Panel 3.2: Democratic Governance Challenges in Asia-Pacific

Governance in the Pacific Islands and the U.S. Pivot to Asia-Pacific

Obama Administration’s rebalance of the U.S. policy towards Asia-Pacific requires an effective regional architecture for constructive long term engagement. The need, therefore, is to systematically examine how the regional architecture, including regional governance, should adapt to the changing global and regional context. How can we better engage with our long-standing allies and partners to set a strategic course that will promote peace and security in the region? How do we develop the patterns of everyday cooperation and norms that foster enduring institutional linkages? This presentation examines the current forms and practices of regional governance and offers preliminary arguments to facilitate a rebalance that promotes peace, security and development.