

CASO Panel

“Strategic Perspectives of China, North Korea and India towards Russia- Ukraine Conflict.”

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Senior Leader’s Opening Remarks

Good afternoon, and thanks for attending the first Cultural and Area Studies panel of the academic year.

For those unaware, the Cultural and Area Studies Office, known as CASO, works with multiple partner organizations to identify important topics in support of U.S. national security and the National Defense Strategy objectives across the spectrum of conflict.

These discussions broaden our understanding of diverse and complex social and geo-political current events affecting the world.

My challenge to those in attendance today is to use this venue to expand your intellectual boundaries, create dialogue, and dive a little deeper into the specific topics of each panel.

As part of the 2022 National Defense Strategy, the People’s Republic of China (PRC) represents our most consequential strategic competitor and the pacing challenge for the Department, whereas Russia poses acute threats.

However, the on-going Russo-Ukrainian conflict threatens and alters the current geopolitical situation across Europe and into INDOPACOM for the United States and many other nations.

More recently, in June of this year, Secretary of Defense Austin reaffirmed the United States' position to stand by its allies, including Taiwan, in response to the Shangri-La Dialogue, Asia's premier security gathering.

Today's topic is **“Strategic Perspectives of China, North Korea and India towards Russia- Ukraine Conflict.”**

As you listen to today's guest speakers, I'd ask you to reflect on the following questions ...

- 1) What are the potential threats from China, Russia, and North Korea to our or our allies' national security?
- 2) How should we build our strategic relationships with our partners, as well as potential partners-major regional players such as India, Indonesia, and others in the Indo-Pacific?

The answer to these questions won't be finalized here in this room today. Please spend some time to reflect on these topics and if you find today's discussion thought-provoking then I encourage you to research and submit your recommendations through one of our professional publications.

Thanks, again, for your interest and attendance today.

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