

ASIA PACIFIC SECURITY SITUATION: RETROSPECTS AND PROSPECTS

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Introduction



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE PAST

- OLD TERRITORIAL DISPUTES

Territorial Disputes in East Asia (a brief list)

Aksai Chin – People's Republic of China and India

Ambalat – Malaysia and Indonesia

Most of Arunachal Pradesh – India and People's Republic of China

Asmore Reef – Indonesia and Australia

Baitou Mountain – People's Republic of China, North Korea and the Republic of China

Bhutanese enclaves in Tibet – People's Republic of China and Bhutan

Do Lang – Myanmar and Thailand

Dispute over offshore islands – Cambodia and Vietnam

Lower Kurile islands – Russia and Japan

Liancourt Rocks – South Korea, North Korea and Japan

Ligitan dan Sipidan – Malaysia and the Philippines

Limbang area – Brunei and Malaysia

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE PAST

- OLD TERRITORIAL DISPUTES

Macclesfield Bank – People's Republic of China, Republic of China and Vietnam

Northern Bhutan – Bhutan and the People's Republic China

Palau Batek/Fatu Sinai – Indonesia and East Timor

Paracel Islands – People's Republic of China, Republic of China and Vietnam

Pedra Branca – Singapore and Malaysia

Prachin Buri area – Thailand and Malaysia

Sabah (Northern Borneo) – Philippines and Malaysia

Sakhalin – Russia and Japan

Scarborough Shoal – Philippines, People's Republic of China and Republic of China

Senkaku Islands – Japan, people's Republic of China and Republic of China

Southern Kuril Islands – Japan and Russia

Spratly Islands – People's Republic of China, Republic of China, Vietnam, Philippines (part), Malaysia (part) and Brunei (part)

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE PAST

- **WMD PROLIFERATION**



- **LACK OF A SECURITY ARCHITECTURE**



A BRIEF LOOK AT THE PAST

- THE NEW POST COLD WAR SECURITY LANDSCAPE



- END OF THE POST COLONIAL INSURGENCIES



THE SECURITY LANDSCAPE: FUTURE PROSPECTS

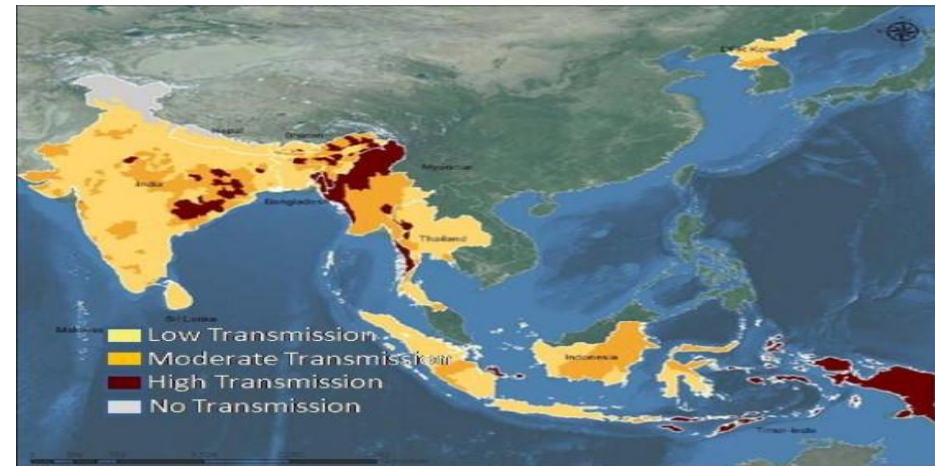
A PERIOD OF TRANSITION

- From Post Cold War to New Regional Security Dynamics
- A move towards new Strategic re-positioning



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- A Period of Strategic Fluidity



- US Rebalancing Towards Asia-Pacific: US Asia Pivot Policy



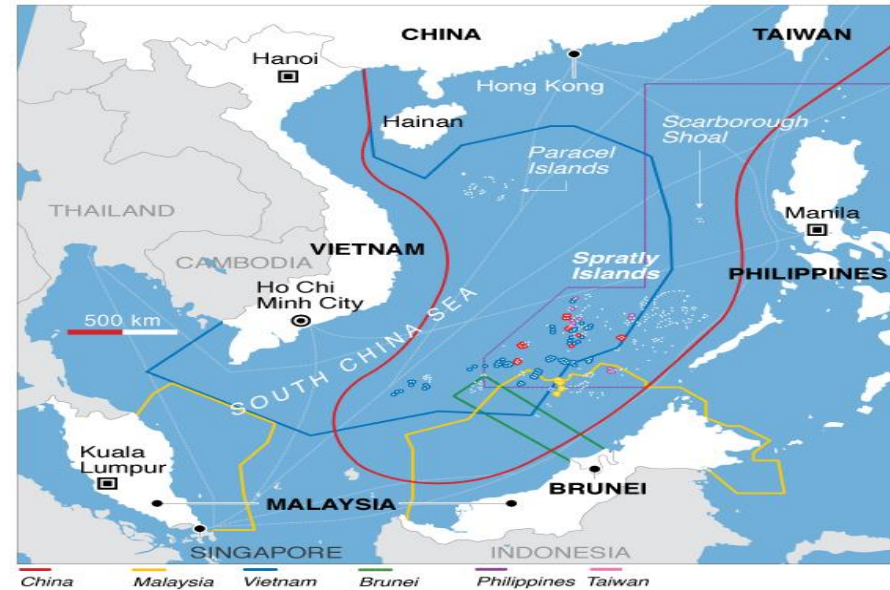
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- A Shift in the US-China Strategic Relationship: Hedge and Engage, from Cooperation to Competition



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- Fresh Tension in the South China Sea
- Resurgence of Position and Policy of US and it's allies in the Asia – Pacific



THE SECURITY LANDSCAPE: FUTURE PROSPECTS

- Old Border Disputes/Tensions



- Maritime Security Issues



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- The Rise of Indian Ocean
- New and Enhanced Role of India: The Security Manager

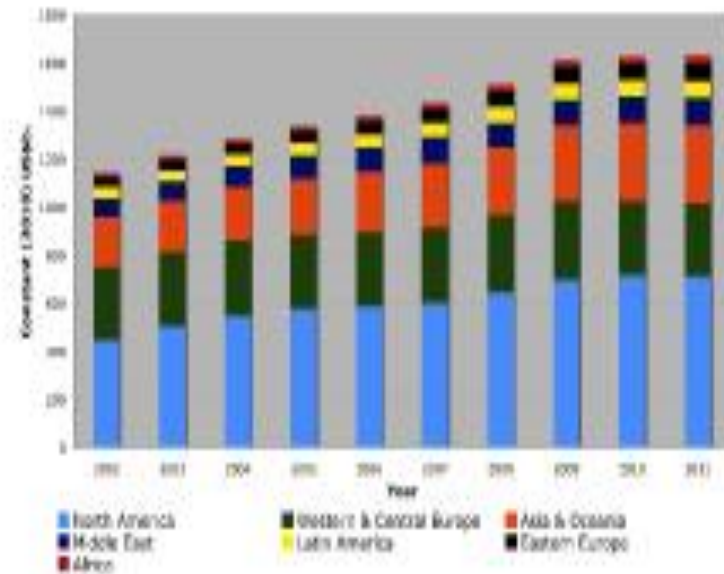
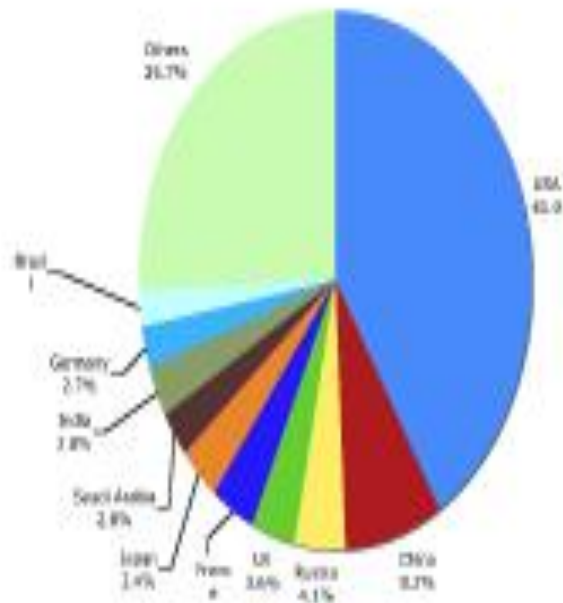


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The five largest recipients of major conventional weapons and their major suppliers, 2007-11

Recipient	Share of international arms imports (%)	Main suppliers (share of recipient's total imports)		
		1st	2nd	3rd
India	10	Russia (80%)	United Kingdom (6%)	Israel (4%)
South Korea	6	United States (74%)	Germany (17%)	France (7%)
Pakistan	5	China (42%)	United States (36%)	Sweden (5%)
China	5	Russia (78%)	France (12%)	Switzerland (5%)
Singapore	4	United States (43%)	France (39%)	Germany (8%)

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- **Proliferation Issues and the Korean Peninsula**



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- Post US Withdrawal Afghanistan and it's implications
- Radicalization and Terrorism



NON – TRADITIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

- Climate Change



- Food and Water Security



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NON – TRADITIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

- Mass Migration
- New maritime boundary issues



WAY FORWARD

- Build a new Security Architecture
- An Inclusive Security Landscape
- More CBMs and CSBM
- Application of Soft Power
- Address Non – Traditional Security Challenges
- A Stable and Secure Strategic order for the Benefit of All

Conclusion



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Question and Answer





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