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# Migration, Integrated Land and Maritime Border Management and Security Sector Governance

***Public Webinar: Migration and Enhancing Security Sector Governance Across  
Land and Maritime Borders in South Asia***

## Speakers



**Dr Pushpita Das,  
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Dr. Pushpita Das is Research Fellow and Coordinator of the Internal Security Centre at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) in New Delhi. Her research areas include border security and management, coastal security, drug trafficking, migration, and India's Northeast. At IDSA she has been studying India's approach towards the management of its international borders. She has been co-opted as an expert by the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) as well as the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on projects on Coastal Security. Dr. Das has written extensively on her areas of research and has published two edited books: *India's Border management: selected documents* (2010), and *Northeast India: New Vistas for Peace* (2008). Dr. Pushpita Das holds a Doctorate from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.



**Angela Mackay,  
Independent Consultant**

Angela is an independent consultant, who began her career in the NGO sector and then as Director of Programmes, for the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Canada. She has served at the OSCE mission in Kosovo as Chief of Training, with UN DPKO and as Chief/Office of Gender Affairs at the UN Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). Angela has developed and delivered training for a number of organizations, including IOM, UN agencies and the OSCE, primarily on the topics of gender equality, human trafficking, border management and training of trainers. She is a contributing lecturer at the OSCE's Border Management Staff College in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. She specializes in topics related to gender equality and border management and is the author of "Gender and Border Management" in DCAF's Gender and SSR Toolkit, and the OSCE booklet "Gender Made Easy."



**Captain Sarabjeet S Parmar, Executive Director, National Maritime Foundation, India**

Captain Sarabjeet S Parmar is a serving Indian Naval Officer who has written and spoken extensively on maritime security and strategy issues at various national and international conferences. He was member of the XI Indian Antarctic Summer Expedition in 1991. He has been a Research Fellow at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses and also worked in the Indian Navy's strategic apex level offices where, as part of the core team published the Indian Navy's unclassified maritime security strategy document titled Ensuring Secure Seas in 2015, carried out regional maritime assessments and completed the doctrine development plan. He is presently the Executive Director of the National Maritime Foundation and looks at maritime strategy and security related aspects in the Indo-Pacific, piracy, and international maritime law with a focus on lawfare.



**Jagath Priyashantha Premaratne, Former Rear Admiral, RSP, Sri Lanka**

Rear Admiral (Rtd) Jagath Priyashantha Premaratne served for over 33 years with the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) before he retired as in mid-September 2021. Rear Admiral (Rtd) Jagath Priyashantha Premaratne is a specialist Navigator graduated from Navigation and Direction school, INS Venduruthy in Kochi, India. During his naval career, he held number of key appointments at Sri Lanka Naval Headquarters in the capacity of Director Naval Intelligence, Deputy Director Naval Intelligence, and Staff Officer Naval Intelligence. He also served as Staff Officer Personnel and Senior Staff Officer Recruitment at Directorate of Personnel. In addition, he has held several responsible appointments at Northern and Southern Naval Commands of

SLN as well as at sea and he spent nearly half of his career at sea.



**Rabi Raj Thapa, Former Additional Inspector General of Armed Police Force, Nepal**

Rabi Raj Thapa has served among others as is a Security Advisor to the Ministry of Home affairs, Government of Nepal; Director of the Drug Advisory Program (DAP) of the Colombo Plan Secretariat, a leading program on the drug abuse prevention and control program covering 24 member countries of Asia and the Pacific Region; and as a resource person on various areas like Organized Crime, Money Laundering, Narcotic Drug Prevention and Control, and Police Administration. He established the Narcotic Drugs Control Law Enforcement Unit (NDCLEU), a special task force on supply reduction and control, under the mandate and with the assistance of UNDCP. His main areas of expertise are police administration and law enforcement, and narcotic drugs prevention and control and he has published a number of papers and made presentation at national and international conferences and workshops.



**Abu Salah Md. Yousuf, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS)**

Abu Salah Md. Yousuf holds a BSS (Hons.) and MSS in Political Science from the University of Dhaka. His areas of specialisations are security and securitization; terrorism; non-state actors; regionalism; Bangladesh; Myanmar; China; and India. He has published a wide range of journal articles and a number of book chapters, including for instance on the political situation of Myanmar; the Rohingya in the context of securitization and ethnic violence; regional cooperation; terrorism; migration and India's neighbourhood policy.