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Dr Shashi Jayakumar assumed the appointment as Head, Centre of Excellence for National Security (CENS) on 1 April 2015.

Dr Jayakumar was educated at Oxford University where he studied History (BA 1997, D.Phil, 2001). He has published in various peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes on topics relating to medieval history (the focus of his doctorate). He has been a member of the Singapore Administrative Service since 2002. During this time, he was posted to various Ministries,

including the Ministries of Defence, Manpower, Information and the Arts, and Community Development, Youth and Sports. He was from August 2011-July 2014 a Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. The main focus of his research and writing there has been local society and politics. He is currently completing a major book project relating to local politics (forthcoming, 2017). His other interests include extremism, social resilience, and homeland defence.

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Shashi will share his perspectives on the external threat environment - particularly as it pertains to jihadist groups like the Islamic State, and the concomitant risks of radicalisation in Southeast Asia and Singapore. Lest we think that extremism is the only threat we face, Shashi will also touch on other issues which have to do with Singapore's "bouncebackability" (a.k.a. resilience) from attacks – this may well be extremist in nature, but they could equally be cyber events too. Finally, Shashi will muse aloud on what all this means for us, and what it means for the foresight and risk assessment enterprise generally. The audience will be invited to muse with him.