

Australian Foreign Policy

The Hon Julie Bishop MP

Minister for Foreign Affairs



Julie Bishop is Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party. She was sworn in as Australia's first female foreign minister in September 2013 following four years as Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade. She previously served in the Howard Government as Minister for Education, Science and Training, as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women's Issues and as Minister for Ageing. Prior to entering Parliament as the Member for Curtin in 1998, she was a commercial litigation lawyer at Clayton Utz, becoming a partner and managing partner.

Senator The Hon Penny Wong

Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs



Penny Wong is a Labor Senator for South Australia and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, a position she has held since 2013. Senator Wong previously served as Minister for Climate Change and Water, before her appointment to the Finance and Deregulation portfolio. Born in Malaysia, her family moved to Australia in 1976. She studied arts and law at the University of Adelaide. Prior to entering federal politics, she worked for a trade union and as a Ministerial adviser to the NSW Labor government.

The Hon Kim Beazley AC FAHA

National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs



During 37 years in politics, Kim Beazley served as Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of the ALP and Leader of the Opposition. He has been Minister for Defence; Finance; Transport and Communications; Employment, Education and Training; Aviation; and Special Minister of State. After retiring from politics, he was Winthrop Professor at UWA and Chancellor of the ANU. He was appointed Ambassador to the USA in 2010, serving in this role until 2016. Since returning to Australia, he has served as National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Distinguished Fellow of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute and Senior Fellow at the PerthUS Asia Centre.

Zara Kimpton OAM

AIIA National Vice-President, Australian Institute of International Affairs



Zara Kimpton is National Vice-President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. She joined the Council of AIIA VIC in 1997, served as President from 2003 to 2006 and was made a life member in 2007. She has worked in stockbroking with William Noall & Son, in mining with Consolidated Gold Fields, in banking with Banque Nationale de Paris and in interior design in New York and Melbourne.

Enhancing Australia's Prosperity

Dr Stephanie Fahey

Chief Executive Officer, Austrade



Stephanie Fahey has over 30 years' experience both as an academic and executive working in Australia and overseas. Previously she was EY's lead partner for education in the Oceania region, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Global Engagement) at Monash University and Director of the University of Sydney's Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific. Austrade's first female chief executive, Dr Fahey has also served on numerous boards and councils. She holds a PhD from ANU and speaks Melanesian Pidgin.

Professor Michael Wesley

Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University



Michael Wesley has written widely on Australian foreign policy, Asian international relations and strategic affairs. He was awarded the John Button Prize for his book *There Goes the Neighbourhood: Australia and the Rise of Asia* (2011). Previously, he was the Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy, Director of the Griffith Asia Institute at Griffith University and Assistant Director-General at the Office of National Assessments. He previously served as AIIA Research Chair and editor of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*.

Mukund Narayanamurti

Chief Executive Officer, Asialink Business



Mukund Narayanamurti leads Asialink's quality capability delivery programs, applied research and advocacy – aimed at focusing Australia's engagement with Asia. He was previously at KPMG where he facilitated investment between Australia and Asia across a swathe of industries. He has worked with both federal government departments and state governments on Asian engagement strategies. He was awarded Deakin University's Alumni of the Year award in 2011 and an Australian Leadership Award from the Australian Davos Connection in 2012.

Professor Andrew Walter

Interim Director, Melbourne School of Government, University of Melbourne



Andrew Walter specialises in the political economy of international money and finance. Prior to joining University of Melbourne in 2012, he was Reader in International Political Economy at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His current research concerns the role of emerging countries in global economic governance, the global setting and diffusion of financial regulatory standards and the political and policy aftermaths of financial crises.

Dr Sue Boyd FAIIA

Immediate Past President, AIIA for WA



Sue Boyd is a former diplomat who spent 34 years in the Australian foreign service, with postings in Portugal, East Berlin, New York (at the UN), Bangladesh, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Fiji. She has held a number of roles since returning to Western Australia in 2003, including serving as President of the AIIA for WA.

Strengthening Australia's Security

Tom Switzer

Senior Research Fellow, The Centre for Independent Studies



Tom Switzer is the host of ABC Radio National's *Between the Lines*. In 2018 he will become the executive director of The Centre for Independent Studies. He was previously a senior fellow at the University of Sydney's United States Studies Centre, a former editor of the *Spectator Australia*, opinion editor of *The Australian* and writer at the *Australian Financial Review*. In 2008 he was senior adviser to former federal Liberal Party Leader Brendan Nelson

Linda Jakobson

Chief Executive Officer and Founding Director, China Matters



Linda Jakobson lived and worked in China for 22 years before moving to Sydney in 2011. She speaks Mandarin and is author, co-author or co-editor of seven books and more than 100 other publications about Chinese and East Asian politics and society. In March 2017 she launched a book with China Matters board director Professor Bates Gill titled *China Matters: Getting it Right for Australia*. She is a former non-resident fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy.

Gordon Flake

Chief Executive Officer, PerthUSAsia Centre



Gordon Flake is founding CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre, a position he assumed in January 2014. Prior to this, Gordon was Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation. Before that, he was a Senior Fellow and Associate Director of the Program on Conflict Resolution at The Atlantic Council of the United States and Director for Research and Academic Affairs at the Korea Economic Institute of America. He has contributed regularly to the press on Asia issues.

Dr Joanne Wallis

Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University



Joanne Wallis is an expert in the Pacific Islands, state-building, constitution-making, conflict, and Australia's strategy in the South Pacific. She completed her PhD in 2012 at the University of Cambridge as a Poynton Cambridge Australia and Wolfson College Commonwealth scholar. She holds Masters degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Melbourne. She is the recipient of the AIIA's publication support grant for her recent book *Pacific Power? Australia's strategy in the Pacific Islands* (MUP 2017).

Professor Nick Bisley

Executive Director, La Trobe Asia and Editor-in-Chief, Australian Journal of International Affairs



Nick Bisley's research and teaching expertise is in Asia's international relations, globalisation and the diplomacy of great powers. He is a member of the Council for Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific and has been a Senior Research Associate of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and a Visiting Fellow at the East West-Center in Washington DC. He has been a director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs since 2013.

Australia's Contribution to Global Issues

Senator the Hon Lisa Singh

Senator for Tasmania



Lisa Singh was first elected to the Australian Senate in 2010. Prior to her election to the Senate, Lisa served in the Tasmanian Parliament where she was Minister for Corrections and Consumer Protection, Workplace Relations and Minister Assisting the Premier on Climate Change. In 2016 Senator Singh was seconded to the United Nations General Assembly in New York as an Australian parliamentary delegate. She holds a Masters of International Relations from Macquarie University.

Professor Ramesh Thakur

Director, Centre for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, ANU



Ramesh Thakur was Vice Rector and Senior Vice Rector of the United Nations University and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1998–2007. He was a Commissioner and one of the principal authors of *The Responsibility to Protect* (2001). He has authored or edited 50 books and 400 articles and book chapters. He has served as a consultant to the Australian and New Zealand governments on arms control, disarmament and international security issues.

Johanna Weaver

Acting Director, Cyber Policy Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



Johanna Weaver comes to DFAT's Cyber Policy Section from a background in both diplomacy and law. She has worked for the department for over five years, and currently advises Australia's Cyber Affairs Ambassador Tobias Feakin. She has a Master's Degree in Law, specialising in strategic cyber policy, from the Australian National University.

Associate Professor Maria Rost Rublee

Department of Politics and International Relations, Monash University



Maria Rost Rublee is an associate professor in the School of Social Sciences at Monash University. She is the author of *Nonproliferation Norms: Why States Choose Nuclear Restraint* (2009), which received the Alexander George Book Award for best book in political psychology awarded by the International Society for Political Psychology. She earned her PhD in political science from George Washington University.

Melissa Conley Tyler

National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs



Melissa Conley Tyler has led the AIIA since 2006. During this time, she has edited 50 publications, organised more than 90 policy events, overseen dramatic growth in youth engagement and built stronger relations with other institutes of international affairs worldwide. Under her leadership the AIIA has been ranked the top think tank in Southeast Asia and the Pacific in the Global Go To Think Tanks Index for the last three years. She was previously Senior Fellow of Melbourne Law School and maintains has an international profile in conflict resolution including membership of the Editorial Board of the Conflict Resolution Quarterly.