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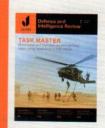
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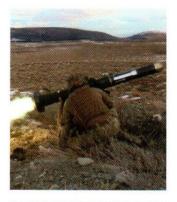
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The mass migration from developing countries to the West is the most contentious and polarising political topic nowadays. Although Western countries encouraged immigration after WWII due to labour shortages, today nationalist and populist movements pressure the governments in the United States and Europe to block further immigration. Besides low-wage immigrants, there is substantial brain drain from developing countries that often contributes to their economic problems. *Moshe Alamaro* provides a suggestion, perhaps a utopian one, for how developing countries could curtail emigration, for the long term, to achieve economic development comparable to the West.

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#### IPEF VERSUS RCEP IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

The Indo-Pacific region is home to the two most populous countries today. A cradle of ancient civilisations, it has experienced prosperity, as well as wars, and foreign occupation periods. The imprint of Western colonisation is deeply ingrained. However, after the Second World War and decolonisation, the regional states embarked on a journey to establish cooperation networks and reliable partnerships based on shared principles. *Eleni Chytopoulou* observes that since 1967, ASEAN has stood as a beacon of multilateral cooperation and a testament to the strength and resilience of Southeast Asian countries in their efforts to bolster trade and economic development.

### RIVALRIES OVER ANTARCTICA A POLITICAL CHALLENGE FOR CHILE AND ARGENTINA

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As the Vishnu Purāna mentions "India is a country that lies north of the ocean and south of the snowy mountains, called Bhāratam; there dwells the descendants of Bharata". The culture from the ancient land of Bharat spread worldwide, especially in Southeast Asian, East Asian and African countries through the Indian Ocean. India's history, art, mythology, and literature are replete with references to the Indian Ocean and its importance for the Indian people. China is in India's backyard, challenging India through its maritime power in the region. *Vivek Kumar Mishra* argues that India's maritime security framework significantly shapes regional and global dynamics.

#### INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH WEST ASIAN COUNTRIES

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