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Dr. Ehsan Ahrari came to the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in January 2007 as Professor of Counterterrorism. His primary areas of expertise include Counterterrorism (Middle East, South Asia, and Central Asia), Nuclear and Missile Proliferation in Southern Asia (China, India, and Pakistan), Islam, Information Warfare, with special focus on China and the world of Islam, and Public Diplomacy, with special focus on Muslim countries. His other areas of expertise include Interagency Coordination, Wargaming, and writing scenarios for tabletop exercises. He has offered Senior Executive Seminars on Transnational Terrorist Financing, Public Diplomacy, Jihadist-Salafi Movements, with special focus on South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East.

He was CEO of Strategic Paradigms, a consultancy specializing in defense issues, located in Alexandria, VA (Apr 05-Dec 06). He served as Professor of National Security & Strategy at the National Defense University's Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA (Mar 94-Apr 05), and as Professor of West Asian Studies at the U.S. Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL (Jul 90-Mar 94).

As a CENTCOM specialist, Dr. Ahrari has traveled extensively in the Middle East, South Asia, and East Asia, and has lectured at a number of leading "think tanks" in the region. He was a regular lecturer at the NATO School in Oberammergau, Germany, on such topics as Islam and Democracy in the Middle East, Nation Building in Iraq, and the need for Ijtihad in the World of Islam. He has been a frequent guest speaker at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch, Germany, and a regular lecturer for the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Civil-Military Relations.

Dr. Ahrari has given lectures on Transnational Terrorism, Nuclear Proliferation, and Radical Islam to the Pentagon's Joint Staff (J-5); as well as at NATO Headquarters in Mons, Belgium; the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India; the Institute for Defence and Security Studies, Singapore; the Center for Excellence-Defense Against Terrorism (COE-DAT) at the Turkish Army High Command, Ankara, Turkey; and the Emirates Center for Security Studies, UAE. Additionally, he has appeared on CNN, Fox News, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Hampton Roads Public Broadcasting Channel, as well as in radio interviews on numerous national and international radio stations including National Public Radio.

He has an extensive publication record to his credit, with nine books and monographs, and more than 400 essays, book reviews, and OpEds in refereed and non-refereed journals and national and international newspapers.