Geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Political Science and International Relations	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Analyze the evolving strategic competition between the United States and China.
2. Evaluate the role of middle powers like India, Japan, and Australia.
3. Assess the impact of maritime security and territorial disputes.
4. Examine the influence of multilateralism and regional institutions (e.g., ASEAN).
5. Identify and interpret key economic corridors and their geopolitical implications (e.g., Belt and Road Initiative).
6. Understand the significance of technological rivalry and supply chain resilience.
7. Deconstruct the complex security dynamics of the Taiwan Strait and the Korean Peninsula.
8. Appraise the growing importance of non-traditional security threats like climate change and pandemics.
9. Explore the historical and cultural underpinnings of regional foreign policy.
10. Analyze the role of nuclear proliferation and missile defense in regional stability.
11. Formulate well-grounded geopolitical assessments and strategic foresight.
12. Grasp the nuances of cyber warfare and its impact on regional security.
13. Anticipate future trends and their implications for global stability.

Organizational Benefits

- Equip your leadership and teams with the geopolitical acumen needed to navigate a complex, multipolar environment, minimizing risks and capitalizing on emerging opportunities.
- A deep understanding of regional flashpoints, from maritime disputes to supply chain vulnerabilities, allows for better anticipation and mitigation of political and economic risks.
- Gain a competitive edge by comprehending the political and security drivers behind economic policies, investment trends, and market access in the world's most dynamic region.
- Empower your team to engage more effectively with regional partners, policymakers, and stakeholders by understanding the cultural, historical, and strategic contexts that shape their decisions.
- Develop the strategic foresight necessary to adapt to rapid changes, ensuring your organization's long-term resilience and relevance in a shifting global order.

Target Audience

- Diplomats and Foreign Service Officers
- Defense and Security Professionals

- Business and Corporate Strategists
- International Relations Scholars
- Journalists and Political Analysts
- Government Officials
- Executives of Multinational Corporations
- Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Personnel

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Module 1: The Indo-Pacific Concept

- Defining the Indo-Pacific and its geopolitical significance.
- Exploring the region's economic gravity and demographic trends.
- Analyzing historical context from the post-WWII era to the present.
- Understanding the role of geography in shaping strategic interests.
- **Case Study**: The evolution of the "Indo-Pacific" concept in US and Japanese foreign policy.

Module 2: Great Power Competition

- The US "Rebalance" and its impact: Examining American alliances and strategic partnerships.
- The Rise of China: Analyzing its economic power, military modernization, and assertive foreign policy.
- The China-US Rivalry: Investigating the Thucydides Trap and potential conflict scenarios.
- Russia's Role: Assessing Moscow's strategic interests and influence in the region.
- **Case Study**: The **trade war** between the US and China, its origins, and global ramifications.

Module 3: Regional Actors and Alliances

- India's Strategic Autonomy: Exploring its "Act East" policy and balancing act between great powers.
- Japan and Australia: Examining their roles as key US allies and their increasing security cooperation.
- ASEAN Centrality: Evaluating the bloc's ability to maintain unity amidst great power rivalry.
- The Quad and AUKUS: Deconstructing the purpose and effectiveness of these new minilateral security groupings.
- **Case Study**: The **Quad (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue)** and its evolution from a loose dialogue to a strategic grouping.

Module 4: Maritime Security and Choke Points

- The South China Sea: Analyzing competing territorial claims and their legal and strategic implications.
- Freedom of Navigation Operations (FONOPs): Debating their purpose and effectiveness.
- Straits of Malacca, Hormuz, and Lombok: Understanding the vulnerability of global trade to maritime disputes.
- Naval Modernization: Assessing the naval arms race in the Indo-Pacific.
- **Case Study**: The **South China Sea dispute** and its impact on regional stability and international law.

Module 5: Economic and Technological Geopolitics

- The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): Evaluating its economic and strategic motives.
- Supply Chain Resilience: Analyzing efforts to "de-risk" supply chains away from China.
- Technological Rivalry: The battle for supremacy in 5G, semiconductors, and artificial intelligence.
- Critical Minerals and Rare Earths: Understanding their strategic importance for the energy transition.
- **Case Study**: The **global semiconductor shortage** and its geopolitical roots.

Module 6: Regional Flashpoints

- Taiwan Strait: Assessing the potential for conflict and its global consequences.
- The Korean Peninsula: Analyzing the nuclear threat from North Korea and its implications for the region.
- Sino-Indian Border Dispute: Examining the long-standing tensions along the Himalayan border.
- Territorial Disputes in East Asia: The Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands and Dokdo/Takeshima islands.
- **Case Study**: The 2020 **Galwan Valley clashes** between India and China, and their geopolitical fallout.

Module 7: Non-Traditional Security Threats

- Climate Change: Assessing the impact of rising sea levels and extreme weather events on island nations and coastal cities.
- Energy Security: Analyzing dependence on maritime energy shipments and the transition to renewable sources.
- Food Security: Examining the geopolitical implications of food supply chain disruptions.
- Pandemic Diplomacy: The role of health security in international relations.
- **Case Study**: The **Mekong River dam dispute** and its connection to regional water and food security.

Module 8: The Future of the Indo-Pacific

- Strategic Foresight: Using analytical frameworks to anticipate future scenarios.
- Hedging vs. Alignment: Discussing the strategic choices of regional states.
- The Role of Other Actors: Europe, the Middle East, and their growing interests in the region.
- Potential for Cooperation: Identifying areas for collaboration on global challenges.
- **Case Study**: The future of **AUKUS** and its implications for nuclear proliferation and strategic stability.

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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