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Professor Geoffrey Till is Advisor to the Maritime Security Programme at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore and currently holds the Dudley W. Knox Chair for Naval History and Strategy at the U.S. Naval War College. Previously Dean of Academic Studies at the UK Command and Staff College and Head of the Defence Studies Department of King's College London, he is Emeritus Professor of Maritime Studies of King's College London and Chairman of the Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies. Since 2009 he has been a Visiting Professor at RSIS. In addition to many articles and chapters on various aspects of maritime strategy and policy defence, he is the author of a number of books. His most recent are *Seapower: A Guide for the 21st Century*, a fourth expanded edition of which appeared in 2018 for Routledge. He is currently working on a number of other projects on maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region. His works have been translated into 12 languages.



Dr. Asyura Salleh

Programme Support Officer at the Global Maritime Crime Programme

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Dr. Asyura Salleh overlooks regional programmes and supports research development in maritime law enforcement and maritime drug trafficking. She is also an adjunct non-Resident Vasey Research Fellow for the Pacific Forum, and Special Advisor on Maritime Security at the Yokosuka Council on Asia Pacific Affairs (YCAPS). Her policy experience lies in her work at the Global Awareness & Impact Alliance, Stable Seas, and Brunei Prime Minister's Office. Dr. Asyura has a research interest in maritime security in the Asia Pacific, with a focus on transnational maritime crime and maritime governance. She gained a Masters in War Studies from King's College London and earned a doctorate at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies Singapore.



Dr. Christian Bueger

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Dr. Christian Bueger is Professor of International Relations at the Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen. He is also an honorary professor of the University of Seychelles, a research fellow at the University of Stellenbosch and the Co-Director of the SafeSeas network. In his current grant funded projects, he is studying regional responses to maritime crime in the Indo-Pacific and maritime security practices in Ghana. Actively combining research with practical work, he regularly act as consultant and speaker at conferences on international policy, maritime security and transport security. His research has featured in different media, including, among others, ITV, The Guardian, Africa Renewal, Veja or The New Internationalist.



Prof Robert Charles Beckman

Director, Centre for International Law (CIL), National University of Singapore

Professor Beckman is the Director of the Centre for International Law (CIL), a university-wide research centre at the National University of Singapore (NUS) which was established in 2009.

In addition to serving as Director of the Centre, he also heads its ocean law and policy programme and the CIL Documents Database Project.

Prof Beckman received his J.D. from the University of Wisconsin and his LL.M. from Harvard Law School. He is an Associate Professor at the NUS Faculty of Law, where he has taught for more than 30 years. He currently teaches Ocean Law & Policy in Asia, Public International Law and International Regulation of Shipping. He is an expert on the issues of law of the sea in Southeast Asia, including piracy and maritime security.

He served for several years as a regional resource person in the workshops on Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea. He has represented Singapore in various CSCAP meeting on maritime security, and has worked for many years on the legal and policy issues relating to the Straits of Malacca and Singapore. Prof Beckman lectures in the summer programme at the Rhodes Academy of Oceans Law & Policy in Rhodes, Greece.

He is also an Adjunct Senior Fellow in the Maritime Security Programme at the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU).



Dr. Jolene Jerard

Research Fellow and Manager of the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (ICPVTR)

Dr. Jolene Jerard is Executive Director, Centinel, a public safety and management consultancy. She is concurrently Adjunct Senior Fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore where she was formerly the Deputy Head of RSIS' specialist International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research. She received her PhD in International Relations from the University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK. She specialises on terrorist and extremist groups in Asia. She was an Assistant Professor with the Homeland Security Programme at Rabdan Academy, UAE and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Conflict and Peace Studies (CAPS) in Kabul, Afghanistan.

She has conducted field research in several threat zones including Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Somalia, Yemen, Southern Philippines, Southern Thailand and the insurgent areas of Bangladesh. In that connection she interviewed numerous leaders and members of terrorist and politico-religious groups Asia, Africa and the Middle East. She has conducted training programmes for Counter Terrorism Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Practitioners and Analysts in Southeast Asia, Central Asia, South Asia including Afghanistan since 2008. She has been a consultant for the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and has been an instructor at the NATO Center for Excellence – Defense Against Terrorism (COEDAT) in Ankara, Turkey. She is on the list of specialist instructors for the European Union's Organization for Security and Cooperation (OSCE) in Europe.



LCDR Timothy David Laird

Australia International Liaison Officer, Information Fusion Centre

Lieutenant Commander Timothy David Laird has served onboard multiple RAN vessels deployed throughout the Indo-Pacific since joining the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in 2007. He has previously served in the ADFs Headquarters Joint Operations Command, Defence Force School of Intelligence, Maritime Intelligence Support Centre, and the Royal Australian Navy Sea Training Group. In 2021 he became Australia's 5th ILO to the IFC where he leads the Irregular Human Migration team. LCDR Laird holds a Bachelor of International Relations (Bond University) and Masters in Strategic Affairs (Australian National University).



LCDR Mark Douglas

New Zealand International Liaison Officer, Information Fusion Centre

Lieutenant Commander Mark Douglas was born and raised in Masterton, New Zealand. He joined the Royal New Zealand Navy in 2005 and qualified as a Marine Engineer Officer in 2012 after completing a degree, followed by professional training in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. LCDR Douglas has served in various engineering support roles in New Zealand and the UK, and was the decommissioning Engineering Officer on HMNZS ENDEAVOUR in 2017. He currently serves as New Zealand's Assistant Defence Advisor to Singapore, and as the New Zealand ILO to the IFC and Regional Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Coordination Centre.

**Mr Joe Chan**

Director, Cyber (KPMG Singapore)

Mr Joe Chan is a director of cybersecurity consulting in KPMG Singapore. Mr Chan brings to his clients a wealth of knowledge and experience, having spent more than 20 years as a consultant to many businesses around the region. His clients come from a diverse array of sectors including water, petro-chemical, energy, maritime ports, pharmaceutical, banking, securities brokerages, logistics, telecommunications and law enforcement. He has hands-on experience designing and building systems, breaking into systems, defending networks and responding to cyber attacks. He has deep expertise in the area of industrial control systems (ICS/OT) security. He has led cybersecurity risk assessments, architecture reviews, vulnerability assessments and penetration testing engagements for more than 20 critical infrastructure (CII) and industrial facilities, strengthening their security posture and their ability to defend against attackers. This is of particular relevance today with an increasing number of attacks globally on infrastructure that could concern a nation's security and the continuous delivery of essential services to its people.



LTC Lester Yong

Head Information Fusion Centre
Maritime Security Task Force
Republic of Singapore Navy

LTC Lester Yong assumed Head IFC since 28 Sep 2020. He graduated with a Master of Arts in Security Studies and received the International Student Award for Excellence in Regional Or Security Studies. He had served in various operational tours and staff appointments such as Staff Officer Int Plans and Development Branch, and Head Defence Relations Branch in the Naval Intelligence Department. LTC Yong was conferred the SAF Tsunami Relief Operation 2004 Medal, SAF Overseas Service Medal, Iraq 2006, and Bar to the SAF Overseas Service Medal, Gulf of Aden 2013. He was also conferred the SAF Good Service (5 Years), and SAF Long Service and Good Conduct Medals (10, 15 and 20 Years)



RADM Yong Wei Hsiung
Commander, MARSEC Command

RADM Yong Wei Hsiung assumed Commander MARSEC Command / MARSEC Task Force (MSTF)/ since 18 Feb 2020. The MARSEC Command/MSTF works closely with various agencies to direct and coordinate MARSEC operations, and to build up, train and maintain capabilities of MARSEC operational platforms to protect Singapore ' s territorial waters and respond to varying MARSEC threats. RADM Yong has held various command and principal staff appointments including Deputy Head of Naval Operations, Head RSN Strategic Redesign, Head Naval Plans and Deputy Commander MARSEC Command.



Professor Ralf Emmers

Dean, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)

Professor Ralf Emmers is Dean of S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and President's Chair in International Relations, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. He completed his MSc and PhD in the International Relations department of the London School of Economics (LSE).

His research interests cover security studies, the international institutions in the Asia Pacific, and the security and international politics of Southeast Asia.

Prof Emmers has published articles in peer-reviewed journals such as The Pacific Review, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Asian Survey, Australian Journal of International Affairs, Global Change, Peace & Security, Asian Security, TRaNS, Contemporary Southeast Asia, Asia Policy, Asian Journal of Peacebuilding, Asian Politics and Policy, Political Science and Contemporary Politics, as well as numerous book chapters in edited volumes.



Dr Vu Hai Dang

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Dr Vu Hai Dang is an Ocean Law and Policy's Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for International Law – National University of Singapore. His area of expertise includes international law, law of the sea, international environmental law, protection of the marine environment. He has written extensively on Southeast Asia, ASEAN and the South China Sea. Dang holds a JSD in international marine environmental law from Dalhousie University and a Master in international trade law from University of Paris V. He has experiences working in the fields of legal service, civil servant, diplomacy and academic.



Mr. Krishnaswamy Natarajan
Executive Director
ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ISC)

In a career spanning 38 years, **Mr. Krishnaswamy Natarajan** is well-versed with the nuances of International Maritime Law and IMO Conventions aimed at ensuring Safe, Secure and Clean Seas.

As the former Director-General of Indian Coast Guard, he shouldered various responsibilities of national and international stature pertaining to maritime security, maritime safety and marine environment protection & preservation. He was the Chairman of National Maritime Search and Rescue Board and the Commander Coastal Command responsible for ensuring India's coastal security against seaborne terror attacks. He was also Chairman of National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan and the Central Coordinating Authority for marine oil spill response in India.

In his former capacity as the Indian Governor to ReCAAP ISC, Mr. Natarajan has a clear understanding of the functioning of ReCAAP ISC and the significant role it plays in combating Piracy and Armed Robbery in the Asian region. Under his guidance, the instrumental coordination with stakeholders from port authorities and state marine police, resulted in the apprehension of perpetrators engaged in petty thefts in port limits.

Mr. Natarajan is a strong advocate of consensus building in the decision-making process. He is of the view that ReCAAP ISC while focusing on its core competency areas may also continue analysing emerging maritime challenges which have a bearing on its functional areas so as to remain ready and relevant to tackle the future challenges.

Rear Admiral Matthew W. Sibley
Deputy Commander, Pacific Area
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Matthew Sibley assumed the duties of Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area in June 2022. He is responsible for all Coast Guard missions from the Rocky Mountains west to the waters off the eastern coast of Africa.

Rear Admiral Sibley previously served as Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District from June 2020 to June 2022. As District Commander, he was responsible for directing Coast Guard operations throughout Oceania, including Hawai'i, Guam, the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and activities in Singapore and Japan.

Prior to District Fourteen, Rear Admiral Sibley served as the Assistant Commandant for Capability, and was responsible for identifying and providing capabilities, competencies, and capacity along with developing standards for the staffing, training, equipping, sustaining, maintaining, and employing Coast Guard forces to meet mission requirements.

Rear Admiral Sibley is designated a Permanent Cutterman with nearly ten years of service afloat, including command tours of USCGC FORWARD, USCGC POINT THATCHER, and USCGC POINT MONROE.

Rear Admiral Sibley is a native of West Islip, NY and a 1989 graduate from the United States Coast Guard Academy, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. In 2001, he was awarded a Master of Public Administration degree by George Mason University.

Rear Admiral Sibley's personal awards include three Legions of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, four Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Commandant's Letter of Commendation.



Ms. Jane Chan

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Ms. Jane Chan is a Research Fellow and Coordinator of the Maritime Security Programme at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) in Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. Her main research interests include maritime security issues in Southeast Asia, law and order at sea, regional maritime cooperation and confidence-building measures, and regional boundary delimitation and territorial disputes. She is an affiliated faculty at the Singapore Arm Forces (SAF)-NTU Academy (SNA) and a Non-resident Visiting Fellow at the Sea Power Centre –Australia (SPC-A). Her recent publication includes Vijay Sakhuja and Jane Chan (eds.), *China's Maritime Silk Road and Asia*, (VIJ Books India Pvt Ltd, 2016), Geoffrey Till and Jane Chan (eds.), *'Naval Development in Southeast Asia'* (Routledge, 2014), and was co-editors of RSIS Policy Papers *Good Order at Sea in Southeast Asia – Policy Recommendations* (2009) and *ASEAN and the Indian Ocean* (2011). She is a regular commentator on maritime security issues and has presented at various international conferences and seminars.