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***MEDIA ALERT***

***The rise of preferential trade 2001-2015: What has it done to the national interest?***

**Professor Ross Garnaut** AO, Professorial Research Fellow in Economics, University of Melbourne, will discuss the move towards regional trade agreements at a special event hosted by AIIA ACT in **Canberra on Monday, June 22nd.**

Professor Garnaut will discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, and assess what the early 21st century retreat from multilateral free trade has actually done for the Australian national interest, including its interest in successful Asia Pacific development.

The media is invited to attend this event.

**TIME: 12.30 PM**

**DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 22nd**

**VENUE: AIIA, STEPHEN HOUSE, 32 THESIGER COURT, DEAKIN**

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