Antalya, Turkey: RCSS participated at the Strategic Studies Summit organized by the NESA Centre for Strategic Studies, National Defence University, Washington DC USA and the Centre for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies (ORSAM), Turkey on 21 - 22 March 2015.

Entitled "Building Partnerships", the overarching theme of the summit focused on the need to build strategic alliances to tackle common problems that are often beyond the capability of a single nation or organization to address. The conference and the working groups explored the changing nature of the global political and economic system and the need for collective action articulated in a broad regional and global strategy to tackle shared security challenges. Climate change, the shale revolution, global powers in the NESA region, combating radicalism and Mediterranean Security were among the main focuses of the working groups at the Summit.

Minna Thaheer, the Acting Executive Director and Chanaka Herath, a Programme Officer represented RCSS in two of the six working groups at this event and made presentations on combating religious extremism and the economic, political and environmental impacts of the shale revolution respectively.
Rise of China and India: Implications for the Asia Pacific
Edited by Amitabh Mattoo and Mallika Joseph

This book seeks to analyse the impact that the rise of China and India has had on the countries of the Asian-Pacific. Nine chapters provide perspectives from Japan, Singapore, Myanmar, Indonesia, Vietnam, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Three chapters focus on the perspectives of the US, the European Union and Australia. Meanwhile, two chapters focus on China’s and India’s perspectives on the new challenges and responsibilities they face.

India–Australia Relations in the Asian Century
Edited by Amitabh Mattoo and Souresh Roy

The Asia-Pacific region remains of vital importance for both India and Australia especially in terms of balancing their relationship with the US and China who are important strategic and trading partners. Furthermore, another common concern for both countries is nuclear proliferation. This book examines the Indo-Australia relations covering the 2 above major issues. It also covers other aspects of the bilateral relationship, such as economic relations and cooperation in the sphere in higher education.

India and the Contemporary International System: Theory, Policy and Structure
Edited by Amitabh Mattoo and Happymon Jacob

There is a dearth of comprehensive works on India’s Foreign Policy outlook in the post-Cold War era. Thus, this book aims to fill this gap in the discipline of international politics. The focus of the book is not much about what has changed for India, but how India has adapted or responded to the changes around it. The volume aims to produce important theoretical insights on Indian Foreign Policy. It also analyses the various aspects and implications of India’s desire for greater global influences.
Does India Think Strategically? Institutions, Strategic Culture and Security Policies
Edited by Happymon Jacob

This book is being produced two decades after the end of the Cold War which allows for analysis of Indian strategic culture/thinking both during the Cold War and changes it experienced after its end. Academic opinions on India’s strategic culture and thinking, especially from an Indian perspective, will contribute greatly to International Relations given India’s rising importance in the world.

India’s Economic Growth: Opportunities and Challenges for the Region
Edited by Mallika Joseph and Happymon Jacob

All eight chapters of this volume presents views from a South Asian country on opportunities and challenges that India’s economic growth has for the country and region itself. Each country chapter focuses on four questions pertaining to bilateral relations with India; balancing relations between India and China, opportunities for regional cooperation in South Asia and local influences on foreign policy.

Demography in South Asia: Implications for Regional and Global Political Narratives
Edited by Mallika Joseph

For the purpose of this volume, the implications of South Asia’s demographic changes need to be analyzed in terms of population increase and migration of people, which has implications for countries such as Australia, Canada, the US and those in Europe. The first eight chapters focus on South Asian countries while the next four looks at the issue from the perspective of Australia, Canada, the US and the European Union.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

AWAIT RCSS’S INTER UNIVERSITY COURSE

RCSS will carry out an Inter University Study Course on Development, Governance and Security in South Asia together with five prominent South Asian Universities. This course comprises a combination of distance learning cum residential learning modules. The main purpose of this program is to sensitize and further the capacities of mid-level public and private sector officials, academics, lawyers, scientists, civil society officials, environmentalists, media journalists, researchers, executives from the corporate sectors and policy makers on security, sustainable development and good governance related work in South Asia. This course is expected to enhance their understanding of South Asia

This programme will be open mainly to post-graduate students from South Asia and outside the region.

More details will be announced on the RCSS website/Facebook page, in the subsequent editions of the newsletter and also through our partner-Universities in the region.

VACANCY FOR POST OF ACCOUNTANT

The Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), based in Colombo, is an independent, non-profit, and non-governmental regional organization engaged in collaborative research, networking, and dialogue on strategic and international issues pertaining to South Asia. RCSS invites applications for the position of Accountant. The successful candidate should be able to take over responsibilities on 1st August 2015.

The desired candidate should fulfil the following requirements:

♦ Hold related professional qualifications in Accountancy (AAT; CIMA or a degree in finance);
♦ have a minimum five years experience in managing financial operations;
♦ have a good knowledge of MS Office; a good command of English (written and oral) and the ability to work independently and as a team member at RCSS.

Eligible candidates below 50 years are welcome to apply with a complete CV including the names of two non-related referees. Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline for receiving applications is 29th May 2015. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Applications must be sent by registered post to the address below, and by email, to: rcss@rcss.org

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