Post-Crisis Capacity-Building in Singapore and ASEAN

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Abstract
Faced with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has sought to develop a range of multilateral institutions for combating crises. These include the ASEAN Regional Reserve of Medical Supplies and the Covid-19 ASEAN Response Fund. A new Regional Centre for the Future of Work was also recently established to prepare ASEAN for the changing nature of work in a post-Covid environment. Playing a critical role in many of these platforms is Singapore, which has itself embarked on an extensive capacity-building drive. In this talk, I will discuss these platforms and initiatives from the perspective of policy capacity. As the policy environment becomes increasingly complex and volatile, there is much scope for joint capacity-building at the regional level.

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