

Quarterly Update JAN-MAR 2026



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Reimagining Regional Resilience in an Age of Great Power Rivalry (Discussion Panel) with Li Ka Shing Professor in Political Science at LKYSPP Khong Yuen Foong, Director of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation and Associate Professor of Political Science at LKYSPP Chin-Hao Huang, Associate Professor at NUS Law School Tan Hsien-Li, and Vice Dean (Research) and Dean's Chair Associate Professor at LKYSPP Selina Ho (L-R).

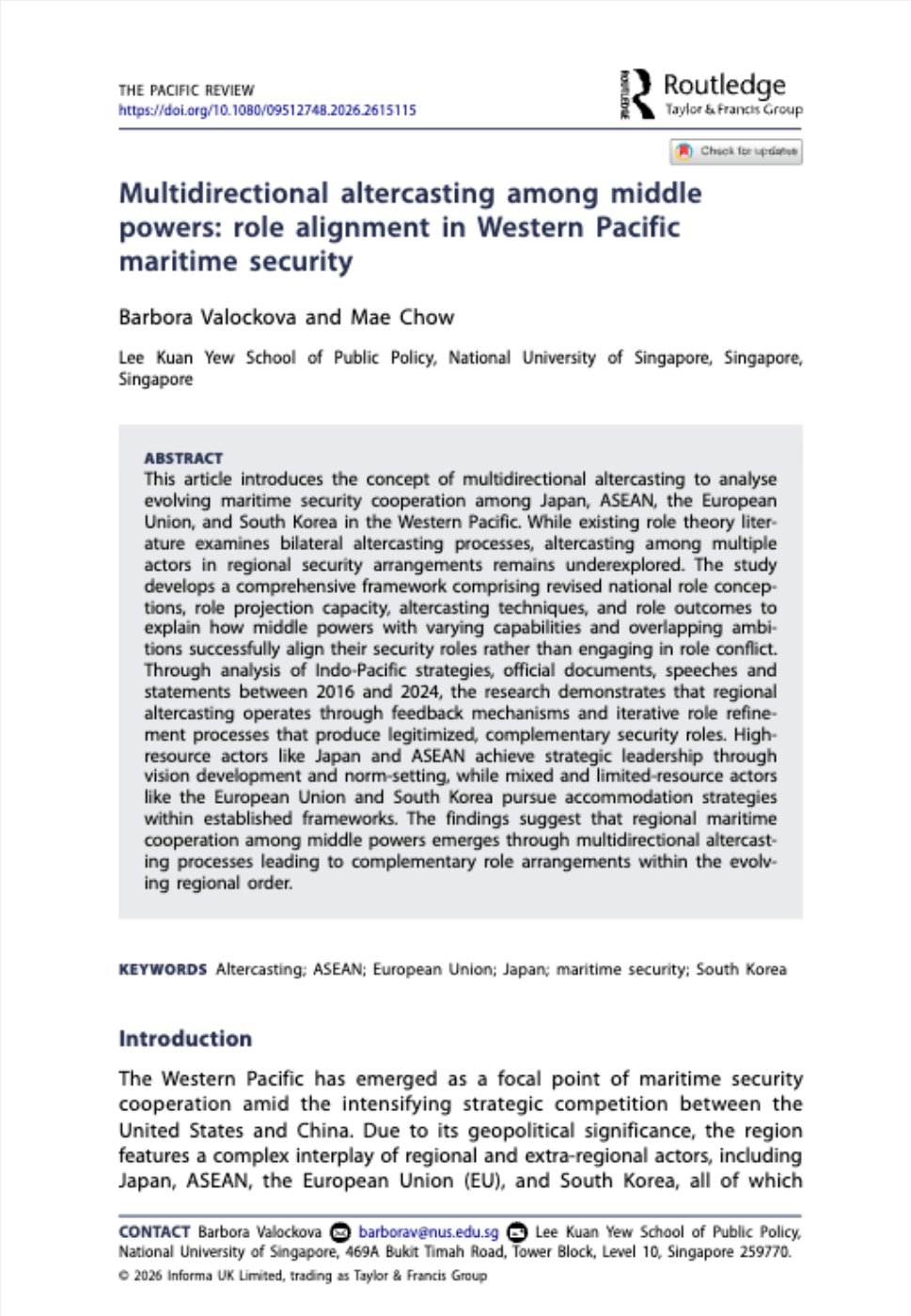
We are pleased to announce that our team has been awarded the Special Programmatic Grant by the Social Science Research Council to advance a major research initiative on Regional Resilience in Southeast Asia.

Building on the increased focus on regional resilience as highlighted by the region's leaders, the project aims to redefine what regional resilience entails in a changing world characterised by transboundary threats and challenges. Led by Khong Yuen Foong at the National University of Singapore, and in collaboration with partners from Nanyang Technological University and Singapore Management University, the five-year long project brings together a multidisciplinary team of scholars to examine the key regional challenges facing the region based on six important challenges of geopolitics, global value chains, norms and institutions, technology, health and demography, and analyse the ways in which such regional resilience can be developed.

Learn more about the project on our website, and we look forward to sharing further updates as the project progresses.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPECIAL ISSUES

JOURNAL ARTICLES



2026 **“The American Tributary System Revisted,”** by Khong Yuen Foong, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*.

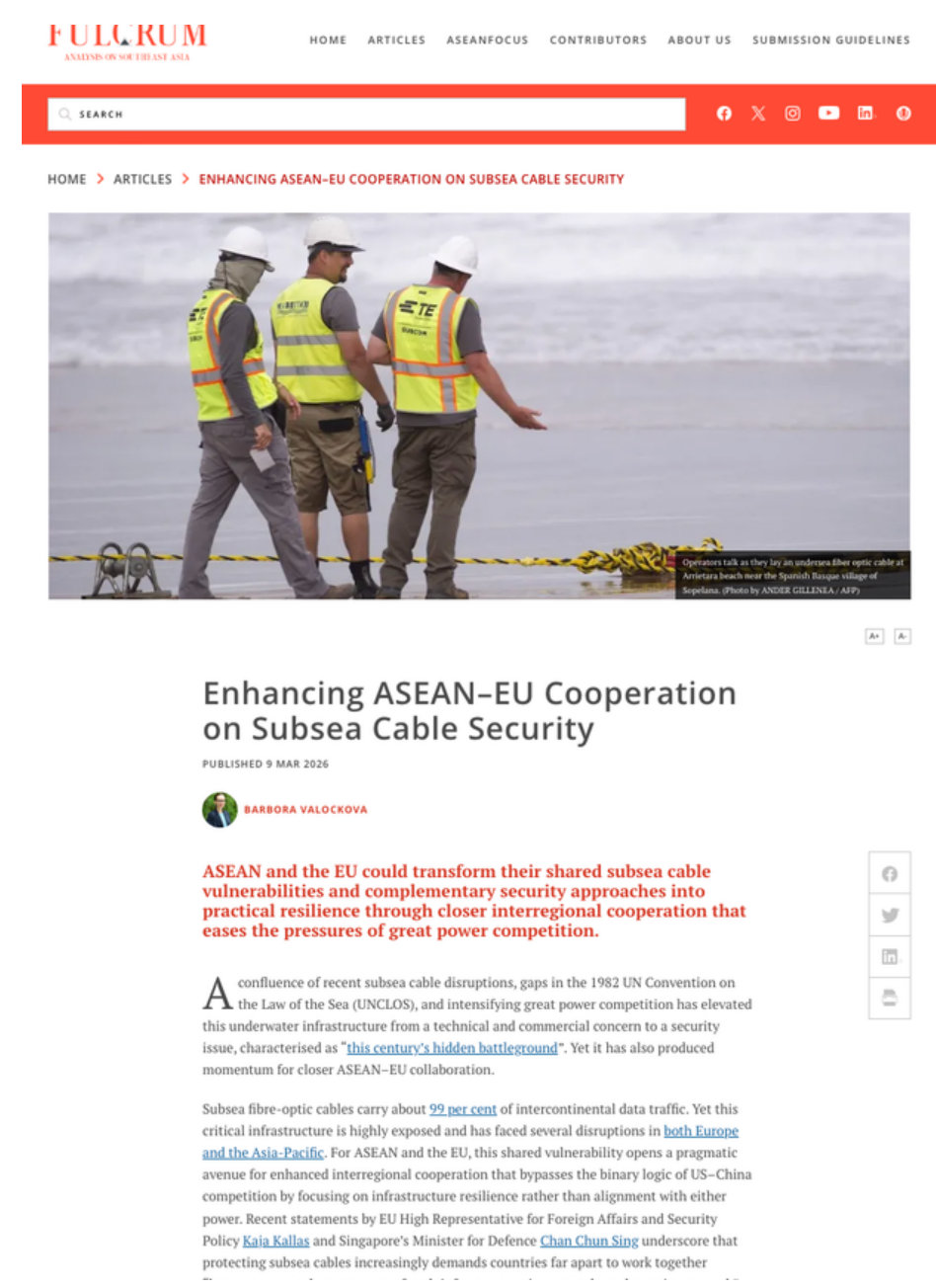
2026 **“Multidirectional altercasting among middle powers: role alignment in Western Pacific maritime security,”** by Barbora Valockova and Mae Chow, *The Pacific Review*.

2026 **“Strategic choices for middle powers in developing AI capabilities: a case study of Singapore,”** by Jassie Hsi Cheng, Byron Chong, and Miguel Alberto Gomez, *Asian Security*.

2026 **“Business Elites and Germany’s Economic Hedging toward China (2014-2021): A Prospect Theory Perspective,”** by Barbora Valockova, *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

2026 **“Fear Over Facts: How Preconceptions Explain Perceptions of Threat Following Cyberattacks.”** by Gal Dor, Ryan Shandler, Miguel Alberto Gomez and Daphna Canetti, *Journal of Information Technology & Politics*.

COMMENTARIES & OP-EDS



2026 **“Enhancing ASEAN-EU Cooperation on Subsea Cable Security,”** by Barbora Valockova, Fulcrum, March 9, 2026 (Republished in South China Morning Post, March 15, 2026).

REPORTS



2026 **CAG Conference Report on Southeast Asia-Japan Partnership in Strengthening Regional Economic Security, February 25, 2026.**

2026 **RSIS event Report on “AI’s Impact on China’s Security Strategy and Asian Regional Security,”** feautiring Miguel Alberto Gomez and Mae Chow as discussants, February 24, 2026.

2026 **CAG Workshop Conference Proceedings on “Rethinking Alliance Politics in Asia”** Proceedings, February 13, 2026.

CENTRE PUBLICATIONS

China-India Brief

China-India Brief Issue 265 (March) - Special Edition

From Ukraine to Iran: China, India and the Test for Global South Leadership

By Filippo Fasulo, Head of the Geoeconomic Centre and Head of the Asia Centre at the Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI).

The Global South Will Not Choose: China, India and the Politics of Influence

By Jing Gu, Director of the IDS China Centre at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK, and Adjunct Chair Professor of International Development at China Agricultural University.

India's Increasing and Challenging Engagement with the Global South

By Raj Verma, Visiting Fellow at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University.



ASEAN BULLETIN

ASEAN Bulletin Issue 8

New Year, Same Problems: Navigating ASEAN's Path Through Global Instability

By Mae Chow, Research Assistant at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, LKY School of Public Policy, NUS.

RCEP 2.0: Why the World's Largest Trade Deal Needs a Comprehensive Upgrade

By Scarlet Xu Ni, Research Assistant at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, LKY School of Public Policy, NUS.

The Chicken-and-Egg Question for ASEAN: Which Comes First, Readiness or Integration?

By Abigail Andrada, Intern at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, LKY School of Public Policy, NUS.



Counterpoint Southeast Asia

Counterpoint Southeast Asia Issue 18 - How should Southeast Asian states respond to the evolving challenges in the South China Sea?

To explore this question, we invited students from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy to participate in the Counterpoint Southeast Asia (CSA) essay competition. The three winners presented their essays at the 18th CSA panel discussion on March 10, 2026. This special issue features their winning essays, each offering a distinct perspective on the region's challenges and strategic choices.



ASEAN in Practice Podcast Series



Ep 12: Philippines' ASEAN Chairmanship 2026: Managing Geopolitics and Economic Uncertainty with Victor Andres Manhit (March 2023)



Episode 11: Navigating Uncertainty: ASEAN's Economic Challenges as its Chairmanship Shifts from Kuala Lumpur to Manila with Manu Bhaskaran (March 2023)

Other Podcasts



LKYSPP (Feb 24): [Policy Unpacked] Reimagining Regional Resilience: Technology, Global Value Chains & Health Security featuring Dr Denis Hew and Dr Miguel Gomez, Senior Research Fellows at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, SMU's Associate Professor Chang Pao Li and RSIS' Professor Mely Caballero-Anthony.

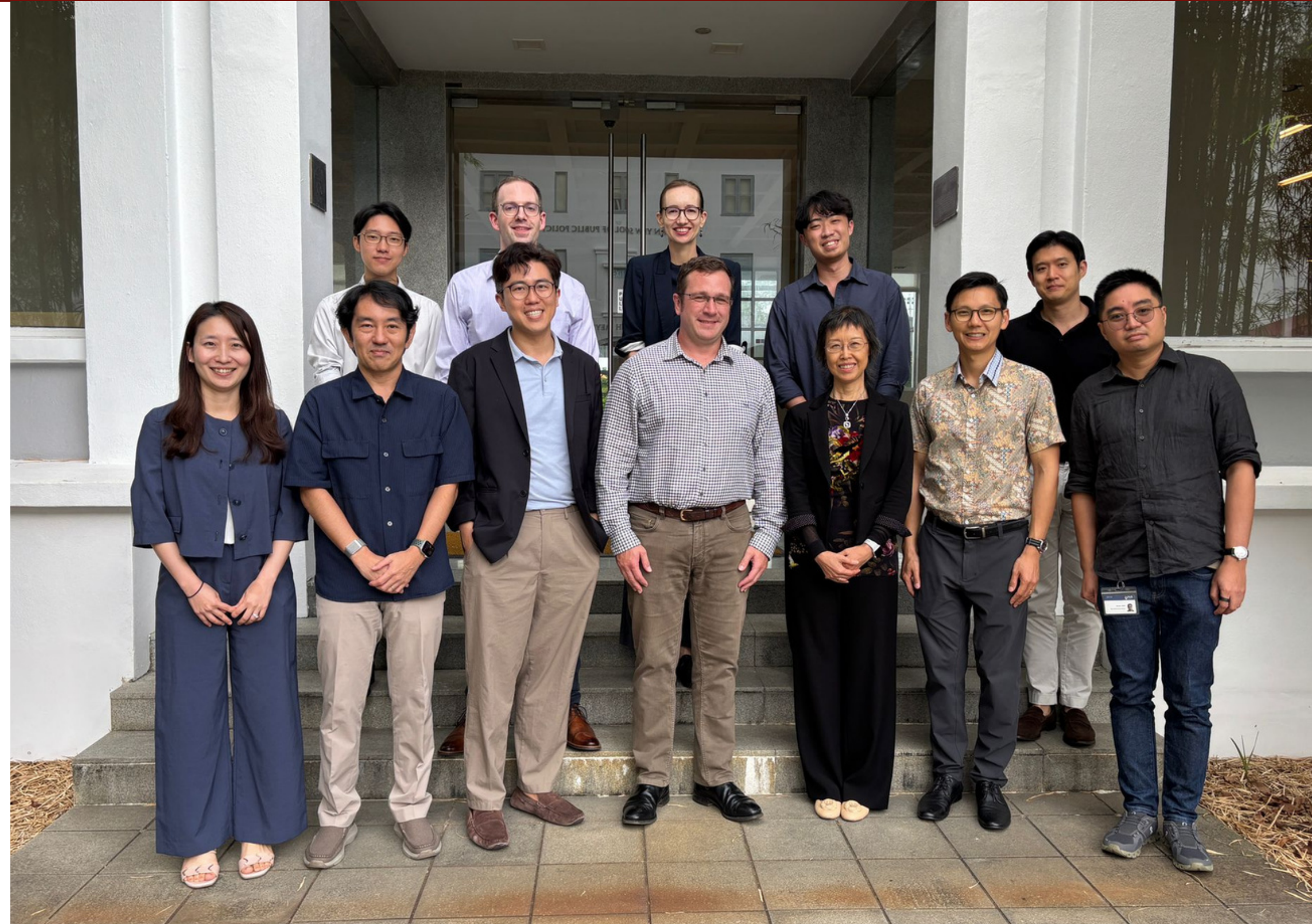


LKYSPP (Feb 24): [Policy Unpacked] Reimagining Regional Resilience: Emerging Orders & Institutions featuring LKYSPP's Prof Selina Ho, Prof Khong Yuen Foong, Co-Director of CAG, as well as, NUS' Law School's Prof Tan Hsien-Li.

CENTRE EVENTS

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2026 **Conference on Southeast Asia-Japan Partnership in Strengthening Regional Economic Security, February 25, 2026.**
- 2026 **CAG Workshop on “Rethinking Alliance Politics in Asia,” February 13, 2026.**



SEMINARS & WEBINARS

- 2026 **East Asian Institute (EAI) and Centre on Asia and Globalisation (CAG) joint seminar on “India and China: Business Strategies in a Changing Global Economy,” March 26, 2026.**
- 2026 **CAG Book Talk on “China’s Quest for Military Supremacy,” by Dr Phillip Saunders, March 19, 2026.**
- 2026 **Counterpoint Southeast Asia 18 (Student Edition), March 10, 2026.**
- 2026 **S.T. Lee Distinguished Lecture on “America and Asia: Has Trump Changed History Forever,” by Dr Michael Green, March 3, 2026.**
- 2026 **CAG Seminar on “Driving over the peak or a false summit?” by Professor Alan Taylor, January 14, 2026.**

BROWNBAGS

- 2026 **“Strategic Permissiveness: China’s Open-Source AI Licensing and the Governance of Global AI Diffusion,” by Qian JiWei.**
- 2026 **Politics and International Relations Brownbag on “The Burden-Sharing Dilemma: Coercive Diplomacy in US Alliance Politics,” by Brian Blankenship.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Can Small States and Middle Powers Shape the Indo-Pacific? 14 April

The evolving geopolitical dynamics of the Indo-Pacific have lent renewed urgency to this long-standing yet unresolved debate: do small and middle states possess meaningful agency in shaping regional order, or are they ultimately constrained by structural pressures imposed by great power competition?

For an engaging discussion on this topic, join us for the inaugural Counterpoint Indo-Pacific panel discussion on 14 April, which asks, “Can Small States and Middle Powers Shape the Indo-Pacific?”. Three experts from the region will offer distinct perspectives on the scope, limits and implications of small and middle power agency in an era of intensifying great power rivalry.



Southeast Asia's Economic Security in a Changing World Order 28 April

Is Southeast Asia's openness-led economic model still fit for purpose in an era of geoeconomic fragmentation and economic securitisation?

Join our in-person panel discussion for insights from Prof Khong Yuen Foong (Co-Director of the Centre on Asia and Globalisation and Li Ka Shing Professor in Political Science at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy), Prof Mely Caballero Anthony (Head of Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies and Professor of International Relations at the RSIS | S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies), and Dr Barbora Valockova (Research Fellow, Centre on Asia and Globalisation). Dr Denis Hew, Senior Research Fellow at the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, will moderate the event.