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Research Background

- Analytical support provided to OPNAV in the that addresses maritime strategy in the Indo-Pacific region..
- Workshop convened in May 2019 in partnership with King's College to present findings of interdisciplinary team.
- Team's findings provide basis for Navy to develop strategy, plans, and policies to build force for Indo-Pacific over the rest of the century.

*Strategy in the Indo-Pacific:
Diplomacy, Coercion, and Escalation in the Age of Competition*

Dates: London, 28-29 May 2019
Venue 28 May: (S12.02, Bush House (South), KCL
Venue 29 May: (SE) 2.10, Bush House (Southeast), KCL

Day 1: 28 May 2019
12.30-12.45 Registration
12.45-14.00 Introducing the Concept/Background
James Russell, NPS, Alessio Patalano, KCL

14.00-16.00 The Indo-Pacific as a History of Strategy

- Early Imperial Competition: Empires in the Indian Ocean (Ryan Gingeras, NPS)
- Imperial Competition: From Pax Britannica to WWI (Richard Dunley, UNSW)
- Major Power Competition, The Interwar Period (Dan Moran, NPS)
- Superpower Competition, The Cold War (Kevin Rowlands, RN)
- Major Power Competition Mk2, The Sino-US Competition (Chris Twomey, NPS)

16.00-16.30 Tea Break

16.30-18.00 Drivers or Enablers? – Part I

- Law, Order, and Maritime Stability (Peter Dutton, NWC)
- Resources Exploitation and Regional Competition (Clive Schofield, WMO)

18.00 Informal Welcome Dinner

Day 2: 29 May 2019
9.00-10.00: Drivers or Enablers – Part II

- Nuclear Order and Deterrence (Nicola Leveringhaus, KCL)
- Technology and the Practice of Maritime Strategy (James Russell, NPS)

10.00-10.30: Coffee Break

10.30-12.30: Theatres of Competition or War?

- Northeast Asia (Ian Bowers, IDS)
- East and South China Seas (Patalano, KCL, Tomohisa Takei, NWC - TBC)
- South Pacific - (James Goldrick)
- Indian Ocean (Jim Wirtz, NPS, Abhijit Singh, ORF)

12.30-13.30: Lunch Break

13.30-15.00: Roundtable Discussion

15.00-15.45: Planning Next Steps

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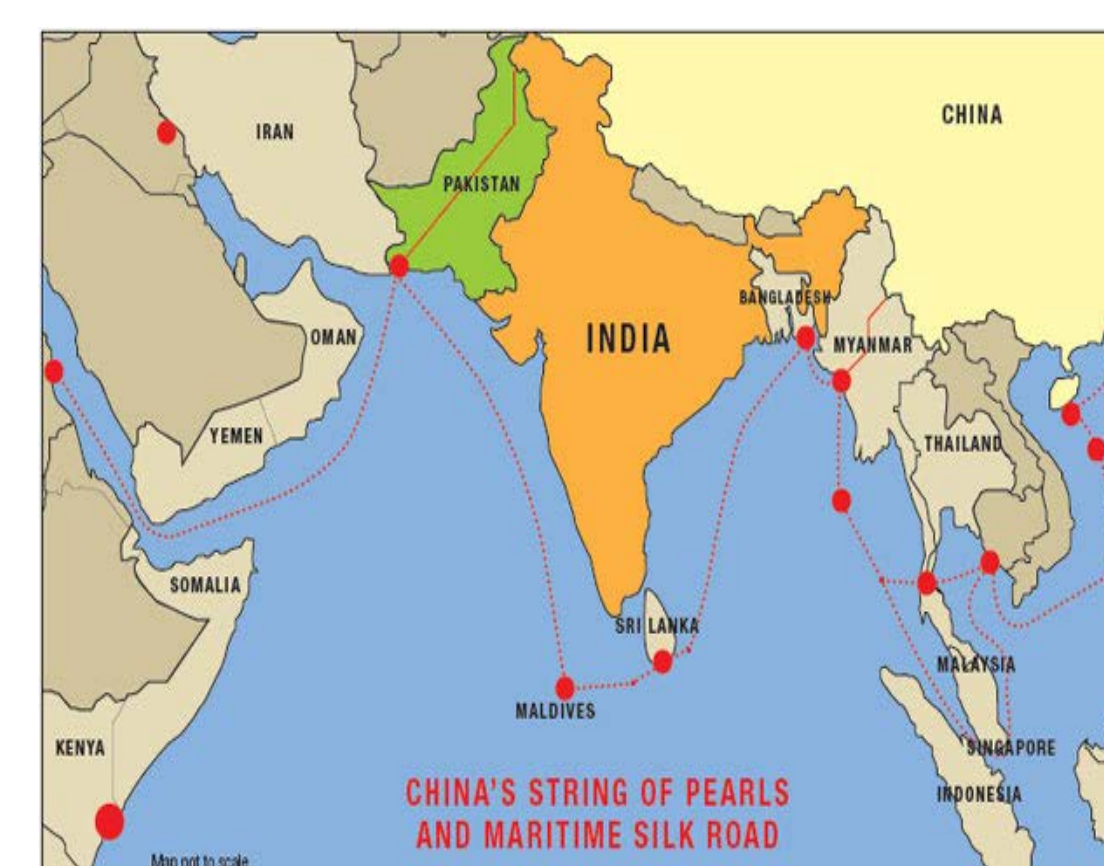
Maritime challenges in Indo-Pacific will be a focus over the rest of the century

Findings

- Naval buildup underway in Indo-Pacific in response to China's maritime posture – mix of blue water and coastal defense priorities.
- Buildup occurs as new technologies are changing nature and character of potential war at sea: more accurate, longer range weapons and more capable sensor suites.
- Political decision-making affected by technologies that push adversaries to strike first, with consequences for escalation and crisis management.

Areas for Further Work – Strategy Development

- Matching ends, ways, and means in Indo-Pacific presents USN with myriad political and military challenges. Must be fleshed out and understood to develop strategy.
- Institution-wide effort must be mounted to fuse politics, geography, technology into a coherent set of assumptions to guide way forward.
- Maritime battlefield is changing dramatically as China asserts a dominant political matched by an aggressive maritime posture.



What kind of Navy do you need?



Unmanned systems represent the wave of the future yet face institutional resistance – just as the USN also resists the idea of building larger numbers of small aircraft carriers (on right) like the escort carriers of World War II.



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