



Maintaining Cold Peace Between Regional Nuclear Dyads in Light of the Third Nuclear Age: Case of South Asia

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What makes this region unique?

- ❖ Geographical Context
- ❖ Doctrinal Ambiguity
- ❖ Dyadic vs. Multi-level Deterrence

How do we define the Third Nuclear Age?

- ❖ Great Power Competition
- ❖ Emergence of New Nuclear Powers (as a continuation of the Second Nuclear Age)
- ❖ Entanglement of conventional and Nuclear Weapon Systems

Technological Advancements: India and Pakistan

Implications for India-Pakistan Nuclear Dyad: Crisis Stability

- ❖ Time
- ❖ Communication Window
- ❖ Information Flow
- ❖ Higher threshold for Risk Acceptance
- ❖ Subjectivity
- ❖ C3I systems

Maintaining Cold Peace?

- ❖ **Bilateral Measures:** Strengthening existing CBMs and making them more expansive
- ❖ Frequent use of Hotlines
- ❖ Establishment of direct communication lines between NCAs of both states
- ❖ Risk Reduction Centres
- ❖ **Global measures:** Where is the 'regional' in the 'global'?
- ❖ Consensus on regulating EDTs

Thank you