



The Asia Programme at Chatham House undertakes original research, in partnership with institutions and specialists in the region, on the key political, economic and security issues affecting Asia. The work is interdisciplinary, has a strong policy focus and aims to stimulate understanding of the issues raised by the rise of Asia. Through its convening power and range of prestigious speakers, the programme addresses some of the most fundamental questions facing Asia and the world today.



# About the Asia Programme

## Current research and analysis

### Global India

Through its growing influence on regional and global affairs, India has the potential to make a huge impact on development outcomes beyond its borders. Our research focuses on how the West could work more effectively with India on a range of developmental and political issues.

### China's Engagement with the World

Our detailed research on China explores domestic political and economic developments including the expansion of the non-state sector, one of the main sources of growth in the Chinese economy. It also analyses how the Chinese government and people view the West, in particular Europe.

### Security in Afghanistan and Pakistan

Our work on Afghanistan and Pakistan examines the current conflict and the issue of radicalization in both countries. Political instability in Pakistan, and the policies of the West towards that country, remains one of our key research interests.

### Power shifts – within Asia and beyond

The programme explores how the resurgence of China and India will affect intra-Asian dynamics. What impact will this have both globally and in their neighbourhood, in particular on Burma and Nepal? Our work has also focussed on border and boundary disputes in Asia. The map overleaf reflects current borders as they stand.

We hold regular meetings assessing developments on the Korean peninsula, as well as in Indonesia and Japan. In addition to meetings and research, programme staff frequently hold direct discussions with Western and regional policy-makers on how the West can engage more effectively with the countries of Asia.

Chatham House has been the home of the Royal Institute of International Affairs for ninety years. Our mission is to be a world-leading source of independent analysis, informed debate and influential ideas on how to build a prosperous and secure world for all.



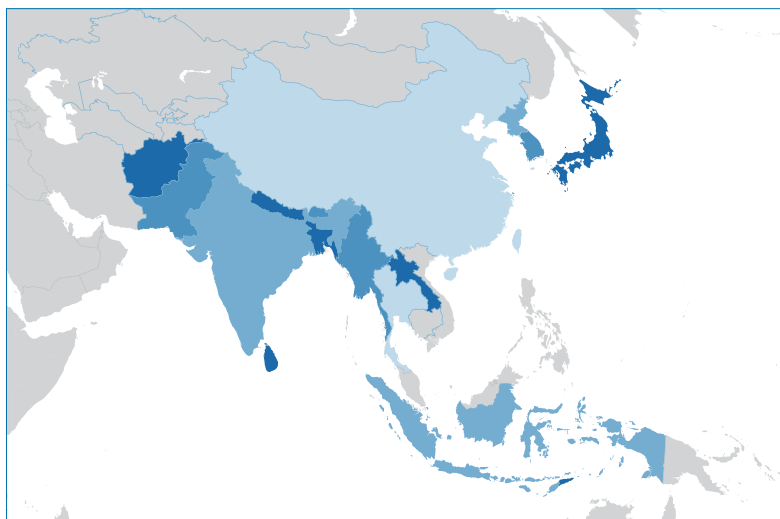
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## Regional coverage

Our current research focus is on:

Afghanistan	Japan
Bangladesh	Laos
Bhutan	Nepal
Burma	Pakistan
China	Sri Lanka
India	Thailand
Indonesia	Timor Leste
Korean Peninsula	



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## Events

To complement our research, the Asia Programme runs a range of discussion groups. These comprise members of government, business, academia and the media who meet regularly to explore contemporary issues in their respective regions.

Chatham House's convening power allows the Asia Programme to attract both the most influential figures from the region and the best analysts on the region. Approximately 70 expert roundtables, seminars and larger meetings are held each year, with speakers ranging from heads of state, foreign ministers and opposition figures to political scientists, economists and journalists.

## Publications

We produce a range of reports and papers which are widely read within the UK, Asia and globally. We also regularly make informed contributions to national and international media coverage, helping to improve the quality of information disseminated about the region.

## Support

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- Korea Foundation
- Taipei Representative Office in the UK

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