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The **East-West Center in Washington** provides US and regional government stakeholders and program partners with innovative training, analytical and dialogue exchange, and public diplomacy products to meet US policy priorities and expressed needs in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Asia Matters for America Initiative



India Matters for America/ America Matters for India

India Matters for America/America Matters for India covers US relations with India in areas such as trade and investment, security, travel and tourism, education exchanges, and sister partnerships.

This publication is a collaboration between the East-West Center and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce (FICCI).



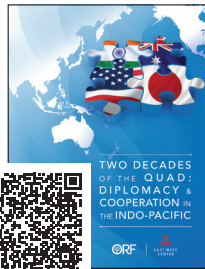
Ridhika Batra, Dr. Satu Limaye, Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA), Rep. Ted Yoho (R-FL), Sangita Reddy, and Adrian Mutton at the India Matters for America Launch on Capitol Hill.

EWCW Publications

Two Decades of the Quad: Diplomacy & Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

The East-West Center proudly organized this project in partnership with the Observer Research Foundation (ORF). The report was launched at the ORF Headquarters in Delhi, India on June 14th, 2024.

As the Quad marks its 20th anniversary, this report reflects on its journey, assesses its accomplishments, and contemplates its future trajectory amidst the dynamic geopolitical challenges facing the region. This report aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the Quad's evolution, exploring its diplomatic endeavors, collaborative efforts, and the implications of its strategic engagements on regional stability and global order.



US Indo-Pacific Strategy after One Year: Perspectives from Allies, Partners, and across the Indo-Pacific



The East-West Center, with support from the U.S. Department of State, held a series of three closed-door conferences in Washington, DC; Honolulu; and Jakarta, at which US allies, partners, friends, and American experts and government officials provided their perspectives on US policy and implementation with respect to US Indo-Pacific Strategy. This report is based on insights shared at all three conferences and presents supplementary materials that provide further insights into how stakeholders perceive and assess Indo-Pacific Strategy.

Occasional Papers

Addressing Maritime Security in Smaller South Asian States: Opportunities for US, Indian, and International Partnerships

This is a special series of East-West Center Occasional Papers on the Maritime Security Challenges of Smaller South Asian States. Coordinated and edited by Frank O'Donnell, East-West Center in Washington Adjunct Fellow, these papers on Bangladesh, Maldives, and Sri Lanka assess the challenges and opportunities these countries face in continuing to pursue economic growth while addressing multidimensional security concerns.



Asia Pacific Bulletin

Connecting West and East: Indian Ocean Security and the US Indo-Pacific Strategy

This special Asia Pacific Bulletin series provides a platform for scholars from across the Indian Ocean—western (Madagascar and Seychelles), central (Maldives, India, and Sri Lanka), and eastern (Indonesia and Thailand)—to directly convey their perspectives to US policymakers. Many thanks to Nilanthi Samaranayake, East-West Center Adjunct Fellow, for serving as the Guest Editor for this special series.





Seminars and Educational Exchange



Dr. Satu Limaye, Ambassador Farooq Sobhan, Nilanthi Samaranayake, and Aparna Pande at the East-West Center in Washington, DC.

Bangladesh's Foreign Policy and US, China and India in a Fluid Indo-Pacific

Seminar exploring the evolving geopolitical landscape of Bangladesh, shaped by the competing interests of India, China, and the United States. This discussion delved into economic, political, and security dynamics, assessing how these three major powers influence regional stability, trade, diplomacy, and strategic partnerships.



India Taiwan Journalists Dialogue

The East-West Center, with the support of U.S. Embassy Delhi, hosted an India Taiwan journalists dialogue in Washington, DC from March 28-30, 2023. The exchange brought together three Taiwanese and three Indian journalists for three days of briefings, interviews, and discussions with experts on India, Taiwan, and broader Indo-Pacific affairs. They also had meetings with the U.S. Department of State and the Senate foreign Relations Committee. The goals of the program were to increase media focus on Indo-Pacific Region-wide developments; increase a more nuanced coverage of Taiwan issues as they apply to India, including possible cross-border cooperation on reporting projects of mutual concern to Indian and Taiwan audiences.

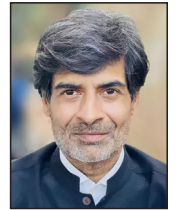


Lower Mekong Study Tour

In January 2023, the East-West Center, in partnership with the U.S. Consulate in Chennai, took seven Indian journalists on a study tour in Cambodia to increase knowledge and information in India on the Lower Mekong Region. The journalists learned about river conservation, economic development, and US foreign policy in the region.

Dr. Samir Saran Joins EWC Board of Governors

The East-West Center's Board of Governors elected Dr. Samir Saran, the head of India's leading think tank, as one of the board's five international members. Dr. Saran began his term at the board's semiannual meeting in October, 2023.



Dr. Samir Saran is President of the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), India's premier think tank, headquartered in New Delhi. His research focuses on issues of global governance, climate change and energy policy, technology and media, and India's foreign policy. In addition, he spearheads the ORF's efforts to foster new international partnerships and incubate young leaders' networks and youth-led conversations globally.

Young Professionals Program

The Young Professionals Program (YPP) is a leadership development experience for emerging leaders in US-Indo-Pacific affairs, held at the East-West Center in Washington's DC office. Young Professionals have opportunities to write articles for the Asia Matters for America website, conduct research, and take part in unique professional development training. Participants join a unique and diverse network of alumni, with an interest in US-Indo-Pacific relations.



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India



Riaz Khokhar
Pakistan

Research Innovation & Collaboration Exchange



RICE Recipient

Elizabeth Wishnick

Senior Research Scientist, CNA
Awarded \$24,000 to study Indo-Pacific countries' efforts and attention to Arctic issues. This includes India's interests in geopolitics in the Arctic region, and how changing partnership, impacts India.

The East-West Center (EWC) welcomes scholars, policy experts, non-government organization / civil society organization (NGO/CSO) members, researchers, or journalists from the Indo-Pacific region, including the United States, to undertake research or other projects on topics related to the domestic/international governance, environmental issues, political economy issues around trade, technology and integration, and geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific.

The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study research and dialogue. Established by the US Congress in 1960, the Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange

views, build expertise, and develop policy options. The East-West Center in Washington, a program of the East-West Center, advances US-Indo-Pacific relations by creating innovative content, publications, exchanges, and outreach activities.