

'Has the war in Ukraine changed the geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific?'

The Royal Navy Strategic Studies Centre (RNSSC) hosted its first lunchtime lecture on 24th May, in Navy Headquarters in Portsmouth. RNSSC Visiting Fellow Alessio Patalano spoke on the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on countries in the Indo-Pacific such as China, Japan and Australia.

Alessio Patalano is Professor of War and Strategy in East Asia in the Department of War Studies at King's College London. At War Studies he is part of the Centre for Grand Strategy where he leads the [King's Japan Programme](#). Originally a military historian of Japan, Prof Patalano specialises on maritime strategy and security, with a specific focus on maritime and territorial disputes in the East and South China Seas and Britain's strategy towards the Indo-Pacific.

It was an opportunity to hear about and discuss the changing nature of the Indo-Pacific and reactions to this from nations around the world. Views shared were not official and did not reflect RN policy, but rather were a chance to further develop strategic thinking within the Royal Navy.

This is the first in a series of lunchtime lectures hosted by the RNSSC. They will be monthly and open to all **MOD staff**. Email NavyStratPol-RNSSC@mod.gov.uk to be added to the invite list.

