

The Center for Asia Pacific Strategy (CAPS) is very pleased to announce the establishment of a Memoranda of Understanding with King’s College London. As a “practitioner” driven Think Tank, CAPS is honored to have the opportunity to marry itself with a world class academic institution. The King’s College London conducts education and research in order make the world a better place, CAPS can lend an important perspective gained through practical experience making and executing security policy in the most volatile regions of the world.

We believe the Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies focus will generate a strong synergy as the Center for Asia Pacific Strategy shares common goals and methods, particularly in the realm of leveraging practitioners in the formulation of policy analysis and proposals. CAPS is well positioned to bring maritime experts from each of the stakeholder nations who have practical maritime experience in the region.

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Professor Greg Kennedy, Director of the Corbett Centre said:



It gives me great pleasure to announce the signing of this MOU between King's College London and the Centre for Asia Pacific Strategy (CAPS). The agreement will bring a number of benefits to KCL. For the Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies (CC) the agreement will bring a valued and informed commentator on contemporary Asia Pacific strategic topics that is outside the normal or known institutions which are usually referred to

for expertise and insight. As such, and with a particular focus on the South Korean area, the relationship with CAPS will bring a different perspective to the policy formulation work the CC does with the MoD, FCOD and the intelligence and national security communities. This is especially important as well for the networks and linkages to South Korea that Corbett Centre members can bring to their teaching at the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom. As well, the opportunity for members of the wider DSD faculty to link up with a greater network of academics focused on the Asia Pacific region will be enhanced through this relationship with CAPS and their network. The Corbett Centre in tandem with CAPS will bring together two vast networks focused on strategy and policy making that is concerned primarily with the study of the maritime domain and the Asia Pacific region. Those networks will also, however, allow the importance of that region to be brought to bear on questions such as BREXIT, the EU, NATO, Russia, the Middle East and American foreign and strategic policies from an Asia Pacific perspective, bringing greater diversity and independence of thought to many of these issues. Through the use of webinars and remote conferencing mechanisms, the CC/CAPS arrangement will allow a cost effective and regular series of events and activities to take place that will act as a network enhancing and knowledge sharing mechanism for both centres, as well as a platform for the demonstration of the type of world beating scholarship and academic thinking on strategy and policy making that KCL leads in.