

## Countries of the Asia-Pacific Region include:

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|  United States      |  Mauritius        |
|  Australia          |  Micronesia       |
|  Bangladesh         |  Mongolia         |
|  Bhutan             |  Nauru            |
|  Brunei             |  Nepal            |
|  Burma (Myanmar)*   |  New Zealand      |
|  Cambodia           |  Niue             |
|  Canada             |  North Korea*     |
|  China              |  Pakistan         |
|  Chile              |  Palau            |
|  Comoros            |  Papua New Guinea |
|  Cook Islands       |  Peru             |
|  East Timor         |  Philippines      |
|  French Polynesia   |  Russia           |
|  Fiji               |  Samoa            |
|  India              |  Singapore        |
|  Indonesia          |  Solomon Islands  |
|  Japan              |  South Korea      |
|  Kiribati           |  Sri Lanka        |
|  Laos              |  Thailand        |
|  Madagascar       |  Tonga          |
|  Malaysia         |  Tuvalu         |
|  Maldives         |  Vanuatu        |
|  Marshall Islands |  Vietnam        |

\* currently not eligible for invitation per U.S. State Department

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is a Department of Defense academic institution providing a forum where current and future military and civilian leaders from many Asia-Pacific nations gather to enhance Asia-Pacific security cooperation through programs of executive education, professional exchange and policy-relevant research.

## Staying Connected

### APCSS Public Website:

The Asia-Pacific Center website at [www.apcss.org](http://www.apcss.org) contains useful information for Fellows, alumni and others interested in what is happening in the region.

At [www.apcss.org](http://www.apcss.org), you can find:

- Event Updates and Descriptions
- Course Descriptions
- Publications
- And more...


**APCSSLink Portal:** APCSSLink is a password-protected portal at <https://apcsslink.org> designed to help keep APCSS Alumni connected through the sharing of information and participating in online discussions.

**APCSC Portal:** The Asia-Pacific Collaborative Security Consortium portal at <https://apcs.apan-info.net> for Security Cooperation professionals.

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## Mission

To educate, connect, and empower security practitioners to advance Asia-Pacific security.

## Vision

Setting the standard for innovative international executive education and leader/organizational development advancing multi-national security cooperation and capacity-building.

- Venue of choice for security-cooperation education
- Sought-after facilitator of security solutions
- Catalyst for leader and organizational capacity-building
- Key node within information analysis and strategic understanding community
- Connector of communities of expertise and influence



## Background/History

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) is a Department of Defense academic institute that addresses regional and global security issues using a multilateral and multi-dimensional approach to defining and addressing regional security issues and concerns. Established in Honolulu on Sept. 4, 1995, the most beneficial result is building relationships of trust and confidence among future leaders and decision-makers within the region.

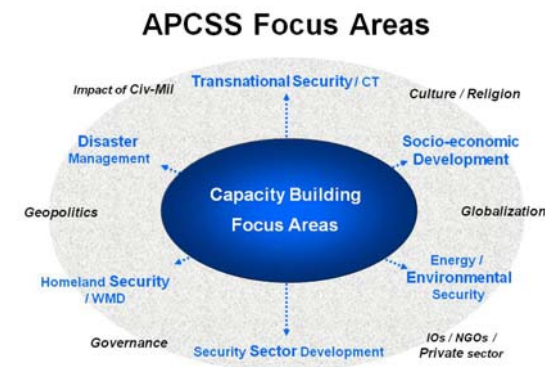
## Concept

The Center has a strong focus on Executive Education via both resident and regional events. These academic events include courses, mini-courses, workshops, conferences and research. They are intertwined to produce a dynamic, integrated program of study, workshops/conferences and research to support the Center's mission.

## Focus Areas

Capacity building focus areas guide curriculum development, outreach, and research. Top priority areas of focus include security issues such as: transnational security/counterterrorism; socio-economic development; energy and environmental security; security sector development; homeland security/WMD; and disaster management.

These six focus areas are embedded in an Asia-Pacific Security environment characterized by cross cutting themes: culture and religion; globalization; International Organizations/Non-Government Organizations and the private sector; governance; geopolitics and the impact of civil-military relations.



## Courses

The one-week **Transnational Security Cooperation: Senior Executive Course** is an intensive program for *current senior* leaders. It is designed for military officers at the two- and three-star level and civilian equivalents from the Asia-Pacific region. The curriculum emphasizes the impact of change in the region and evolving security roles, capabilities, and opportunities.

The six-week **Advanced Security Cooperation: Executive Course** focuses on building relationships among *mid-career* leaders and decision makers within the region. Its curriculum emphasizes the non-warfighting aspects of security and international relations, and challenges Fellows to develop regional and transnational perspectives. Security is examined as a comprehensive mix of political, economic, social, military, diplomatic, information and ecological dimensions.

The four-week **Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism Course** provides focused knowledge and skills practiced at the operational and strategic level, all designed to enhance Fellow's ability to work together to counter ideological support for and combat terrorism cooperatively for the long term. The course facilitates relationships among current and future counter-terrorism practitioners. It also helps engender trust necessary for increased information sharing and identify ways to reduce cultural obstacles to cooperation in the international struggle against terrorism.

The four-week **Comprehensive Crisis Management (CCM) Course: Preventing, Preparing, and Responding**, formerly known as *the Stability, Security, Transition and Reconstruction* course, focuses on preventing, preparing and responding to crises. The course will deepen attendees' abilities to understand and deal with the multi-faceted, interdependent nature of



both natural and man-made crises. The course focuses on actions to prevent routine difficulties from collapsing into crisis, responding to crises in ways that reduce the near-term impact, and setting the stage for mid-term return to a sustainable development path.

The one-week **Asia-Pacific Orientation Course** covers trends and current issues shaping the regional security environment. The course focuses on U.S. policy and provides an introduction to regional cultures, politics, protocols and challenges. The curriculum broadly examines: Security Foundations; Regional Security Perspectives; Country Specific Issues; Transnational Issues; Governance, and Development and Security Cooperation Issues. This rigorous program of lectures and interactive sessions better equips graduating course Fellows with policy perspectives and tools important for duties at U.S. Pacific Command and its components.

The three-day **Senior Asia-Pacific Orientation Course** provides an introduction to Asia-Pacific culture, politics, protocols and challenges, while addressing U.S. interests in the region. The curriculum focuses on Regional Perspectives, Issues, and Transnational Challenges. Attention is given to both historical and emerging issues. The course includes a rigorous program of lectures and interactive sessions, and three senior-leader seminar sessions.

## Workshops & Conferences

**Focused Outreach** - APCSS staff and faculty routinely travel throughout the region to conduct mini-courses, conferences and research that address specific needs identified by host nation and U.S. Embassy officials

**Conferences** - APCSS' tightly focused conference program anticipates the most challenging regional and transnational security issues and cooperation tasks ahead. These serve as a forum for key regional interagency, multinational security policy drafters and decision makers to develop cooperative approaches to these problems.

## Research & Info Sharing

**Research** - APCSS faculty members conducts collaborative research that strengthens communities of influence via partnered research on future security issues. In addition, APCSS coordinates and reports on a series of annual consultations with counterpart organizations in regional countries. Reports, papers, articles and books are available on our website at [www.apcss.org](http://www.apcss.org).

**Roundtables** - More than 1,000 visitors come to APCSS each year, including senior leaders from the U.S. and other countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Visitors participate in roundtable discussions and serve as guest speakers.

## Alumni Relations

APCSS continues to engage more than 4,500 graduates as part of an Alumni Program. This program keeps alumni connected to each other and to the Center. They also have access to the *APCSSLink* network to share information, collaborate and research regional and global security issues.