

**THE NEW SECURITY AGENDA &
EMERGING CONCEPTS OF REGIONAL
RESILIENCE: A DISCUSSION & RESEARCH
PROPOSAL**

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Elements in the New Security Agenda

- Old security questions re-defined
- Regional manifestations of the 'War on Terror'
- Concerns about the proliferation of WMDs
- The new US security posture
- Downgrading support for multilateral organisations
- New kinds of threats: Human security
- The economic and military rise of China
- New military technologies

APEC's Approach to Human Security Issues

- Lack of concern with some key issues and debates in the literature
- Links between human security and other elements in the new security agenda poorly articulated
- Approach to the development of human security issues to be address has been haphazard
- Need to develop a more systematic, integrated and comprehensive approach

Emerging Concepts of Resilience

- *Capabilities*: Evaluation of ability of training, equipment etc to deal with possible threat situations.
- *Resilience*: Evaluation of the ability of systems and infrastructures to detect, prevent & handle serious challenges.

Use of the Concept of Resilience in the UK

- Plans involving 17 capability workstreams
- Structural workstreams: Geographical levels (3)
- Maintenance of essential services (5)
- Assessment of types of risks (9)
- Co-ordination mechanisms

Chatham House Research Project on Resilience

- Role and limits of military force
- Role of international law
- Economically driven security challenges
- Technological aspects of security
- Gendered dimensions of security
- Security & civil society
- Media and psychological dimensions
- Human security & resilience

Chatham House Case Studies

- Tensions between military and health care approaches to disease threats
- Maintaining security can conflict with longer-term aims for political & social change
- Disasters can be seen either in narrow terms or as symptoms of wider, more fundamental failures of development
- The ‘militarisation’ of ‘securitisation of cities

Proposal for an APIAN Project on Human Security & Resilience in APEC

- More thorough review of human security concepts
- Identification of major debates and problems in current APEC usage
- Interaction between human security & other elements in the new security agenda
- Concepts of resilience & their application
- Applying measures of capability & resilience in the APEC context
- Looking at the wider issues of development failures