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## South Asia Crisis Simulation Exercise 2.0

Performer: Naval Postgraduate School (NPS)

Principal Investigator: Feroz Khan

Cost: \$243,598

Fiscal Year(s): 2014-2015

### Objective:

This exercise builds upon the findings of the first iteration of the event, held March 19-22, 2013, in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The project will explore the fundamentals of regional military crises and escalation thresholds, as well as the role of the international community in crisis management and prevention. Lessons learned from this event will help identify escalation ladders, bridge strategic communication gaps, and nurture areas of cooperation among the United States, India, and Pakistan.

The simulation will be set in a conjectural geopolitical scenario in the year 2020. The scenario will emphasize cross-domain crisis escalation (land, sea, and air) and examine nuclear force deployment and employment pressures. Discussions and deliberations will take place at the operational/strategic level, as opposed to the tactical level.

### Approach:

Khan will convene former military officers, civilians, and academics from India, Pakistan, and the United States in a table-top exercise. Participants will be divided into teams based on country of origin, and a Control Group (from the United States) will moderate and adjudicate the exercise. Some U.S. government officials will attend as observers. After-action briefings and a detailed report will share project findings with a broad audience.