



## LKI EVENTS AND COLLABORATIONS

- **25/05/2025:** LKI engaged with University of Ruhuna undergraduates in a discussion on Sri Lanka Foreign Policy
- **28/05/2025:** LKI hosted the Foreign Minister of Poland at a Round Table Discussion
- **03/06/2025:** LKI hosted Australia's Deputy Prime Minister Richard Marles for a 'Fireside Chat'
- **27/06/2025:** Emergency Round Table Discussion on 'Middle East Tensions and Their Potential Impact on Sri Lanka'
- **12/08/2025:** Honoring a Visionary Statesman: LKI commemorated the 20th Anniversary of Late Hon. Lakshman Kadirgamar with Alms-Giving Ceremony
- **31/06/2025:** Panel discussion - LKI brought together experts to chart the 'Future of Marine Science Research (MSR) in Sri Lanka'
- **04/09/2025 - 28/10/2025** - LKI proudly presented the Admiral's Morning Lecture Series conducted by Rear Admiral (Retd.) YN Jayarathna
- **12/11/2025:** LKI Round Table Discussion with Chinese Embassy in Colombo on 'China's 15th Five-Year Plan: New Opportunities for Shared Development'
- **02/12/2025:** LKI hosted a dialogue with a delegation from the Communist Party of China on 'Governance, Development and the 15th Five-Year Plan'
- **19/12/2025:** LKI hosted a teaching session for University of Ruhuna Undergraduates on Sri Lanka's Foreign Policy with Guest Speaker Dr. George Cooke



## RESEARCH

- **May 2025: BRI 2.0: Navigating the Strategic Shifts in the Belt and Road Initiative:** LKI Research Associate **Madhuka Rukmalgama** examines BRI 2.0 - China's strategic responses to challenges encountered by the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) partner countries over the past decade, focusing on the cases of Djibouti, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and analyzes how China has addressed evolving circumstances within each country.
- **June 2025: Beyond Compensation - The Office for Reparations and the Pursuit of Transitional Justice and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka:** Former Research Intern at LKI **Ruwindi Mallikarachchi** examines the evolution of reparations in Sri Lanka within the broader context of transitional justice. Focusing on the Office for Reparations (OR), she explores how reparative measures have shifted from basic compensation to more inclusive, victim-centred approaches.
- **June 2025: Deciphering Hedging: A Comparative Analysis of the Foreign Policy Behaviour of Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka:** Former Research Intern at LKI **Theдини Herath** examines the foreign policy behaviour of Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka through the lens of Kuik's three-feature framework of hedging: eschewing rigid alignments, pursuing contradictory measures to manage risks, and fostering inclusive diversification for fall back options.
- **June 2025: Prospects and Challenges in Promoting Innovation in Sri Lanka: The Impact of Intellectual Property Protection:** Former Research Intern at LKI **Nimuthu Nimsith** explores Sri Lanka's innovation landscape, with a focus on the role of intellectual property (IP) rights in fostering innovation. It examines the historical development of the country's IP regime and key policies like the 10-point Action Plan to assess its current position, challenges, and opportunities.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **01/10/2025:** A new Executive Director, Dr. Nishara Mendis, was appointed to LKI

## ENGAGEMENTS

- **10/09/2025:** LKI Executive Director, Amb. Ravinatha Aryasinha, delivered a guest lecture at the University of Ruhuna
- **30/05/2025 - 31/05/2025:** LKI's Madhuka Rukmalgama represented Sri Lanka at the 7th BNPTT Meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal
- **09/09/2025 - 10/09/2025:** LKI participated in the 13th CICA Think Tank Forum in Baku, Azerbaijan
- **16/09/2025:** LKI's Madhuka Rukmalgama represented Sri Lanka in a delegation visit to China
- **16/10/2025:** LKI's Sulochana Wijayasinghe participated in an ORF Panel on 'China's Response to South Asia's Political Reset'
- **24/11/2025 - 30/11/2025 :** LKI Executive Director, Dr. Nishara Mendis, represented LKI in an official visit to China
- **03/12/2025:** LKI Executive Director was invited as a Panelist for the "Reimagining South Asia: Security, Economy, Climate, Connectivity" Islamabad Conclave hosted by Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad
- **16/12/2025:** LKI Researcher Sulochana Wijayasinghe was invited as a Panelist for the "Port Led Development, Connectivity and Geo-Politics in India's neighbourhood" hosted by Indian Council of World Affairs

## VISITS

- **16/05/2025:** Representatives of the China International Communication Group visited LKI
- **27/05/2025:** EU Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives visited the LKI for a Discussion
- **26/08/2025:** Dr. Wondeuk Cho, Assistant Professor from the Korea National Diplomatic Academy, visited LKI
- **23/09/2025:** Representatives of the South Asia Sustainability & Security Research Institute visited LKI
- **17/11/2025:** U.S. Embassy Delegation visited LKI
- **17/11/2025:** Prakash Mirchandani, representative of the Australian Institute for International Affairs visited LKI
- **18/11/2025:** Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan to Sri Lanka, Ms. Zunaira Latif visited LKI
- **21/11/2025:** LKI Representatives were invited to visit the Indian High Commission for a discussion
- **16/12/2025:** Johannes Krusemark-Camin, Managing Director of the Max Planck Foundation and his team visited LKI

