

## **ISAS Dunearn Dialogue**

# **EU and South Asia: Renewing Relations**

*Chaired by Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Senior Research Fellow, ISAS*

### **EVENT DETAILS**

**Date**

Tuesday, 21 August 2012

**Time**

3.30pm - 5.00pm  
(Registration starts at 3.15pm)

**Venue**

Seminar Room 3-5, Level 3,  
Manasseh Meyer,  
Lee Kuan Yew School of  
Public Policy,  
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### **REGISTRATION**

All are welcome.

Please register online at:

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**Registration closes**

**20 August 2012, 6.00pm**

### **ENQUIRIES**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The European Union (EU) is often considered as an economic giant but a political dwarf. For this reason it is sometimes forgotten in the usual analysis of Great Power politics in the South Asian context. Such analysis tends to focus mainly on the United States and China. However, it would be simplistic to exclude the EU as a global actor with an international impact. The goal of this Dialogue will be to examine the kind of influence it has had on South Asian geopolitics.

This Dialogue will concentrate on two important issues. First, it will analyze the contemporary relationship between the EU and India. A scrutiny of its relationship with the most influential country in South Asia will be a way to better comprehend the collective policy of the Europeans in this part of the world.

Second, it will examine France's policy with regard to Afghanistan. Its troops have been part of the coalition fighting the Taliban since late 2001. What kind of policy is France likely to pursue after US and NATO's withdrawal from Afghanistan vis-à-vis that country?

### **SPEAKERS**

**Mr Nicolas Bizel**

Administrator, Finances and Contracts Department  
The Delegation of the European Union in Morocco

**Mr Didier Chaudet**

Research Fellow  
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