

**Rich Region, Strong States: The Political Economy of Security in Asia
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Conference Summary

This workshop was the second annual effort undertaken jointly by IGCC and the Naval War College to examine the security dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region through a multi-disciplinary lens, including security studies, political science, economics, technology policy, area studies, and other disciplines. The central goal was to examine the contemporary features and drivers of the political economy of security in the Asia-Pacific region, especially at such an uncertain but consequential time in the development of the regional security environment.

Some of the key issues explored included examination of the economic underpinnings of regional military power (examining the defense burden and consequences for economic growth) and the military-security underpinnings of the economic dynamics in Asia.

The workshop also delved into the domestic political dynamics of major regional powers, including China, the United States, and Japan, to examine their impact on national security thinking. Other sessions looked at the influence of economic geography on the regional security environment and trends in the military-security dimensions of industrialization, technology development, and innovation in Asia.