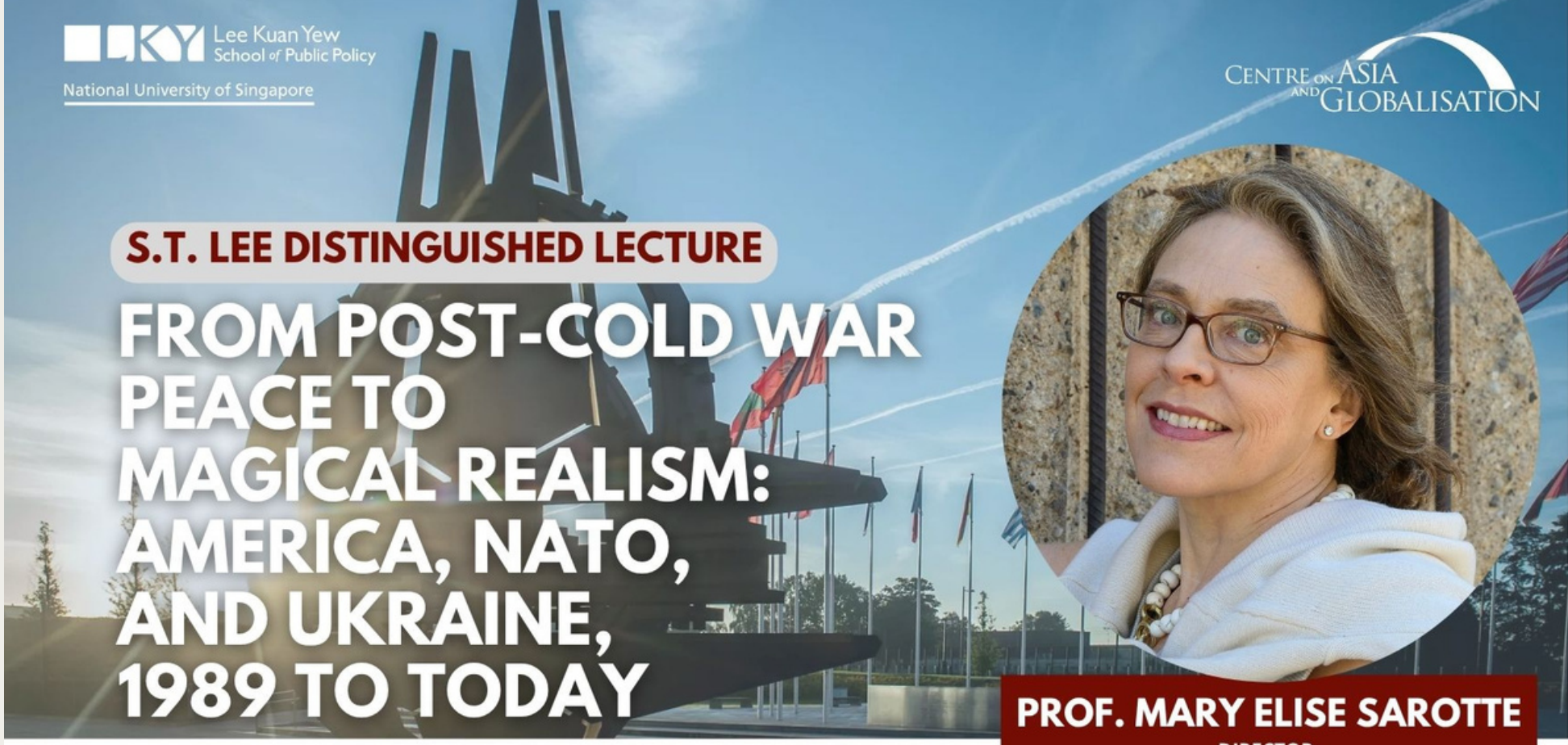
BROWNBAGS

- 2026 **CAG Brownbag Session on “Chaos is a Ladder: Subnational Economic Statecraft amid International Disputes,” by Professor Shengqiao Lin, University of Toronto, May 7, 2026.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

S.T. Lee Distinguished Lecture Series



S.T. LEE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

FROM POST-COLD WAR PEACE TO MAGICAL REALISM: AMERICA, NATO, AND UKRAINE, 1989 TO TODAY

PROF. MARY ELISE SAROTTE
DIRECTOR, BRADY-JOHNSON PROGRAM IN GRAND STRATEGY, YALE UNIVERSITY

Synopsis

After the fall of the Berlin Wall, it seemed as if transatlantic great-power competition had become a thing of the past. But tensions over NATO enlargement in the 1990s and 2000s, combined with economic disaster in Russia and the rise of President Vladimir Putin, eroded relations between the West and Russia once again. Under Putin, Moscow resumed changing state borders by coercion and force. By the time of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022 at the latest, it was clear that the post-Cold War peace had failed. Now Europeans, NATO members, and Ukrainians must deal with the consequences—while also managing President Donald Trump's extreme volatility. Professor Sarotte will discuss these themes on the basis of her decades of archival work in multiple countries and interviews with hundreds of participants in events. She will explore what they mean for politics around the globe today, in a new era of "magical realism."

About the Speaker

Sarotte is the Director of the Yale Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy, Professor of Global Affairs at the Yale Jackson School, and Professor of Management at the Yale School of Management. She is the author of the award-winning history of NATO enlargement, *Not One Inch: America, Russia, and the Making of Post-Cold War Stalemate*, as well as author or editor of five other books. Sarotte has held tenured faculty appointments at the University of Cambridge, the University of Southern California (USC), and, most recently, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington DC. She is a former member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Thursday, 27 August 2026
5:15 pm - 6:30 pm

Seminar Room 4-4
Block B, Level 4
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Associate Prof Chin-Hao Huang
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From Post-Cold War Peace to Magical Realism: America, NATO, and Ukraine, 1989 to Today

27 August 2026

Join us for our S.T. Lee Lecture featuring Professor Mary Elise Sarotte as she discusses the collapse of the post-Cold War European security order, the return of great-power rivalry, and the geopolitical consequences of Russia's war in Ukraine. Drawing on decades of archival research and interviews, she will discuss what these developments mean for global politics in an era of renewed strategic uncertainty.

Prof Chin-Hao Huang, Director of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation and Associate Professor of Political Science at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, will moderate the event.

More information: <https://cag-ikyspp.com/STLee-MaryEliseSarotte>

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