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DETERRENCE: [Japan's evolving space program, interview with Saadia Pekkanen](#), National Bureau of Asian Research (9 September 2011)

Pekkanen examines Japan's space program in the context of China and other space programs. Japan has potential counterspace capabilities and is now focused on small satellite developments in partnership with universities and institutes that can potentially help take its autonomous proximity operations to newer technological heights.

- [China's space ambitions](#), IFRI Security Studies Center (2007) [PDF, 0.1MB]
- [Collective security in space: Asian perspectives](#), US Space Policy Institute (June 2008) [PDF, 1.5MB]

ENERGY SECURITY: [Asia's rising energy and resource nationalism: Implications for the United States, China, and the Asia-Pacific Region](#),

National Bureau of Asian Research (September 2011) [PDF, 2.18MB]

In a series of five essays—covering resource nationalism in Asia and its maritime focus (2 articles), Asia's national oil trade, and rare earth metals resource nationalism and trade (2 articles), linked together with an introduction and a conclusion, this group of NBR authors underscores the growing competition for petroleum and other resources to feed Asia's economies, and the implications for US military and economic influence in the region.

- [Rare earth metals export ban, a Chinese own goal](#), East Asia Forum (19 September 2011)
- [Rio Tinto says resource nationalism a real concern](#), MarketWatch (20 September 2011)
- [Global oil supplies: The impact of resource nationalism and political instability](#), Centre for European Policy Studies (May 2011) [PDF, 339KB]

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: [Scenario planning for climate adaptation](#), Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research (VCCCAR), Melbourne (June 2011) [PDF, 4.05MB]

Tailored and context-specific scenario planning processes are increasingly being used for climate adaptation planning that draws out the implications and possible responses in local and regional settings. These 'do-it-yourself' approaches provide a forum for combining input and advice from experts and stakeholders with experience and knowledge relevant to specific areas, population groups or issues.

- [The use of scenarios in adaptation planning: Managing risks in simple to complex settings](#), Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research (VCCCAR), Melbourne (November 2010) [PDF, 314KB]
- [Scenario praxis for systemic and adaptive governance: A critical review](#), Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research (VCCCAR), Melbourne (November 2010) [PDF, 495KB]

DPRK: [South Korean nuclear envoy arrives in Beijing for talks with northern counterpart](#), The Associated Press (19 September 2011)

North and South Korea met in Beijing to discuss a possible restart of denuclearization talks. While the two Koreas explored options for revived negotiations, North Korea and Russia agreed to hold a joint defense military drill and the US and South Korean militaries discussed ways to better identify and respond to North Korean provocations. The US and ROK will also hold combined marine drills near the contested inter-Korean border.

- [North Korea, Russia to hold joint defence drill-media](#), Reuters (13 September 2011)
- [Korea and U.S. plan reactions to provocations](#), Joong-Ang Ilbo (20 September 2011)
- [Russia's stake in a denuclearized Korean peninsula - Will the Ulan-Ude summit help?](#) Nautilus Institute (1 September 2011)

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: [Chinese protestors accuse solar panel plant of pollution](#), NYT (18 September 2011)

Renewable energy's "clean" label is being tested, as seen in recent protests in China and South Korea. About 500 protestors rioted against a major solar panel manufacturing plant in China for

contaminating local water supplies, resulting in the deaths of livestock and fish and posing a human health risk. Over the summer, citizens protested the opening of the world's largest tidal energy plant on Korea's west coast, citing environmental costs.

- [China quells village solar pollution protest](#), Reuters (18 September 2011)
- [Opening ceremony for Sihwa lake tidal energy plant held](#), The Naeil News (29 August 2011) [Korean Language]

[AUSTRAL SECURITY: Who goes where? Positioning the ADF for the Asia-Pacific century, ASPI \(19 September 2011\)](#)

It is essential that the Australian Defence Force is appropriately positioned to respond in a timely way to Australia's strategic and security demands. The ADF Posture Review aims to address the range of present and emerging global, regional and national strategic and security factors. In this report Davies and Thomson have another look at the match of resources to strategic need and examine the viability of moving major ADF force elements.

- [Australian defence force posture review](#), Department of Defence, Australian Government (2011)
- [Grand stakes: Australia's future between China and India](#), National Bureau of Asian Research (September 2011)

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