

# 2021 IPCS-Clingendael Institute partnership on Climate-Security



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IPCS is proud to announce a new partnership on climate-security with the Clingendael Institute in the Netherlands, initiated in January 2021. The Clingendael Institute is a top five-ranked international relations think-tank in Western Europe. Through the Planetary Security Initiative, it acts as a knowledge hub in the field of climate-security.

## Aim

This partnership aligns our institutional areas of expertise to:

1. Better understand the risks posed by climate change to security
2. Support security planning and policy decision-making on the impacts of climate change
3. Revisit how we conceptualise 'security'.

Our project is a research and dialogue-heavy effort to identify trends and challenges in the climate-security landscape in Southern Asia. Over the past seven months, it has brought together the expertise of regional security practitioners, diplomats, scholars, climate policy specialists, and scientists, in different formats. This is a fairly new area of research for the traditional security and foreign policy think-tank community in India, and we hope to contribute meaningful interventions through a sustained, and for now, year-long study.

## Activities



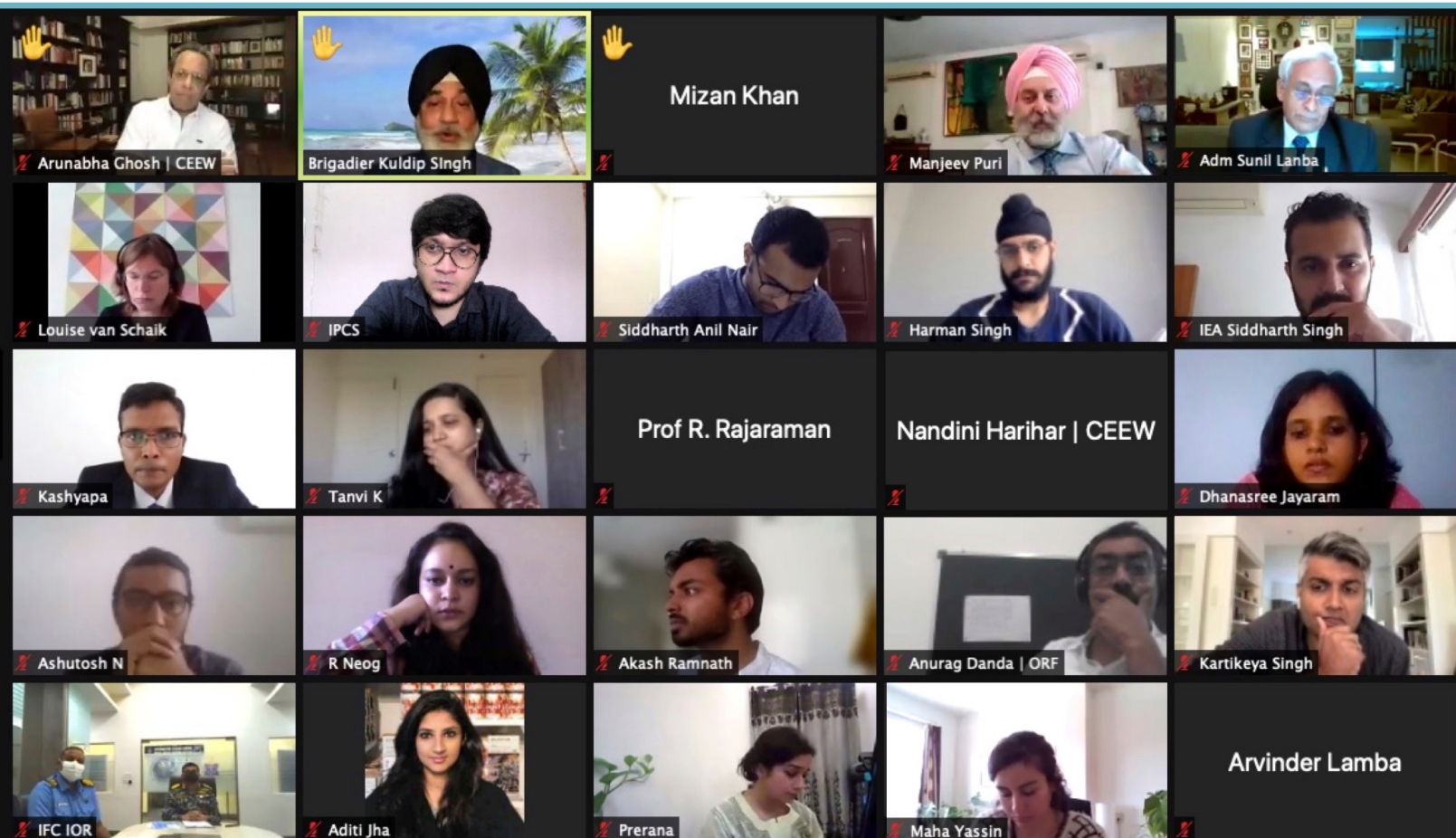
*Bi-weekly IPCS-Clingendael project meetings*

- **AUGUST:** A forthcoming research paper on security and climate risks in the Bay of Bengal. It builds on six months of research on juxtaposing regional security and conflict datasets against climate vulnerabilities.



*Finalising research parameters. Paper authors: Garima Maheshwari, Angshuman Choudhury, Siddharth Anil Nair, Ashutosh Nagda*

- **MAY:** Closed-door, by-invite-only Workshop on Climate-Security in the Bay of Bengal. The discussion centred on three questions:
  - ➔ How do different institutions and countries in the Bay of the Bengal conceptualise the relationship between climate change and security?
  - ➔ Is this a useful frame of analysis for the region?
  - ➔ Can we develop a security vocabulary that helps us better articulate these challenges?



*Workshop on Climate-Security in the Bay of Bengal, held on 28 May*

## Speakers



**Admiral (Retd) Sunil Lanba**

Chairman, National Maritime Foundation (NMF);  
Former Chief of the Naval Staff, India



**Prof Mizan R Khan**

Deputy Director, International Centre for Climate  
Change and Development (ICCCAD), Independent  
University, Bangladesh (IUB)



**Kashyapa Ukwatta**

Acting Director, Ocean Affairs, Environment  
& Climate Change Division, Foreign Ministry, Sri Lanka

## Discussants



**Amb (Retd) Manjeev Singh Puri**

Distinguished Fellow,  
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI);  
Former Indian diplomat & lead climate negotiator



**Dr Arunabha Ghosh**

Founder-CEO, Council on Energy,  
Environment and Water (CEEW), India

## Opening Remarks



**Ruhee Neog**

Director, IPCS;  
Visiting Fellow, Sandia National Labs

## Closing Remarks



**Dr Louise van Schaik**

Head of Unit, EU & Global Affairs,  
& Senior Research Fellow,  
Clingendael Institute

- **APRIL:** We spoke to Dr Dhanasree Jayaram (Assistant Professor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education) on her new book, *Climate Diplomacy & Emerging Economies*, on an episode of *Parallax*, the IPCS vodcast. It is available to view [here](#).

- **AUGUST-DECEMBER:** A newly constituted taskforce will consider the security impacts of climate change from an Indian perspective. It will identify pathways to address existing and emerging regional climate-security fault-lines.

Further activities will be incubated using these same parameters.