Professor Emeritus Graeme Fraser
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Acting Director

On behalf of the staff of the Centre for Defence and Security Studies and Professor Rouben Azizian, the new Director who will take up the position on 01 December 2015, I warmly welcome our stakeholders, alumni and diverse interested parties to our inaugural Newsletter.

As New Zealand’s principle centre of education for security and defence, the Centre now has an extensive portfolio of both undergraduate and graduate programmes which aim to provide students with the intellectual competence and analytical skills to engage with current and future security challenges.

We also aspire to become a recognised leader in security and defence research that establishes a reputation for excellence in generating research outcomes in the complex fields of security and defence.

E hara te pae i te tawhiti rawa ki nga mea kei te reri.
No horizon is too far for those properly prepared.

New Director for CDSS

Professor Rouben Azizian comes to CDSS after spending 13 years at the US Defense Department's Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) in Honolulu where he lectured and conducted research on the Asia-Pacific Regional Security Architecture, Diplomacy and Confidence Building, Security Sector Development, as well as US, Russian, Central Asian and Oceania security issues.

Before joining APCSS, Professor Azizian taught at the Department of Political Studies at the University of Auckland in 1994 – 2001. From 1998 – 2001 he was the President of the Auckland Branch of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs.

Prior to becoming a full-time academic he had an extensive career in the Soviet and later Russian Foreign Service, which included assignments in Nepal (1972-1978) as Attaché and Third Secretary; Sri Lanka (1980-1985) as Second and First Secretary; and New Zealand (1991-1994) as Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission.

South China Sea Tensions Lecture Series - “A Philippine Perspective”

In September the Centre for Defence and Security Studies launched its inaugural 2015 annual public lecture series on contemporary international security issues. The focus of this year’s series was the tensions in the South China Sea and on Friday 04 September the Centre for Defence and Security Studies hosted Senior Associate Justice Antonio T Carpio of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

Justice Carpio presented the Philippines perspective on the South China Sea tensions including the historical basis of the Chinese claim of sovereignty over the South China Sea, the overlapping claims with the Philippines and the arbitration case filed by the Philippines against China before an arbitral panel under UNCLOS.

The talk was accompanied by a cartographic exhibition and held at the National Library in Wellington with over 100 attendees and was organised by CDSS staff, Philippa Robertson, Mark Malan, Tim Wood and Anna Powles. The next public lecture in the series will be held on 29 October at the National Library, Wellington.

To view video of Justice Carpio’s presentation at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KdsGBeX ZuM&feature=youtu.be

Defence White Paper Symposium

The Centre for Defence and Security Studies at Massey University collaborated with the Centre for Strategic Studies at Victoria University Wellington to organise a symposium on the 2015 NZ Defence White Paper.

This event was intended to provide an inclusive opportunity for robust public examination of the future capability and investment in the defence force in the light of changes in the strategic global/regional environments out to 2040.

Professor Emeritus Graeme Fraser from CDSS opened the symposium which comprised of three panels addressing the New Zealand strategic environment, defence acquisitions and capabilities, and New Zealand's international relations. Dr Anna Powles, Dr Steven Paget, and Wing Commander (retired) Tim Wood from CDSS, Massey University chaired three panel sessions and the Q and A sessions which followed.

The New Zealand Government has announced that the 2015 Defence White Paper will be re-leased later this year to lay out the government’s view of necessary defence policy directions. The purpose of the symposium was to ask a group of analysts the questions, “what do I want from the Defence White Paper?” and ‘what do I expect from the Defence White Paper?” The answers to these questions will shape how New Zealand presents itself to the world for the next decade at least.

Over 110 people attended the symposium including those from government agencies, high commissioners and other embassy staff, concerned individuals and the media.
Launch of CDSS Strategic Plan, 2016 – 2021

The Centre for Defence and Security Studies has released its strategic plan for 2016 - 2021. The plan was launched by the Vice Chancellor, Steve Maharey and Professor Emeritus Graeme Fraser, Acting Director of CDSS.

The Centre’s vision is to be nationally and internationally recognised as a leader in defence and security research, education and scholarship.

The plan builds on the Centre’s considerable success over recent years and is ambitious and challenging, forming the basis of a five year plan and an annual plan. It sets out three core goals (aligned with Massey University’s Strategic Plan):

- **Research and Enterprise** - to become a recognised leader in defence and security research.
- **Teaching and Learning** - to ensure an exceptional and distinctive learning experience that develops intellectual independence.
- **Connections** - to strengthen and grow our connections with tangata whenua and local, national, and international partners and stakeholders creating mutual benefits.

The plan can be downloaded from our web site at [http://cdss.massey.ac.nz](http://cdss.massey.ac.nz)

Irregular Warfare Symposium

Weapons, tactical training and physical fitness are all part of the preparation to serve in war zones. Learning about other languages and cultures is also critical for modern armed forces, says a top New Zealand Defence Force officer, speaking at a symposium on Irregular Warfare recently.

The one-day event held in September was organised jointly by Massey University’s Centre for Defence and Security Studies and the New Zealand Army, and drew together academics, students and defence personnel at Linton Military Camp to hear about and discuss a range of issues relating to modern conflict.

Squadron Leader Robert Nash (pictured with his students attending the symposium), a teaching fellow from the RNZAF, based at Massey’s Centre for Defence and Security Studies, coordinates a paper on irregular warfare and, with the support of Kristy Hill from the Army’s Adaptive Warfighting Centre, organised the symposium.

Amongst the speakers was Colonel Grant Motley of the New Zealand Defence College. He told the 140-strong audience New Zealand’s Defence Force needed to “engage more, be influential in, and knowledgeable about, the ‘human’ environment”.

Colonel Motley said that the educational focus and profile of the Army needs to diversify. “Irregular warfare has and will continue to demand skills in anthropology, sociology, history, politics, media studies, journalism and psychology”. He said we need to pursue this knowledge having selected the right people and then invest in them, their future and the right programmes”.

New Zealand Internship Programme

The New Zealand Internship Programme (NZIP) has been running for two years and places research students into a variety of New Zealand security agencies to undertake a real-world research project.

The internship is available to both Centre for Defence and Security Studies (CDSS) students and other Massey University students.

This invaluable research experience provides graduate students with the applied professional development which results from working within a professional organisation.

The NZIP has a track record of providing new career pathways and a competitive edge for future employment.

Placements are available in a variety of geographic locations throughout the country.

Benefits of the Internship Programme

We see three primary benefits for our interns from the internship programme:

- The student will undertake a valuable and unique applied research project investigating a contemporary question of importance for a New Zealand security or government agency.
- The internship will provide the student with the important professional experience to develop their future employment profile.
- The internship allows the student to combine their professional development with the completion of a CDSS qualification.

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Master of International Security – Study with us

This programme is a 180 credit degree where students will learn the principles, theory and practice of international security. Students will also carry out independent research and planning in a security context. Our committed and supportive staff will encourage you to pursue your intellectual and professional interests and you will also benefit from our close relationships with partner agencies in the security sector. Requirements for enrolment include having completed an appropriate bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) and extensive professional experience in the security sector. Further information is on our web site and you are welcome to contact us for advice.

CDSS Research Profile

We have recently put together a research profile. The Centre for Defence and Security Studies has a multidisciplinary research specialisation that offers a critical analysis of the nexus of power, law, human rights, political resistance, as well as the impact of violence, securitisation and coercion on individuals, groups and nations.

CDSS Multidisciplinary Research Specialisations

New Zealand Security
Border Control - Cyber Security - Gender Equality - Defence and Security Policy - Security Sector Reform

International Security

Sector Specialisation
Crime Science – Customs – Defence - Defence and Security Technology - NGO’s – Policing

Regional Specialisation
New Zealand - Pacific Islands - Indo-Asia Pacific - South East Asia – Australia - Africa

War, Conflict and Society
Ancient and Modern History - Ethics and Human Rights - Identity Politics - Post-Conflict Recovery - Radicalism and Terrorism - Religion and Politics

Military Operations
Civil-Military Relations – Command and Leadership – Insurgency - Military Law - Special Operations - Joint Operations

Our scholarship blends academic and professional expertise thus contributing to national and international security dialogues, knowledge and understanding of key challenges facing society. Critical thinking in the area of defence and security enhances theory and practice relevant to our stakeholders; while exposure to research-led and research-informed education enhances the employability of our graduates.