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11 April 2016

**“Daesh-isation” of Southeast Asia’s  
Jihadists**

*By Jasminder Singh and Muhammad Haziq  
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**Synopsis**

Militant Muslim groups in Southeast Asia have adopted the ideology of ISIL/ Daesh in preparing for a jihadi war in Southern Philippines and Eastern Indonesia. They have internationalised their operations across boundaries, rejecting existing state identities and allegiances and duplicating ISIL’s persecution of out-groups like the Shias.

*See more:* <https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/icpytr/co16080-daesh-isation-of-southeast-asias-jihadists/#.Vw584ayzDco>

12 April 2016

**Nuclear Terrorism: Public Education as  
Effective Counter**

*By Alvin Chew*

**Synopsis**

The recent Nuclear Security Summit 2016 in Washington DC highlighted the pervasive threat of nuclear terrorism, for which governments see the need to commit more resources and prioritise the issue as a primary national security agenda.

*See more:* <https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/co16081-nuclear-terrorism-public-education-as-effective-counter/#.Vw59mqyzDco>

12 April 2016

**Science Diplomacy: New Global Challenges,  
New Trend**

*By Luk van Langenhove*

**Synopsis**

As new challenges such as the critical need for a universal sustainable development agenda confront mankind, science and diplomacy are converging as common tools for trouble-shooting. A new phenomenon is Science Diplomacy involving the role of science in diplomacy.

*See more:* <https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/co16082-science-diplomacy-new-global-challenges-new-trend/#.Vw59wayzDco>

6 April 2016

**The Curious Case of Wang Yuandongyi:  
Why Do Some Want to Fight With Anti-ISIS  
Groups?**

*By Shashi Jayakumar*

**Synopsis**

The arrest in March 2016 of a Singapore citizen, Wang Yuandongyi, for attempting to travel to Syria to fight with a Kurdish militia against ISIS raises questions about the psychological processes of individuals attempting to join anti-ISIS groups. Should these individuals be treated in the same manner as those attempting to fight for ISIS?

*See more:* <http://www.rsis.edu.sg/media-highlight/cens/the-curious-case-of-wang-yuandongyi/#.Vw5-BayzDco>

7 April 2016

## WTO Post-Nairobi: After Success Come Questions and Possibilities

By Evan Rogerson

### Synopsis

The WTO's ministerial talks in Nairobi recently was a success in terms of moving global trade negotiations forward. How to act on this momentum is the core issue in the current "period of reflection".

See more: <https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/co16076-wto-post-nairobi-after-success-come-questions-and-possibilities/#.Vw5-MKyzDco>

7 April 2016

## Singapore's Approach to Africa: Promising, But More to Do

By Robert MacPherson

### Synopsis

Africa is one of the few regions globally presenting high double digit growth possibilities. Singapore is testing the waters as Africa embarks on a decisive transformational journey towards prosperity.

See more: <https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/co16077-singapores-approach-to-africa-promising-but-more-to-do/#.Vw5-UayzDco>

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "THE EU AND CHINA: CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY SECURITY



Brussels, 2 May 2016

*European Economic and Social Committee,*  
8.30–17.30

**Location:** JDE 62 & Atrium 6, European  
Economic and Social Committee, Rue  
Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

**On 2 May 2016, the EU-China Research Centre and the Baillet Latour Chair of European Union-China Relations** at the College of Europe in Bruges invite scholars and experts to join the international conference "The EU and China: Climate Change and Energy Security". The conference will be held in the European Economic and Social Committee in Brussels. It is the objective of this one-day conference to bring together European and Chi-

nese researchers and policymakers to explore the topic of climate change and energy security in the context of EU-China relations. It will do so by focusing on both the EU and China's approaches to fight climate change, opportunities for cooperation as well as the issue of energy security in the EU and China within a wider geopolitical context.

Four panels will be organized, focusing on the following topics:

- **PANEL 1:** COP21 – Assessment of the outcome and the way forward: what role(s) for China and the EU?
- **PANEL 2:** The low-carbon society: aims and visions in China and the EU
- **PANEL 3:** Cooperation on energy technologies: partnership or competition?
- **PANEL 4:** The geopolitics of energy security: what is at stake for the EU and China?

### Registration

This conference is open to the public, but registration is required. The online registration form is available on the following website: <https://www.coleurope.eu/events/eu-and-china-climate-change-and-energy-security>. For questions about the conference, please do not hesitate to contact us via the e-mail address [EU-China-Conferences@coleurope.eu](mailto:EU-China-Conferences@coleurope.eu)