



Think Tank of the Year

Unfolding instability in Kashmir

A blind spot in regional security?

RUSI Conference 24 November 2008

09:30-10:00 Registration and Coffee

Session One: The Kashmir Dispute and South Asian regional Security

Chair: Owen Bennett-Jones, BBC Presenter

Gen (ret) Jehangir Karamat, Pakistan's former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee

John Cushnahan, Former MEP and Leader of European Parliament Delegation to Kashmir.

10:40 Discussion session

11:15 Tea and Coffee break

11:45 **Session two:** A current assessment of violence in Kashmir

Chair: **Victoria Schofield**,
writer and commentator on Kashmir

Ambassador Arif Kamal, ISSRA National Defence University, Islamabad.

Professor Kamal Mitra Chenoy, School of international studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

12:30 Discussion session

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **Session three:** Internal political dynamics in India and Pakistan

Chair: **Rahul Roy Chaudhury**,
Senior Fellow for South Asia, IISS

Senator Shafqat Mahmood, Senate of Pakistan

Professor Sumantra Bose, Professor of International and Comparative Politics, London School of Economics

14:40 Discussion session

15:15 Tea and Coffee break

16:00 **Session four:** The potential for spill-over in the 'war on terror' in Kashmir

Chair: **Alexander Neill**,
RUSI Head Asia Security Programme

Professor Richard Bonney, Chairman, Public Policy Research Institute

Professor Nazir Ahmad Shawl, Executive Director of Justice Foundation, Kashmir Centre

16:40 Discussion session

17:30 Closing remarks

17:45 Drinks reception in the RUSI library