

South Asia

Fostering objective inquiry and constructive dialogue for a more secure South Asia

For over three decades, Stimson's South Asia program has worked to reduce strategic risks and promote a more stable, secure region. We pursue these goals by supporting open and objective inquiry, convening regional experts and decision-makers, and investing in the next generation of strategic analysts. We aim to deepen our collective understanding of the evolving risks facing South Asia and advance pragmatic steps for their management in order to unlock the region's vast potential.

REALIZING SOUTH ASIA'S PROMISE

Home to a quarter of humanity, South Asia is marked by dynamic economic growth, youthful populations, and expanding opportunities for trade, technology, and innovation. The region has the potential to drive global prosperity, strengthen connectivity across Asia, and contribute solutions to pressing global challenges. Yet this promise exists alongside enduring rivalries and persistent security risks. The same region that could serve as an engine of global progress also faces the dangers of nuclear confrontation, interstate conflict, subnational violence, and fragile governance. How these competing forces intersect will shape not only the future of the region, but also stability across Asia, U.S. interests, and the broader international order.

SUPPORTING OPEN, OBJECTIVE INQUIRY

Our program serves as a source of rigorous, empirically grounded research and analysis on regional strategic, security, and foreign policy issues. We commission and publish work from leading experts across South Asia and beyond, and we amplify these perspectives through events, interviews, and multimedia content. These efforts serve to advance cross-regional understandings of the drivers of

PROJECTS

Strategic Learning Free online courses and multimedia content on strategic concepts with a focus on Southern Asia

Visiting Fellowships Research and professional development opportunities and alumni network for rising South Asian analysts

South Asian Voices Online policy platform for strategic analysis featuring emerging and established experts

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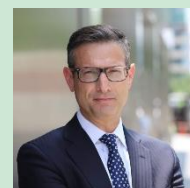
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conflict and cooperation, the evolving balance of power, and the pathways toward greater stability and security.

CONVENING REGIONAL EXPERTS

We also bring together senior analysts and decision-makers from across the region for private discussions and simulations on pressing strategic and security issues. In playing this convening role, the program creates opportunities for candid exchange, builds mutual understanding across divides, and generates practical ideas to inform policy and reduce conflict risks. Over time, we have earned a reputation as a trusted convener and fostered a network of participants who rely on us to steward sensitive discussions.

INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

At the core of our work is our commitment to partnering with the next generation of South Asian experts and policymakers. Through online educational initiatives, collaborative research and publishing, and unique fellowship opportunities, we equip emerging regional thought leaders with sharper analytical skills and broader platforms to share their ideas. In the process, we foster enduring professional networks for sustained, thoughtful engagement across borders.

BUILDING ENDURING PARTNERSHIPS

Few organizations have invested as deeply and for as long as Stimson in understanding South Asia's strategic dynamics and cultivating relationships with those who have shaped them—and will continue to do so in the years ahead. We also benefit from close ties with policymakers across the U.S. government and other key decision-makers, with whom we engage regularly. In addition, our work is strengthened by collaboration with colleagues in Stimson's regional and functional programs, whose insights inform our holistic approach to supporting stability in South Asia.

We invite you to explore our range of analytic, educational, and engagement platforms and opportunities, and to join us in building knowledge, advancing dialogue, and shaping a more stable and secure South Asia.

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