

The Biden Administration and U.S. Global Strategy
- Perspectives on the US and the Indo-Pacific Region

Friday, 22 January 2021, 9.30 – 11.30 CET

Joint seminar organized by:


Department of Area and Global Studies, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw; Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, Center for National Security Studies, National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (México), Department of North American Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University; Polish European Academic Center for Exchange and Research – PEACER at NEIU

Programme:

9.30 – 9.40 Introduction:

- Prof. Daniel Przystek, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw;

9.40– 10.40 Presentations:

- Prof. William Tow, Department of International Relations, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, College of Asia & the Pacific, Australian National University
 - Prof. Stephen R. Nagy, Department of Politics and International Studies, International Christian University (ICU), Tokyo
 - Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra, Rector of Jawaharlal Nehru University
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- Prof. Jakub Zajączkowski, Head of the Department of Area and Global Studies, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw
- Prof. Yongjin Zhang, School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies, University of Bristol

10.40 – 11.30 Q&A session

- Chair: Prof. Roberto Rabel, Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington

Prof. William T. Tow

Emeritus Professor at the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University. He was previously Professor of International Relations at the University of Queensland and at Griffith University in Australia, and an Assistant Professor of International Relations at the University of Southern California (USC), Professor Emeritus Tow has been a Visiting Fellow at Stanford University, and a Visiting Research Associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London. Professor Tow has been principal investigator in two major projects for the MacArthur Foundation's Asia Pacific Security Initiative. He has also been the editor of the Australian Journal of International Affairs and has served on the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT's) Foreign Affairs Council and on the National Board of Directors, Australian Fulbright Commission. Professor Tow's research interests include alliance politics, US security policy in the Asia-Pacific, security politics in the Asia-Pacific, and Australian security policies. He has authored or edited 30 books and monographs and over a hundred journal articles or book chapters on these topics.

Prof. Stephen R. Nagy

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Hong Kong from December 2009 to January 2014. He obtained his PhD from Waseda University, Japan in International Relations in December 2008. His recent funded research projects are *"Sino-Japanese Relations in the Wake of the 2012 Territorial Disputes: Investigating changes in Japanese Business' trade and investment strategy in China"*. Currently he is conducting a research project entitled *"Perceptions and drivers of Chinese view on Japanese and US Foreign Policy in the Region."* He has also done extensive work on how middle powers are engaging in the Indo-Pacific. His recent publications include: Nagy, S.R. 2020. "Quad-Plus? Carving out Canada's Middle Power Role," in the Journal of Indo Pacific Affairs. *Special Issue. Quad Plus: Form versus Substance*. Vol. 3., No. 5. pp. 179-195. ISSN 2576-5361 (Print) ISSN 2576-537X (Online). -Nagy, S.R. 2020. "Pivoting Towards Neo-Middle-Power Diplomacy: Securing Agency in an Era of Great Power Rivalry," in *Policy Perspectives*, Canadian Global Affairs Institute. November 26th, 2020. -Nagy, S.R. and J. Berkshire Miller. 2020. "Why Canada Must Embrace a Free and Open Indo-Pacific," in *Policy Brief*, Japan Institute for International Affairs (JIIA).

Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra

Rector (Pro-Vice Chancellor) of Jawaharlal Nehru University since 2016. He is concurrently Professor of American Studies at the School of International Studies of JNU. He is also Editor of Indian Foreign Affairs Journal, published by the Association of Indian Diplomats. He is the Founder and Honorary Chairperson of Kalinga Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies. He has held positions, such as Member, UGC Review Committee, Area Studies Programme, Member, Fellowship Expert Committee, ICSSR, Editor, Indian Foreign Affairs Journal, Member, Editorial Board, Strategic Analysis, IDSA, Member, Editorial Board, Diaspora Studies and Member, Committee on Studies, Academy of International Studies, Jalia Millia Islamia. Recently, he was Tagore Chair Professor at Yunnan University of China. Prof. Mahapatra has authored four books, edited four volumes, and has contributed chapters to above 30 edited books. He has published above 70 research articles in reputed journals. He has guided 24 PhD scholars and 51 M. Phil Degree scholars. He has a wide range of exposure to international academic institutions in the US, UK, France, Israel, Australia, Sweden, China, Vietnam, Singapore and Austria. He has been awarded a number of international fellowships, such as Fulbright Fellowship, Commonwealth Fellowship, and Visiting Fellowships to undertake research in the US, UK, Austria, Australia and many other countries. He has been a visiting faculty in several UGC-run Academic Staff Colleges, the Foreign Service Institute of the Ministry of External Affairs, National Defense College, Army War College, Naval War College and the College of Air Warfare. He is also a regular commentator in newspapers and on audio-visual media on international affairs.

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