

NATIONAL ASIA RESEARCH PROGRAM



In the decades ahead the United States' greatest overseas interests, both opportunities and challenges, will be in Asia. Indeed, with the continued rise of China, Russia's growing assertiveness and strategic relationship with China, the ongoing threat from North Korea, and major geopolitical changes taking place in Southeast Asia and around the Indian Ocean, the United States must be prepared to navigate complex security dynamics in the region. Consequently, the United States requires the highest quality information and analysis on Indo-Pacific affairs, and for this purpose, needs to build stronger bridges between academe and the policy community.

To achieve this, the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) and the Institute for National Security Studies at National Defense University (NDU) organize the National Asia Research Program (NARP), a major nationwide research and conference program designed to reinvigorate and advance the policy-relevant study of contemporary Asia.

KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS



NARP FELLOWS

20 NARP Fellows are selected in a competitive, nationwide process, to conduct policy-relevant research on national security issues.

TRAINING

The NARP Fellows receive training to develop skills necessary to conduct policy-relevant research and deliver their research to the policy community, including honing skills in briefing, memorandum writing, and media engagement.

ASIA POLICY ASSEMBLY

A major two-day policy conference brings together the academic and policymaking communities and features presentations by NARP Fellows and senior Asia experts.

PUBLICATIONS

Each NARP fellow publishes research findings in peer-reviewed academic and policy journals.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Fellows are provided opportunities to engage with government policymakers and brief them on their research.