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S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies ranked 3rd among top Asian think tanks

2009 Global Go-To Think Tank Rankings (Think Tank Index)


Top 40 Think Tanks in Asia (Table #12)
1. Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) – Japan
2. Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) – China
3. S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) – Singapore
4. Center for Strategic and International Studies – Indonesia
5. China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) – China
6. Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research (HKCER) – Hong Kong
7. Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy – Singapore
8. Shanghai Institute for International Studies – China
9. Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses – India
10. Lowy Institute for International Policy – Australia
11. Centre for Policy Research – India
12. Korea Development Institute – South Korea
13. Center for Civil Society – India
14. China Institute for International Studies (CIIS) – China
15. Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) – Singapore
16. Liberty Institute – India
17. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Beijing) – China
18. Asian Forum Japan (AFJ) – Japan
19. Institute for International Policy Studies – Japan
20. Institute of Energy Economics Japan (IEEJ) – Japan
22. Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) – Malaysia
23. Taiwan Foundation for Democracy – Taiwan
24. Cathay Institute for Public Affairs – China
25. Centre for Development Studies – India
27. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) – India
28. Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) – Japan
29. Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) – Singapore
30. Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies – Bangladesh
31. Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies – India
32. Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIMER) – Malaysia
33. Central Institute for Economic Management – Vietnam
34. National Institute for Defense Studies – Japan
35. Philippine Institute for Development Studies – The Philippines
36. Energy and Resources Institute – India
37. Third World Network – Malaysia
38. Institute of Economic Growth – India
39. Institute for Integrated Development Studies – Nepal
40. Institute of Policy Studies – Sri Lanka

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About Nanyang Technological University

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a research-intensive university ranked among the world’s top 100 universities. The Yunnan Garden campus, NTU’s main campus, is located in the south-western part of Singapore and will be the Youth Olympic Village of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010. The NTU@one-north campus, home to educational and alumni clubhouse facilities, is located near Singapore’s biomedical research hub Biopolis and the new engineering and physical sciences hub Fusionopolis.

NTU has four colleges, namely:
• The Nanyang Business School (the College of Business), the first and only Singapore business school to be ranked in the top 27 of the Financial Times Global MBA rankings in 2010,
• The College of Engineering, with six schools focused on technology and innovation and a research output among the top four in the world,
• The College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, home to Singapore’s first professional art school offering degree courses in art, design and interactive digital media; the Humanities and Social Science School; and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information, a top journalism and media school in Asia,
• The College of Science is home to award-winning faculty, world-class laboratories, and Olympiad medal winners.
The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, one of three autonomous institutes of NTU, is a world authority on strategic studies and security research. NTU is also home to the internationally acclaimed National Institute of Education, Singapore’s only teacher-training institute. The Earth Observatory of Singapore, established in 2009 with $150 million in state funding, is dedicated to hazards-related earth science.

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**About the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU**

The S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) was officially inaugurated on 1 January 2007. Before that, it was known as the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), which was established 10 years earlier, on 30 July 1996. Like its predecessor, RSIS was established as an autonomous entity within Nanyang Technological University (NTU).

The School exists to develop a community of scholars and policy analysts at the forefront of Asia-Pacific security studies and international affairs. Its three core functions are research, graduate teaching and networking activities in the Asia-Pacific region. It produces cutting-edge security related research in Asia-Pacific Security, Conflict and Non-Traditional Security, International Political Economy, and Country and Area Studies.

The School’s activities are aimed at assisting policymakers to develop comprehensive approaches to strategic thinking on issues related to security and stability in the Asia-Pacific and their implications for Singapore.

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