

Upcoming Conferences and Seminars

SEMINAR ON “TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND FORCED LABOR”

October 21, Stockholm

ISDP, in cooperation with SIDA, will organize a seminar on “Trafficking in Human Beings and Forced Labor”, during which ISDP will present findings from its recent study on the subject. Invited participants will be selected from relevant authorities and from the Latvian and Estonian embassies in Sweden.

CONFERENCE ON “A NEW STRATEGIC LANDSCAPE – CHANGES, CHALLENGES AND CONSEQUENCES”

October 11-12, Stockholm

ISDP will hold a conference together with the People’s Liberation Army (China) on “A New Strategic Landscape – Changes, Challenges and Consequences”. The Chinese PLA Academy of Military Science and ISDP annually arrange a conference on a topic concerning international security. The aim of each conference is to have world leading experts present and discuss their views on current security challenges. The conferences also aims at giving international experts the opportunity to meet Chinese scholars, researchers and high level military officers engaged in forming future Chinese policies, and vice versa. Participation is by personal invitation only and the audience is limited to 25 persons to guarantee a good environment for discussion. The conference is a part of ISDP’s China initiative. The two earlier conferences were held in Beijing in 2008 and 2009.

Forums at ISDP

ASIA FORUM ON “THE CHINESE DISCOURSE ON ‘BRAZIL-RUSSIA-INDIA-CHINA’ (BRIC): AN INDIAN PERCEPTION”

November 2

Asia Forum on “The Chinese discourse on ‘Brazil-Russia-India-China’ (BRIC): An Indian Perception” with Jagannath Panda from the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses. Dr. Panda is a guest researcher at ISDP; his stay is funded by the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT).

STOCKHOLM ASIA SECURITY GROUP JOINT SEMINAR ON “REGIONAL-POWER AND MARITIME SECURITY IN ASIA”

October 7

Stockholm Asia Security Group Joint Seminar on “Regional Power and Maritime Security in Asia” with Prof. Tom Hart (Stockholm School of Asian Studies, Stockholm School of Economics), Prof. Sato Yoichiro (Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies), Dr. Jagannath Panda (Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses), and Dr. Stefan Eklöf Amirell (Swedish Institute of International Affairs) will be held at ISDP.

Guest Researchers

October 25-30

Sergey Vishkovskis from Riga Stradins University in Latvia will be a guest researcher at ISDP. He will hold a Transnational Crime Forum on October 26 and will participate in a workshop on money laundering in Latvia and Sweden on October 28.

OCTOBER 1-31

Daniel Burghart from the National Defense Intelligence College, USA will be a guest researcher at ISDP.

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

Major Jiang Bo and **Major Zhang Bo** from the PLA Academy of Military Science are guest researchers at ISDP. Major Jiang, an Associate Research Fellow, and Major Zhang, a PhD candidate, will stay for 10 weeks and also participate in the Joint Conference organized by the ISDP and the PLA AMS.

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER

Dr. Jagannath Panda from the Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses in India started his guest research stay at ISDP. Dr. Panda writes on security issues concerning India and China.

AUGUST – NOVEMBER

Mr. Liu Mingli from the Chinese Institutes for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) started his three months research stay at ISDP on August 20. Mr. Mingli is conducting research on the Chinese economy.

AUGUST 20-SEPTEMBER 13

Ma Tong Hui and **Choe Chang Man** from the Institute for Disarmament and Peace in the DPRK were guest researchers at ISDP.

Staff Activities

OCTOBER 7-11

Erik Leijonmarck and Walter Kegö will visit a center for treatment of drug addicts in San Patrignano, Italy as a part of their ongoing research project on narcotics and organized crime. The visit is part of the project "How the narcotics industry affects society".

OCTOBER 5

Swante Cornell participates in the [1st Annual Georgian Studies Day "Georgia's New Horizons: Restoration of Territorial Integrity and EU Integration"](#) organized jointly by the Embassy of Georgia in Stockholm, the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE), and the Swedish Institute (SI) at the Stockholm School of Economics.

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1

Bert Edström participated in a conference [Nordic Africa Days](#) in Åbo, Finland and presented a paper "Japan and the TICAD Process."

SEPTEMBER 14-17

Walter Kegö, Erik Leijonmarck and Janina Romanova visited St Petersburg to study the usage of drugs in Russia. The delegation visited treatment centers and hospitals and held discussions with researchers, journalists, and students in preparation for ISDP's project to produce material for drug prevention in Russia.

SEPTEMBER 15, MoU SIGNED BETWEEN ISDP AND KIDA

A delegation from the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA), South Korea, headed by the President Koosub Kim, visited ISDP on September 10. The two institutes signed a Memorandum of Understanding for future cooperation and will conduct joint research on the issue of non-proliferation of WMD.

SEPTEMBER 10

Workshop on Non-Proliferation Measures and North Korea's WMD with joint participation by ISDP and the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA), South Korea.

AUGUST 24-31

Chris O'Hara and Niklas Swanström visited Myanmar. During the visit, they held meetings with the Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, the Foreign Ministry, EGRESS and with representatives of minority groups.

JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 17

Bert Edström was a visiting scholar at the Faculty of Law, Keio University, Tokyo. He was conducting research for a sequel to his earlier report "Japan and the Challenge of Human Security: The Founding of a New Policy, 1995-2003" that was published by ISDP in 2008. During the stay, Dr. Edström interviewed officials and leading scholars on the subject.

Staff Development

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Erik Leijonmarck joined the ISDP staff in August as a Junior Research Fellow. Mr Leijonmarck is currently working with organized crime in the Baltic Sea region and he is following the narcotics trade in Russia and Eurasia.

Janina Romanova joined ISDP as a project researcher in drug and prevention policy issues. Ms. Romanova has a MA degree in European and International Relations from Linköping University in Sweden and a BA degree in Latvian-British cultural relations from the Latvian Academy of Culture in Riga. Her Master thesis dealt with the issue of Latvian identity and culture in the context of Eastern enlargement of the European Union. Ms. Romanova has previously worked, for more than five years, with drug policy issues at the European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD) and was elected as a Secretary of the Board at Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs in 2009.

INTERNS

Alexandru Molcean started an internship at ISDP. Mr. Molcean holds a BA degree in International Public Law from Moldovan State University and a MA in Public Administration from the Academy of Public Administration of the Republic of Moldova. Previously, he has worked, for more than five years, in several governmental institutions in the Republic of Moldova. At ISDP, Mr. Molcean's main areas of interest are conflict management and human rights. In addition, he is working on the Organized Crime and Security in Eurasia Research Project.

Camilla Asyrankulova started working at ISDP as an intern. She holds a bachelor's degree in International and Comparative Politics from the American University of Central Asia in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. She is currently working towards a Masters degree at Eurasian Studies program at Uppsala University. Ms. Asyrankulova's area of expertise includes security developments in Central Asia, Afghanistan and Pakistan among other related issues such as conflict studies and human rights. She had previously worked for Radio Free Europe (Prague) and the Institute for War and Peace Reporting (Bishkek). Camilla has over 40 articles published online and is now involved in the project around organized crime and narcotics trade in Afghanistan and Central Asia. Her BA thesis was on the application of the Linkage Analysis theory to Kyrgyzstan's foreign policy.

Nick Bishop started his internship at ISDP in August. Mr. Bishop holds a law degree and an MA in International Relations, both obtained at Osaka University. Currently he is completing a dual MA in European Studies split between Rijksuniversiteit Groningen in Holland and Deusto Universidad in Bilbao, Spain. Having studied and worked in Japan for 8 years and traveled extensively in Asia his field of expertise is Japanese foreign policy, Northeast Asia, China, and the Korean peninsula. His first MA thesis was on Japan's China policy and currently he is working on a thesis using the European Union as a model for greater economic integration in East Asia under the guise of ASEAN.

Kai Liao started his internship at ISDP. Mr. Liao is a student of the Erasmus Mundus MA programme Euroculture at Uppsala University. He holds an M.Sc.degree in Economic History from Lund University, and a BA degree in European Studies from Malmö University.

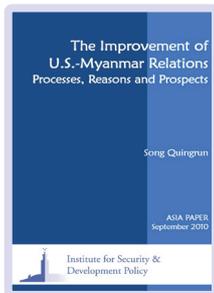
He has also studied international economics and policy at Jönköping University. His academic interests include EU foreign and security policy, institutional economics, Sino-Russian relations, and regional economic integration within the framework of the SCO.

Stina Hartikainen started her internship at ISDP in September. Ms. Hartikainen holds a BA in Political Science from Uppsala University, with special focus on International Politics, and is currently a student of the Master Program in Politics and International studies, also at Uppsala University. Her academic areas of interest include Russian and international policy in the Caucasus, security policy in the CIS and international law. Her BA thesis was on the Russo-Chechen Wars, and she has previously written about Russian counter-terrorism policy in North Caucasus, as well as the Russian recognition of Georgian break-away regions South Ossetia and Abkhazia in 2008.

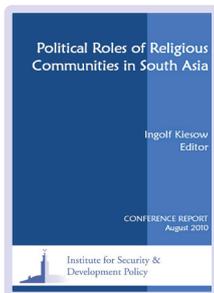
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