

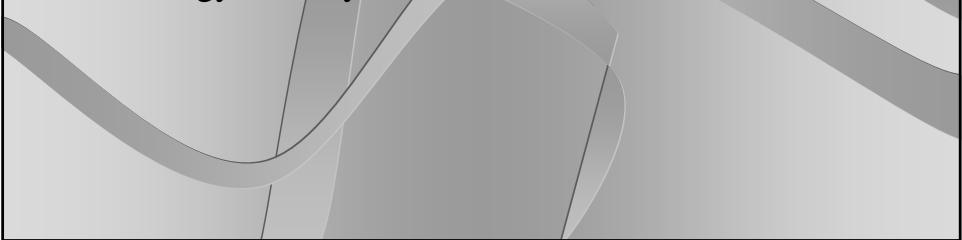


## **HOW FAR CAN THE HUMAN SECURITY AGENDA RUN?**

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## **APEC'S CURRENT AGENDA ON HUMAN SECURITY**

- Counter-terrorism and secure trade
  - Health security
  - Emergency preparedness
  - Energy security
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## APEC's Approach to Human Security Issues: Some Concerns

- 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

## Human Security Threats as Failures of Development: European Priority Areas

- Protecting people in violent conflict
- Protecting and empowering people on the move
- Protecting and empowering people in post-conflict situations
- Addressing economic insecurity

## 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