

# MAPPING THE MEGA-REGION: IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE U.S.-INDIA RELATIONSHIP

## WORKSHOP ON THE INDO-PACIFIC

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### AGENDA

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| 7:30 – 8:00 AM      | Continental Breakfast  |
| 8:00 – 8:20 AM      | Welcome remarks and Introductions by Admiral Gary Roughead, US Navy (Ret), Distinguished Military Fellow, Hoover Institution   |
| 8:20 – 9:30 AM      | <p>SESSION 1</p> <p>Title: <b>A Mega-region visual – Framing the Mega-region</b></p> <p>Moderator: Admiral Gary Roughead, US Navy (Ret), Distinguished Military Fellow, Hoover Institution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compare maps of the Indo-Pacific region from the Chinese, Indian and Western perspective and map current and future geographic boundaries of the mega-region.</li></ul> |
| 9:30 – 10:45 AM     | <p>SESSION 2</p> <p>Title: <b>India as the Mega-Region's Hinge State – Looking East, West and Down the Middle</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dinsha Mistree, Research Fellow, Hoover Institution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify how India's relationships with the Middle East, Gulf Countries, East Africa, China, Iran, and Russia will evolve in the mega-region.</li></ul>                    |
| 10:45 – 11:00 AM    | Break  |
| 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | <p>SESSION 3</p> <p>Title: <b>Of Chokepoints, Strategic Corridors and Geopolitical Vulnerabilities</b></p> <p>Moderator: Admiral Nirmal Verma, Indian Navy (Ret.), Professor Distinguished International Fellow, U.S Naval War College</p>   |

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- Explore the economic and political consequences of the most important maritime chokepoints, economic corridors and sea-lanes in the mega-region.

12:15 – 1:15 PM

LUNCH

1:15 – 2:30 PM

SESSION 4

Title: **Identifying the Blue Economy's Strategic Infrastructure: Cables, Ports, Seabed Mining, Minerals and Ship Repair**

Moderator: Russell Berman, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution

- Locate critical undersea resources (energy/minerals) and infrastructure (cables, pipelines), and examine China's competitive advantage in strategic physical and digital infrastructure.

2:30 – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 - 4:00 PM

SESSION 5

Title: **Mapping the Political Architecture and Relationships of the Mega-region**

Moderator: Dr. Vivek Lall, CEO, General Atomics Global Corporation, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution

- Examine how the U.S., India and regional partners can overcome key gaps in their relationships to leverage major commercial and defense, technological and manufacturing partnerships in the mega-region.

4:00 – 4:45 PM

SESSION 6

Title: **Turning a Map into Policy: Creating a Mega-region Policy Agenda**

Moderator: Admiral Gary Roughead, US Navy (Ret), Distinguished Military Fellow, Hoover Institution

- Identify 3-4 strategic moves in the mega-region and necessary policy options and reforms the U.S. and India can pursue to see them realized.

4:45 – 5:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS



Admiral Gary Roughead, US Navy (Ret), Distinguished Military  
Fellow, Hoover Institution

5:00 – 6:15 PM

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