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Speaker Events, Conferences and Young Professionals Events Year to June 2018

Our remit is to broaden the knowledge of international affairs in Australia.

During the 2017-18 financial year AIA Victoria held 46 speaker events attended by over 3,000 members and guests.

There were 13 events which focused on issues rather than particular countries. The UK and the EU featured strongly with 13 events and the Middle East with 10. The other 10 examined China, Asia and South East Asia.

We hosted 15 current or past Heads of Mission; both Australian and from other countries. Twelve academics and six foreign correspondents spoke. The balance comprised heads of other organisations and researchers

The Young Professionals Forum (YPF) held five events during the year – mostly workshops and personal development seminars.

The 13th International Careers Conference attracted over 250 students.

The Sir Zelman Cowen Oration was given by Professor Margaret Gardner AO, President and Vice-Chancellor of Monash University on “International Education for Australia: From the Colombo Plan to the Asian Century”.

Many, many people must be thanked for making all this possible; our executive, our interns and volunteers and above all, our speakers who all gave of themselves and their time.

Patrick Moore
President

Dyason House
Monday July 30, 2018

Britain's Place in the World

Dr Ben Wellings, Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations,
Monash University

Thursday 13 July, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



The United Kingdom is in the midst of challenging times. A confluence of issues presents its leaders and policymakers with complex and difficult questions across the social, economic and political divides.

Following David Cameron's decision in 2016 to call a referendum based on Britain's future in the EU, the recent June 8 general election saw Prime Minister Theresa May returned in a weaker position than before. This election should have seen the May Government returned with a greater majority, and with a mandate for a stronger position in the forthcoming Brexit negotiations.

This did not occur. As a consequence there remains great uncertainty over how Britain will negotiate its departure from the EU, and it leaves a domestic polity that remains divided on many issues.

How do these political currents intersect? What will the future United Kingdom look like and what will be its place in the world?

Recently returned from the UK, Dr Ben Wellings will provide an up to date analysis of the state of British politics, and seek to address some of the most pressing challenges that Great Britain has faced in decades.

Dr Ben Wellings is Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at Monash University, and is an expert on Brexit and the politics of nationalism and Euroscepticism in contemporary Europe. He is the author of English Nationalism and Euroscepticism: losing the peace (Oxford: Peter Lang, 2012), and comments regularly about Brexit for Sky News, the ABC and on international TV and radio. Before joining Monash University in 2013 he was the Convenor of European Studies at the Australian National University from 2004. He was educated at the University of Sussex, Edinburgh University and holds a PhD from the Australian National University.

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The Chemical Weapons Convention: the Power of a Universal Ideal

HE Mr Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General, Organisation for the Prohibition of
Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

Tuesday 25 July, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and the founding of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

The chemical weapons attack in Syria in August

2013 thrust the OPCW into the international spotlight, and in December that year, the organisation was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its extensive work to eliminate chemical weapons.

Since its inception, the Chemical Weapons Convention has been rightfully recognised as an unprecedented international disarmament treaty designed to realise the eradication of an entire category of weapons. Its success is an example of the crucial necessity of international cooperation in advancing global peace and security objectives; and the power of a universal ideal in setting global priorities.

AIIA Victoria is honoured to welcome His Excellency Mr Ahmet Üzümcü, and invites you to hear at first hand how these factors have enabled the OPCW's progress thus far, and the challenges it faces in the future to definitively rid the world of chemical weapons.

His Excellency Mr Ahmet Üzümcü is a career diplomat, with considerable expertise in political-military issues, disarmament and non-proliferation. Prior to assuming the role of Director-General of the OPCW, to which he was appointed for a second term in 2013, Mr Üzümcü served as Deputy Undersecretary of State for Bilateral Political Affairs (Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and completed diplomatic postings to the UN in Geneva, Israel, NATO, Vienna and Aleppo. Mr Üzümcü holds a bachelor's degree in international relations with a specialisation in public administration from the Faculty of Political Sciences, Ankara University.

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In Two Minds: China's Hopes and Doubts about its World Role

David Kelly & Philippa Jones, China Policy Beijing

Wednesday 2 August, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



The China-style 'manifest destiny' narrative long entertained by Beijing was buoyed by its economic success over three decades during 1980-2010. Facing an unprecedented state of Western disarray, it accelerated. The Xi Jinping administration responded on many levels, summing it all

up as the 'China Solution', presented at last year's G20 summit in Hangzhou.

Working well domestically, externally this package is a source of uncertainty. Anticipating foreign concern, signals have appeared calling for a return to the Deng Xiaoping policy of "hiding our light and biding our time".

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome David Kelly and Philippa Jones to review China's role in the world - the Korea crisis, the South China Sea, Belt and Road (not least the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) and the Middle East – as well as examining alternative narratives in the Beijing mind-set.

David Kelly leads research at China Policy, a globally recognised research and strategic advisory based in Beijing, with main responsibility for the geopolitics team. Over thirty years his work has ranged widely across issues affecting China's economic, political, and social institutions. David is a regular media commentator on Chinese affairs including for the BBC, the ABC, the Financial Times, Al Jazeera, Sky News and Voice of America. He is a visiting professor at Peking University. He holds a PhD from the University of Sydney.

A regulatory and trade policy specialist, Philippa Jones set up China Policy following a career in research and the public sector. From 2004-9 Philippa was senior advisor at the EU-China Trade Project (EUCTP), the EU's largest trade-related technical assistance program worldwide. Prior to joining the EUCTP Philippa was a member of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and from 1999-2003 served as trade policy specialist at the Australian Embassy in Beijing. Philippa holds an honours degree in Chinese and economics from the University of Oxford.

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Sri Lanka and Australia - 70 Years of Diplomatic Relations

HE Mr Bryce Hutchesson, Australian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka

Monday 7 August, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



May 2017 marked 70 years of diplomatic ties between Australia and Sri Lanka.

The bilateral relationship has continued to strengthen and covers a broad range of issues, including economic and development cooperation, joint efforts against transnational crime, strong education linkages and engagement on issues of human rights and reconciliation.

Sri Lanka has experienced strong economic growth for more than a decade. Poverty and economic marginalisation remain in many rural areas, particularly in districts directly affected by the civil conflict that ended in 2009, but as the economy continues to grow, opportunities for greater two-way trade and investment will increase.

Australia will continue to play its part in assisting Sri Lanka's progress as a secure, stable and prosperous partner in the Indian Ocean region.

As a follow-up to its highly successful Study Tour to Sri Lanka last year, AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome His Excellency Mr Bryce Hutchesson, Australia High Commissioner to Sri Lanka to discuss the opportunities and potential that lie ahead.

Mr Bryce Hutchesson is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Until recently he was acting First Assistant Secretary of the South and West Asia Division. He has served overseas as Deputy High Commissioner in New Delhi, with earlier postings in Bangkok and Tel Aviv. He has also served in Washington with the Office of National Assessments. In Canberra, Mr Hutchesson has led DFAT's South Asia Branch, Executive, Planning and Evaluation Branch and several branches responsible for international security. Mr Hutchesson holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne.

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Putin, Trump and Russia-US Strategic Relations

Dr. Alexey D. Muraviev, Curtin University

Wednesday 9 August, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



Over the past five years strategic relations between the United States and Russia have been at their lowest since the early 1980s. The so-called Magnitsky case, the Snowden affair and Syria, followed by the crisis over Ukraine, saw relations moving from the point of a strategic “reset”, to a near open political and military confrontation.

The Russia factor was the dominant foreign affairs feature during the 2016 US presidential elections. During his election campaign, President Donald Trump promised to open a new chapter in a dialogue between Washington and Moscow. That promise was made against ongoing allegations of Russia’s interference in the elections. Despite what seemed to be a positive recent meeting between Trump and President Vladimir Putin at the G20 in Hamburg, the stalemate continues.

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Dr Alexey Muraviev to review the current state of superpower relations, the Putin-Trump connection, principal points of friction, and avenues of possible cooperation. AIIA gratefully acknowledges the support of Curtin University’s Strategic Flashlight forum on National Security and Strategy.



Dr Alexey D. Muraviev is Head of Department of Social Sciences and Security Studies at Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia. He is a Coordinator of the International Relations and National Security programs, and the founder and Director of the Strategic Flashlight forum on national security and strategy at Curtin. He has published widely on matters of national and international security. Alexey is a member of the Australian Member Committee, Council for Security Cooperation

in the Asia-Pacific region (AU-CSCAP); non-residential fellow, Sea Power Centre Australia (Royal Australian Navy), member of Russia-NATO Experts Group; member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London; reviewer of the Military Balance annual defence almanac; member of the Executive Advisory Board, Australia Public Network; Member of the Executive Advisory Board, CIVSEC; and member of the Research Network for Secure Australia. In 2011, Alexey was the inaugural scholar-in residence at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI).

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Shifting Trends and Alliances: Israel's Place in the New Middle East

Colonel (res.) Dr Eran Lerman, former Deputy for Foreign Policy and International Affairs at Israel's National Security Council

Thursday 10 August, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



What is Israel's strategic future in a turbulent Middle East?

AIIA Victoria invites you to hear at first hand from internationally-renowned expert Dr Eran Lerman as he dissects the focal issues currently evolving in the region.

He will focus on the situation in Syria, the improving of ties with Israel and the Sunni states, and outline a narrative that moves from far-ranging conflicts as well as the creation of optimistic alliances.

Ahead of its Study Tour to Israel and Jordan in March 2018, AIIA Victoria is honoured to welcome Dr Eran Lerman, and gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC) in co-hosting this event.

Colonel (res.) Dr Eran Lerman is the former Deputy for Foreign Policy and International Affairs at Israel's National Security Council, in the Israeli Prime Minister's Office. He held senior posts in IDF Military Intelligence for over 20 years and between 2001 and 2009, served as Director of the American Jewish Committee's Israel/Middle East Office. He was a member of Israel's arms control delegation to the Arab-Israeli peace talks from 1992 until 1995. He is one of Israel's top strategic analysts on Israel, the Palestinians, Islamic fundamentalism, and the wider Middle East region. A former lecturer at the Department of Political Science at Haifa University, Dr Lerman holds a PhD in history from London School of Economics and a Masters of Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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The Geopolitics of the South China Sea

Dr. Remy Davison, Monash University

Tuesday 15 August, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



The South China Sea has developed into a potential flashpoint for conflict between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the US.

The South China Sea is arguably the world's most important sea lane of communication, and is central to the PRC's 'Belt and Road Initiative'. In a landmark 2016 judgment, the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague ruled against China's claim to the South China Sea as its "historic waters", and since 2013, China's apparent militarisation of reefs and islands in the region has given rise to increasing friction between Washington and Beijing.

Can the current geopolitical and geo-economic issues in the South China Sea be resolved peacefully, or will this maritime region become a conflict zone?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Dr Remy Davison to give his assessment of the outlook for this critical area in Australia's immediate neighbourhood.

Dr. Remy Davison is Jean Monnet Chair in Politics & Economics at Monash University. He is the co-author of The New Global Politics of the Asia-Pacific: Conflict and Cooperation in the Asian Century (2017); and the author of The Political Economy of Single Market Europe (2011) and Foreign Policies of the Great and Emerging Powers (2008).

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Finland - 100 Years of Social Innovation and Equality

Ms Pirkko Mattila, Minister of Social Affairs & Health, Government of Finland

Thursday 7 September, 2017: **4.45pm for 5.00pm – 6.00pm** at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Finland is a top performer in numerous metrics of national performance, including education, economic competitiveness, civil liberties, quality of life, and human development.

It is one of the leading countries for innovation, and has more researchers per capita than any other nation.

Free education, low discrepancies in income, low poverty levels and high participation of women in the labour force underpin the successes and strengths of Finnish society.



But the country also faces challenges: unemployment, demographic ageing and a skills gap, and is looking at ways to tackle them. A new initiative attracting international interest is a two-year pilot study to assess how granting the unemployed a basic income – unconditionally - rather than jobless benefits, might affect incentives in the labour market.

How are the key features of Finland's modern welfare state – high quality education, promotion of equality, and a national social welfare system – meeting the challenges of an ageing population and the fluctuations of an export-driven economy?

To mark the Centenary of Finland's independence in 1917, AIIA Victoria is honoured to welcome Ms Pirkko Mattila, Minister of Social Affairs and Health in the Finnish Government, accompanied by the Ambassador of Finland to Australia HE Mr Lars Backström.

Minister Mattila has held the Social Affairs and Health portfolio in the Government of Prime Minister Juha Sipilä since August 2016. A registered nurse, and qualified teacher, she has been a Member of Parliament since 2011. HE Mr Lars Backström has served as Finland's Ambassador to Australia since September 2016. A career diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1982, he has previously served as Finland's Ambassador to China and to Thailand.

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The Indian Ocean Rim Association – Scaling Up?

Mr Barana Waidyatilake, Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute, Sri Lanka

in conjunction with

Dr Pradeep Taneja, University of Melbourne

Tuesday 12 September, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The Indian Ocean region is one of the most significant geopolitical theatres in contemporary global politics. At present, about 50 per cent of global container traffic and nearly 80 per cent of the world's seaborne oil pass through Indian Ocean sea-lanes. This strategic importance is heightened by China and India's competition for regional influence, through initiatives such as China's Belt and Road, and India's Act East policy.



The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) is the only multilateral forum that connects the littoral states of this strategically significant region. While it has achieved relatively little in two decades of existence, the holding of the first ever summit-level meeting of IORA in March 2017 makes this an opportune time for the organisation to scale up economic cooperation and connectivity among member states, and to redouble its efforts to maintain strategic stability in the region.

What are the opportunities and challenges IORA faces in seeking to become a stronger regional grouping? And what should its priorities be in this quest?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Barana Waidyatilake to present his paper, and Dr Pradeep Taneja to respond to the issues raised. We gratefully acknowledge the cooperation of the **Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute** in Sri Lanka in facilitating this event.

Barana Waidyatilake is a Research Fellow at the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations and Strategic Studies, the think tank of Sri Lanka's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Barana holds an MSc in Conflict Resolution and Governance from the University of Amsterdam, and obtained his undergraduate degree in International Relations and Sociology from the University of Melbourne, with first class honours. Barana's research focuses on strategic relations in the Indo-Pacific. He has written for The Diplomat on Sri Lanka-Australia strategic relations, and his most recent analysis of the Indian Ocean Rim Association was published by the Institute of South Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore. He recently co-interviewed Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop on Australia's vision and strategies for regional engagement.

Dr Pradeep Taneja lectures in Chinese politics, political economy and international relations at the University of Melbourne, where he is also an Associate of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies and a Fellow of the Australia India Institute. His current research focus is on the rise of China as a regional and global power, Sino-Indian and Sino-Australian relations and the international political implications of China's energy security policy.

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Germany's Election: The Views of a German Foreign Correspondent

Esther Blank, Bureau Chief, Deutsche Welle Agency Australia

Wednesday 20 September, 2017: 6.00pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

On September 24, Germany will vote for a new parliament. Recent polls seem to indicate that Angela Merkel will be elected Chancellor for a fourth time.

But it is not clear whether her party will be able to govern on its own. As typically happens in Germany, Merkel may have to form a coalition. But with whom? And what might this mean for Germany, and for Europe?

And the outcome is not assured; on the world stage, Chancellor Merkel is much admired and seen as a tower of calm and reason. At home, however, she is also seen as a leader under whom inequality and poverty have grown, and many still criticise her for welcoming almost a million refugees into Germany in 2015.

The opposition Social Democrats may do better than expected. And what of the Alternative for Deutschland, the right wing, anti-refugee, nationalist party which is especially popular in the former East Germany and in Merkel's own electorate? How will Germany fare with a far-right party in the Bundestag?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Esther Blank to shed light on the issues that are driving the vote in Germany, and which will have an impact far beyond Berlin.

Esther Blank has been a foreign correspondent for over 30 years, working in Europe, the Middle East, America, Australia and the South Pacific. For the past 17 years Esther has been Bureau Chief of Deutsche Welle Agency in Australia, based in Sydney. She also works as a freelance reporter, producer, researcher and commentator for ARD Radio and TV, ZDF TV, and other German and Swiss media. Esther has worked with SBS TV, and is on the Board of the Foreign Correspondents' Association Australia.



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Brexit, the Anglosphere and the Emergence of Global Britain

Dr Andrew Mycock, University of Huddersfield, UK

Thursday 21 September, 2017: 6.00pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union has encouraged the re-imagining of existing and new international diplomatic, trade, and security relationships.

In January 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May sought to frame this outward-looking post-EU vision as a 'truly Global Britain', thus building on a national history and culture which is 'profoundly internationalist'.



Central to the 'Global Britain' narrative has been the potential to reaffirm and strengthen ties with the Anglosphere and the Commonwealth, with proponents arguing that shared values, language, and culture provide the basis for new post-EU relationships.

Critics within the UK and elsewhere have however typified the 'Global Britain' vision as 'Empire 2.0', founded on a post-imperial 'amnesia' whereby nostalgic advocates marginalise or overlook completely the UK's colonial past.

To what extent do the proponents of 'Global Britain' engage with the historically contended and contentious nature of the UK's international reputation, and how are the Anglosphere and the wider Commonwealth framed within such narratives? Does the 'Global Britain' vision seek to impose a unilateral view of the UK's colonial past and post-EU future? How are the Anglosphere and the Commonwealth responding to the post-Brexit recalibration of relationships with the UK?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Dr Andrew Mycock to discuss the complexities of Brexit from a UK perspective.

Dr Andrew Mycock is a Reader in Politics at the University of Huddersfield. His key research and teaching interests focus on post-imperial identity politics in the UK. He has published widely on the 'Politics of Britishness', English identity politics and devolution, and Brexit. His other research interests include the politics of First World War commemoration in the UK, and democratic youth engagement and education. He is co-convenor of the Political Studies Association Britishness Specialist Group.

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Vision for Britain after Brexit

HE Mrs Menna Rawlings CMG, British High Commissioner

Tuesday 24 October, 2017: 12pm - 2.30pm at Monash Business School, Level 7, 271 Collins Street, Melbourne

On 23 June last year, the British electorate voted to leave the European Union. As a result, the British Government invoked Article 50 of the Treaty of the European Union on 29 March this year, setting a two-year timeframe for the UK to leave the EU by March 2019.



Brexit has become one of the great uncertainties of our times. No one has tried to leave the EU before and negotiation of the terms of British withdrawal appear fraught.

Many influential figures within the UK, including ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair, believe the referendum result to be a gigantic error which the nation will rue forever. Others, like Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, regard it as a glorious opportunity for the UK to recover its sovereignty and re-establish itself as a global player, as well as giving a welcome boost to the Commonwealth which will gain accordingly in importance.

Either way, the effects of Brexit will be felt well beyond the borders of Europe.

AIIA Victoria is honoured to welcome Her Excellency Menna Rawlings CMG, British High Commissioner to Australia, to explore the vision of Britain after Brexit in general, and trade, security and cultural links with Australia in particular. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of the British Consul-General in Melbourne, Chris Holtby OBE, in facilitating this event.

A buffet lunch will be provided. Both before and after the address and Q&A with the High Commissioner, we invite you to enjoy the opportunity for networking and discussion.

Her Excellency Menna Rawlings CMG joined the FCO in 1989 and has served in a wide range of diplomatic service roles. She was most mostly recently a member of the Foreign and Commonwealth Management Board as HR Director. This followed postings to Washington DC, Ghana, Israel, Kenya and Brussels. In London, she has served as Private Secretary to the Permanent Under Secretary as well as in Press Office and the Africa and EU Directorates.

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The Islamic State - a Conversation with Michael Bachelard

Wednesday 25 October, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

A few months ago, journalist Michael Bachelard visited Mosul, Iraq. He was there as the military campaign to retake the city from Islamic State neared its end, and he spoke to many residents fleeing the city looking for safety.



In this conversation, Michael talks to Richard Iron about peoples' stories and how they survived.

They will further explore the complex politics of the region, including the Sunni-Shi'a divide, the Iranian-American relationship, Kurdish aspirations for independence and the future of radical Islam after the Islamic State.

AIIA Victoria invites you to hear at first hand from this award-winning journalist how it is to be on the front line of a humanitarian crisis.

Michael Bachelard is the Walkley Award-winning editor of The Age investigations unit and the foreign editor of Fairfax Media. He was Fairfax's Indonesia correspondent between 2012 and 2015. Michael began his career as a journalist in 1990 at The Canberra Times, then moved to Melbourne, working at The Melbourne Times and The Australian. He moved to The Age investigative unit in 2006, then to The Sunday Age as a senior writer and investigative reporter. He was executive producer of the investigative podcast Phoebe's Fall and has written two books The Great Land Grab and Behind the Exclusive Brethren.

Richard Iron CMG OBE is an AIIA Victoria council member who served in the British Army, and was a visiting fellow at the Changing Character of War programme at the University of Oxford. He has served in Iraq and has written and lectured on the Islamic State.

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Iran – a Briefing by Australia’s Ambassador

HE Mr Ian Biggs, Australian Ambassador to Iran

Tuesday 31 October, 2017: 3.30pm for 3.45pm – 5.00pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



Ahead of AIIA Victoria’s second Study Tour to Iran in April 2018, we are delighted to welcome His Excellency Mr Ian Biggs to Dyason House.

Study Tour participants, and other AIIA members are invited to attend a short briefing on bilateral relations between Australia and Iran, and the prospects for greater engagement, and to make the most of the opportunity to meet the Ambassador.

Non-members are equally welcome.

Ian Biggs is a senior career officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and has served as Ambassador to Iran since July 2016. Previously he was Acting First Assistant Secretary of International Security Division. He has served overseas as Ambassador to Turkey, and Saudi Arabia, Chargé d’Affaires in Baghdad, and Deputy Head of Mission in Vienna and Damascus.

Mr Biggs holds a Master of Arts (International Relations) from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Sydney.

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The 19th Party Congress and Succession Norms in China

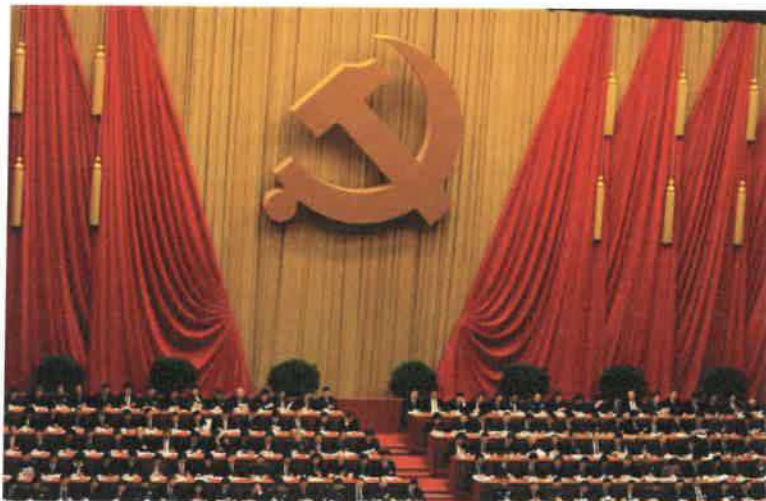
Professor Baogang He, Deakin University

Tuesday 31 October, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

China's 19th Party Congress takes place on 18 October 2017 in Beijing, laying out its leadership and policy agenda for the next five years.

President Xi Jinping is expected to further consolidate his authority as China increases its assertiveness on the world stage.

But given that so much of the proceedings is pre-arranged, what political importance does the event still hold? Have the succession norms been changed? Will Xi Jinping abandon the two-term rule? Who are China's new top leaders? What are the likely implications for Australia, and for the international community?



AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Professor Baogang He for a timely discussion of these evolving issues and to share his insights on the outcomes of the Congress.

Baogang He is Alfred Deakin Professor, Chair in International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts & Education, Deakin University. Graduated with PhD in Political Science from the Australian National University in 1994, Professor He has become widely known for his work in Chinese democratisation and politics, in particular the deliberative politics in China as well as in Asian politics covering Asian regionalism, Asian federalism and Asian multiculturalism. Professor He's publications are found in top journals including British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Peace Research, Political Theory, and Perspectives on Politics. Professor He has held several honorary appointments and research fellowships at renowned universities including Stanford University, the University of Cambridge, Columbia University, Leiden and Sussex University.

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Australia – Japan Relations and the Asian Security Environment

Murray McLean AO

Wednesday 8 November, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's general election landslide victory on October 22 sets him up to become Japan's longest-ever serving Prime Minister; he will now be in office until after the 2020 Olympics.



AIIA Victoria is honoured to host Murray McLean to discuss the context in which this election was called - both domestic and international. What are the implications for Japan, its economy and its major relationships? How will Abe's administration deal with the nuclear threat from North Korea, China under President Xi Jinping's newly re-minted leadership, and the United States under President Trump? And what lies ahead for the relationship with Australia as it continues to broaden beyond a close economic partnership into growing security cooperation?

Murray McLean AO is Chair, Australia Japan Foundation (since 2012); Chair, Foundation of Australian and Japanese Studies (NPO); and Chairman of his family company, Dunmore McLean Pty Ltd. He was a Vice Chancellor's Professorial Fellow at Monash University (2012 to 2015) and a non-resident Fellow at the Lowy Institute 2014-2016. Formerly a senior officer of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), he retired in 2012 after a 42 year career culminating in his role as Ambassador to Japan (2004-2011). Earlier, he served as Deputy Secretary of DFAT (2004); First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division (2001-2003), High Commissioner to Singapore (1997-2001); Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch, (1992-1996), and Consul General, Shanghai (1987-1992). His other DFAT postings were at the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. (1983-1986); the Australian Embassy in Beijing (twice) (1973-1976 and 1979-1983) and in Hong Kong (1971-1973). He speaks fluent Chinese. He was appointed as an officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Australia Day Honours list 2013 and in November 2014, the Japanese Emperor presented him with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.

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Trump and the American Identity Crisis

Sara James, NBC Foreign Correspondent

Wednesday 15 November, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The unorthodox nature of Donald Trump's presidency is challenging American political norms on both domestic and international levels. The Mueller investigation into Russia's involvement in US politics threatens a tsunami of political upheaval which will only exacerbate this dynamic.



President Trump inherited an American economy that, for the first time since the GFC, is going strong. However this is juxtaposed against two important factors. A domestic polity being tested by growing social cleavages and an international political landscape questioning America's ability to remain the pre-eminent global power.

How does the president act to reconcile important and highly charged domestic issues in a manner that brings Americans together whilst preserving America's leadership of the free world and the institutions that enabled it? What does the Trump White House stand for and what does it mean for the international standing of the United States? Where might this administration be heading as Washington enters the cycle for the mid-term elections?

These complex questions go to the heart of a growing American identity crisis. With fresh insights gleaned from recent travels in the United States, and from discussions with those inside the "Beltway", AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Sara James to provide an up to date analysis.

***Sara James** is an Emmy Award-winning foreign correspondent, author and commentator. Sara covers Australasia for NBC News, filing reports for NBC Today, Dateline, and NBC Nightly News. She fortnightly on ABC News Breakfast covering politics, business, culture, and social issues. Among her many NBC assignments in the region, Sara covered the 2012 tour of Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge to Singapore, Malaysia and the Solomon Islands. She reported on the 2011 earthquake in Christchurch and the 2009 Black Saturday bush fires near her home in Victoria. Before moving to Australia in 2008, Sara was based in New York for more than a decade. She served as substitute newsreader on NBC Today, was a frequent co-anchor of Weekend Today and often anchored MSNBC. Sara was born and raised in the United States and graduated with distinction from the University of Virginia.*

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The International Politics of 2017 – Gareth Evans in Conversation with Tony Walker

Wednesday 29 November, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

AIIA Victoria is delighted to host former Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans in conversation with acclaimed journalist Tony Walker.

We invite you to join us for a review of the key international political developments of 2017; Brexit and the EU, President Trump, nuclear North Korea, China's Belt and Road Initiative, terrorism and much more. Each of these will continue to shape events in 2018.

As the international order continues to move towards multipolarity with China challenging the long-held primacy of the United States, there has never been a more important time for Australians to be aware of the political currents shaping the international community.



These two distinguished Fellows of the Australian Institute of International Affairs bring decades of experience to an increasingly important discussion about Australia's future place in the world.

Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA

Gareth Evans has been Chancellor of the Australian National University since 2010. He was a Cabinet Minister in the Hawke and Keating Labor Governments from 1983-96, in the posts of Attorney General, Minister for Resources and Energy, Minister for Transport and Communications and - from 1988-96 - Foreign Minister. From 2000 to 2009 he was President and CEO of the International Crisis Group. He has written or edited, solely or jointly, 13 books – including Incurable Optimist: A Political Memoir (2017); Nuclear Weapons: The State of Play (2015), Inside the Hawke-Keating Government: A Cabinet Diary (2014) and The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for All (2008).

Tony Walker FAIIA, is presently Vice-Chancellor's Fellow at La Trobe University and continues working as a journalist. Starting his career as an ABC Specialist Trainee in Melbourne, he moved to Canberra where he served as Radio Australia's first Canberra correspondent and diplomatic correspondent for the ABC. Tony writes fortnightly columns for various papers and news outlets including *The Conversation*. He has won various journalist awards, including two Walkley's for commentary and the Paul Lyneham award for excellence in press gallery journalism. He is a published author, including a biography of the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat (*Arafat: The Biography*). He is currently working on a road trip book about the rise of populism in Australia, or a more basic question: what ails the country?

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No Dancing, No Dancing – Inside the Global Humanitarian Crisis

Dr Denis Dragovic

Tuesday 5 December, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

No Dancing, No Dancing follows the return journey of a former aid worker back to the site of three of the past decade's major humanitarian crises.

Along the way, he searches for answers as to how we can better respond to the emerging global humanitarian crisis.

What are the emotional and practical challenges facing aid workers? What are the problems besetting the aid industry?

Weaving stories of slave raiders plying their trade, to the art of negotiating the release of a kidnapped colleague, this work questions cultural imperialism, Western aid models and foreign interventions.

AIIA Victoria is delighted to host Denis Dragovic to launch his new book: *No Dancing, No Dancing* (Odyssey Books, 2017)



*For over a decade, **Denis Dragovic** was at the forefront of international aid efforts. He has responded to major humanitarian crises throughout the world in places such as Darfur, South Sudan, East Timor, Indonesia and Iraq, where he led one of the world's largest aid programs. His on the ground experiences are backed by specialist knowledge, as an expert on religion and rebuilding countries after wars. A regular commentator in the media, Denis has written opinion pieces in major Australian newspapers and regularly appeared as an expert on television and radio. He has taught at the University of Melbourne where he is currently a Senior Fellow.*

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Separatism as a Global Issue

**Professor Damien Kingsbury
In Conversation with Richard Iron**

Thursday 14 December, 2017: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Separatism is posing serious problems to the existing post-Cold War order, challenging the Westphalian state system and the international treaties and organisations that have been created to manage relations between states.

Examples include Kurdistan, Catalonia, South East Asia, Scotland and even Brexit.

In this conversation, Professor Damien Kingsbury talks to Richard Iron about what appears to be a growing global phenomenon.

They will explore specific cases of separatism, such as Kurdistan and Catalonia, and attempt to identify why some separatist movements are successful while others are doomed to fail.

What are the likely long-term outcomes and what, if anything, can be done about it?

AIIA Victoria invites you to hear one of Australia's most acclaimed academic speakers on international issues discussing this important, but little understood, issue.

Professor Damien Kingsbury holds a Personal Chair and is Professor of International Politics at Deakin University. He has coordinated several international election observer missions, and has been adviser to several separatist organisations, helping broker peace agreements in three cases. He is the author or editor of more than two dozen books on regional political and security issues.

Richard Iron CMG OBE is an AIIA Victoria council member who served in the British Army, and was a visiting fellow at the Changing Character of War programme at the University of Oxford.



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Israel: Personal Reflections

Mr Ian Wilcock, former Ambassador to Israel

Thursday 8 February, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

As an Australian diplomat, Ian Wilcock served twice in Israel. He was first there from 1973 to 1975, the period of the Yom Kippur War - a conflict which eventually made possible Israel's peace agreements with Egypt and Jordan.

Ian returned to Israel as Ambassador from 1997 to 1999. He observed the struggles to implement the Oslo Agreements and an Israel that had dramatically transformed itself into a high-tech wonder.



He was also Australia's unofficial representative to the Palestinian Authority, and covered Middle East issues from the Australian Embassy in Washington in the late 1980s.

As President Trump reverses decades of US foreign policy by recognising Jerusalem as Israel's capital, Ian will offer candid reflections on the Israel he knew in those two very different eras - its politics, security challenges, leading personalities, society, culture and economy.

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Ian Wilcock for a timely briefing on a strategically significant region.

***Ian Wilcock** retired from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in 2010, after a 37 year career, including 21 years in the Senior Executive Service. Apart from postings to Tel Aviv and Washington, Ian served as High Commissioner to South Africa and was stationed in Manila and London. He headed various Branches and Divisions in DFAT's Canberra Headquarters. He is a member of the AIIA Victoria Advisory Board.*

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Iran – an Update from the Region

Speaker: H.E. Mr Ian Biggs, Ambassador to Iran

Tuesday, 13th February, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



At a time of heightened interest in Iran, AIIA Victoria is planning its second Study Tour there in April 2018.

We are delighted to welcome back Ambassador Ian Biggs, as the Embassy celebrates 50 years of resident Australian diplomatic representation in Tehran.

Ian Biggs is a senior career officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and has served as Ambassador to Iran since July 2016. Previously he was Acting First Assistant Secretary of International Security Division. He has served overseas as Ambassador to Turkey, and Saudi Arabia, Chargé d’Affaires in Baghdad, and Deputy Head of Mission in Vienna and Damascus. Mr Biggs holds a Master of Arts (International Relations) from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Sydney.

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The Uncertain World **Sir Nigel Broomfield KCMG**

Wednesday 14 February, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Across all corners of the globe, 2017 has left in its wake a prevailing sense of uncertainty and tension. Following a turbulent year in international affairs, the question of what lies ahead in 2018 is both pertinent and somewhat troubling.



The Middle East is riven with conflicts. The EU is occupied with Brexit and the independence movement in Catalonia. Russia continues to interfere in the political affairs of its Western neighbours. The nuclear stand-off between the US and North Korea continues. The new US President has turned his back on some of the US-founded institutions which have shaped post-war trade and security. Western liberal democracies seem to have lost their confidence in the face of challenges from China, Russia and others.

The dawning of the new year brings with it the question of whether uncertainty will continue to abound in 2018. Or indeed, whether the only thing that one can be certain of in international affairs - is uncertainty itself.

After his acclaimed and insightful talks in 2016 and 2017, AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome back Sir Nigel Broomfield to Dyason House.

Sir Nigel Broomfield is a retired British diplomat. After serving in the British Army, he joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in 1969 and served in the British Embassies in Bonn and Moscow, as well as in senior posts at the FCO in London. He was Deputy High Commissioner, New Delhi, 1985-88; Ambassador to the German Democratic Republic 1988-90; Deputy Under Secretary of State (Defence) at the FCO 1990-92; and Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany 1993-97. He is currently Honorary President of the German-British Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of Cambridge Quantum Computing Ltd.

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The Trump Administration and the Middle East

Speaker: Dr Jonathan Schanzer

Thursday, 15th February, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

2017 will be remembered as an eventful year for the Middle East. With Iran expanding its influence in the region, and counter-maneuvres by the Sunni-Arab states, the Trump Administration is facing new and developing challenges.

AIIA Victoria, in conjunction with AIJAC, invite you to hear from visiting Washington DC-based Middle East expert, Dr Jonathan Schanzer who will dissect and analyse the Trump Administration's moves in the Middle East.

Dr Schanzer will discuss developments on the Trump peace plan, new collaborations between Israel and the Sunni-Arab states as well as internal Palestinian politics.



***Dr. Jonathan Schanzer** is vice president of research for the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD). He worked as a terrorism finance analyst at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, where he played an integral role in the designation of numerous terrorist financiers. He earned his Ph.D. from King's College London, where he wrote his dissertation on the U.S. Congress and its efforts to combat terrorism in the 20th century. Dr. Schanzer is part of the leadership team of FDD's Center on Sanctions and Illicit Finance, which provides policy and subject matter expertise on the use of financial and economic power to the global policy community. He has testified before Congress and publishes widely in the American and international media.*

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Brexit: What it means for Australia

Mr Remo Moretta, Assistant Secretary – Europe Trade & Brexit, DFAT

Wednesday 21 February, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

As the UK's preparations to leave the European Union gather pace, the implications of Brexit for Australia's trade and investment relationships loom larger. The UK Government has declared its intention to become more open to the world, not less, following its departure from the EU.

Brexit however has the capacity for both long-term opportunity and risk, and potentially significant repercussions for Australia's relationship with the UK, as well as our trade and investment relationships with other EU members.



London's enduring status as a global financial centre holds significant influence over the stability of the global banking system at large, for example. For its part, the EU has indicated that it will continue bilateral and plurilateral trade agreement negotiations with its trading partners, including Australia. Nevertheless, it is likely that Brexit will continue to test EU political cohesion into the future.

Together, these all stand as key determinants of Brexit's implications for Australia and the world.

What is the way forward in negotiating a comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the UK? What bearing will the UK's Brexit negotiations with Brussels have upon its ability to engage with other trade partners, such as Australia? What does the future hold for the UK-Australia relationship?

AIIA Victoria invites you to a unique opportunity to hear at first hand from a lead negotiator of Australia's Free Trade Agreements.

Mr Remo Moretta is Assistant Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) responsible for Australia's trade relations with Europe, and Brexit. He served as Australia's Deputy High Commissioner to New Zealand from 2012 to 2015. Mr Moretta is a senior trade official for the Australian Government and has experience in trade policy and negotiations spanning over 20 years. He has served as First Secretary to the Permanent Mission to the WTO in Geneva and as Counsellor for Trade in the Australian Embassy in Washington.

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The Shadow of Nuclear Crisis: Russia's Strategic Relations with North Korea

Dr Alexey D. Muraviev

Thursday March 1, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

On 14 October, 2017 President Vladimir Putin signed a decree initiating targeted sanctions against North Korea. At the same time, in St. Petersburg, the head of Russia's Federal Assembly was meeting high-profile parliamentary delegations from both Koreas.



These two events highlight the complexity of Russia's strategic relations with its Korean neighbour. Historically, Moscow and Pyongyang enjoyed close trusted relations. During the Cold War the DPRK was one of the closest Soviet

allies. In the 1990s, relations between the two transformed, but still remained relatively close.

As the relationship becomes increasingly complex and opaque, what are Russia's views on the ongoing nuclear crisis on the Korean peninsula? How are military technology transfers now viewed? What are likely to be Moscow's behavioural patterns should the political-military standoff with North Korea escalate into open conflict?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome back Dr Alexey Muraviev to give his views on this geopolitically important region, and to shed further light on these issues.

Dr Alexey D. Muraviev is an Associate Professor of National Security and Strategic Studies at Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia. Founder and Director of the Strategic Flashlight forum on national security and strategy, he served as head of the Department of Social Sciences and Security at Curtin University from 2013-2017. Alongside his work as an advisor to state and federal governments on foreign policy and security matters, he has published widely on national and international security. He is a member of the Australian Member Committee, Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region (AU-CSCAP); non-residential fellow, Sea Power Centre Australia (Royal Australian Navy); member of Russia-NATO Experts Group; member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London; reviewer of the Military Balance annual defence almanac; on the executive advisory board, CIVSEC 2018 international congress and exposition; member of the Advisory Board, Australia Public Network, and member of the Research Network for Secure Australia.

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The Italian Election, Euroscepticism and the Search for Stability

Speaker: Associate Professor Bruno Mascitelli

Associate Professor in International Studies, Swinburne University of Technology

Wednesday, 07 March, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Recent years have proven tumultuous for both Italian politics and the Eurozone. In 2018, Italy is facing not only a divisive election, but untested electoral laws, prolonged economic instability and an increasingly disenfranchised citizenry.

A single ground of certainty regarding the election, and its potential implications, has emerged. Namely, that it marks a foray into uncharted territory, the outcome and consequences of will be difficult to predict.



As German attempts at coalition building finally reach agreement, and the UK braces for Brexit, the question of Italy's, and the Eurozone's, future is reaching a fever pitch. Amidst this environment of pervasive uncertainty, the promise of a turbulent Italian election is poised to make waves domestically and abroad.

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome back Bruno Mascitelli to share his insights into this complex situation.

***Bruno Mascitelli** is Associate Professor in International Studies, Swinburne University of Technology. Before joining academia in 2000, Bruno was employed by the Australian Consulate in Milan, Italy from 1982 until 1997. Much of his activities in the Consulate revolved around support to Australian companies entering the Italian market. On returning to Australia in 1997 he joined the US Consulate in Melbourne working for the Commercial Service. In 2000 he joined Swinburne University. He is President of the European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA).*

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Qatar – an Update from the Region

HE Dr Axel Wabenhorst, Ambassador to Qatar

Wednesday 14 March, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



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At a time of heightened interest in the Middle East, AIIA Victoria is honoured to welcome Australia's Ambassador to Qatar, HE Dr Axel Wabenhorst to discuss developments in the region, and to share his views.

***Dr Axel Wabenhorst** is a career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and was previously Director in the Arms Control and Counter-Proliferation Branch. He has served overseas as Deputy Head of Mission, Tehran with earlier postings in Riyadh and Baghdad. In Canberra, Dr Wabenhorst has served as the DFAT Liaison Officer at the Australian Headquarters Joint Operations Command; and Director, UN Security Council Task Force. Dr Wabenhorst holds a BSc (Hons) majoring in Pure Mathematics from Monash University and a DPhil in Computer Science from Oxford University. He speaks Arabic, German and Farsi.*

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Australia in Germany

HE Ms Lynette Wood, Ambassador to Germany

Tuesday 20 March, 2018: 5.30pm for 5.50pm – 7.00pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



Please note that this event will be held under the Chatham House Rule, and will start at the earlier time of 5.30pm

As the world's fourth largest economy, Germany is the European Union's most populous nation and plays a leading role in the continent's economic, political and security affairs.

Australia and Germany cooperate closely in multilateral forums, including the UN and G20, to address global economic governance, counter-terrorism, poverty alleviation, non-proliferation and disarmament issues, and climate change, and are committed to promoting international trade liberalisation.

AIIA Victoria is honoured to welcome Her Excellency Ms Lynette Wood, Ambassador to Germany, to discuss the bilateral relationship.

***Ms Lynette Wood** has served as Ambassador to Germany since September 2016, and is also accredited to Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Previously, Ms Wood was First Assistant Secretary, International Division with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) in Canberra. She has served as Assistant Secretary, Middle East Branch and Executive Branch at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Ms Wood has also served overseas with postings in Canada and Germany. Ms Wood holds a Master of Arts (International Relations) from the Australian National University, a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade from Monash University and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Sydney.*

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The Role of the Foreign Correspondent

Michael Bachelard in Conversation with Lindsay Murdoch

Wednesday 28 March, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

In March 2018, one of Australia's journalism greats stepped down from his role as South-East Asia correspondent for Fairfax Media - ending forty years of service to the Australian people. With a career spanning continents, decades and conflicts, Lindsay Murdoch has witnessed and reported on some of the most defining moments in international affairs.



Embedded with the US military during the conflict in Iraq, witnessing the devastation of Indonesia's Boxing Day tsunami, reporting on violence in East Timor and child abuse in the Philippines - this is the world of the foreign correspondent.

With journalism as an industry in a state of flux, the foreign correspondent of the past may be a dying breed. What has been the role of foreign correspondent and what does the future of the profession look like? Can news organisations afford to support them? And why do we still need reporters on the ground to inform us on the world's most pressing issues?

AIIA Victoria invites you to a Conversation between Lindsay Murdoch and Michael Bachelard. Comprising over 60 years of journalism experience between them, they discuss the role of the foreign correspondent.

Lindsay Murdoch has been reporting for Fairfax Media for over forty years. In his time, he's picked up three Walkley Awards, Australia's highest honour in journalism. A former correspondent based in Singapore, Jakarta and Darwin he's covered the most important world issues across the globe, including the conflicts in both Iraq and East Timor. He is one of Australia's most awarded and well respected journalists.

Michael Bachelard is the Walkley Award-winning editor of *The Age* investigations unit and the foreign editor of Fairfax Media. He was executive producer of the investigative podcast *Phoebe's Fall* and has written two books *The Great Land Grab* and *Behind the Exclusive Brethren*.

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How Wars End

Richard Iron CMG, OBE

In Conversation with Professor Damien Kingsbury

Thursday 5 April, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

War remains common in the modern world despite improvements in nearly every other human endeavour. Many think it is part of the human condition. One of the founders of evolutionary psychology, E.O. Wilson, referred to warfare as 'humanity's hereditary curse.' Others describe it as a normal part of human existence.



But, however you describe it, war is devastating to its victims. Whether or not it is natural to the human condition, it is a mark of a civilised society that we do what we can to end it.

In this wide-ranging conversation, Damien Kingsbury and Richard Iron explore how wars end, using their own personal experiences of multiple conflicts across the world: Damien as a negotiator and Richard as a soldier. What conditions have got to exist to allow war to end? How can mediation help? Why do negotiations succeed or fail; and what is the role of the international community in ending war?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to invite you to the next instalment of Richard Iron's 'In Conversation' series, and we look forward to welcoming back Professor Damien Kingsbury for his expertise.

Professor Damien Kingsbury holds a Personal Chair and is Professor of International Politics at Deakin University. He has coordinated several international election observer missions, and has been adviser to several separatist organisations, helping broker peace agreements in three cases. He is the author or editor of more than two dozen books on regional political and security issues.

Richard Iron CMG, OBE served in the British Army in Northern Ireland, the Falkland Islands, Oman, the Balkans, Sierra Leone and Iraq. He was a visiting fellow at the Changing Character of War programme at the University of Oxford and was lead editor of 'British Generals in Blair's Wars.'

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Spies and Satellites: Re-thinking Australia's Role in a Regional Crisis

David Schaefer

Thursday 12 April, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Australia's exposure to great-power rivalry is more complex and ambiguous than during the Cold War.

This is a particular challenge for space policy, a crucial area for national security which has been transformed by new technology, raising new questions for Australian diplomacy.

This talk considers a hypothetical crisis between the US and China over Taiwan, drawing on available information to explore Australia's vulnerability on the final frontier.



The shifting military balance in outer space, recent war games by the US military and regional trends in defence planning all raise the possibility of cyberattacks targeting critical defence and intelligence infrastructure in outer space.

To what extent would Australia's shared information networks with allies be compromised? Could Australia become entangled in a regional conflict? What bearing may this have on Australia's regional diplomacy, and should we be seeking a greater role in shaping outer-space security?

AIIA Victoria invites you to a thought-provoking discussion by a leading researcher in intelligence and security studies.

David Schaefer is a PhD candidate in the Department of War Studies at King's College London and research assistant to Michael Herman, Founding Director of the Oxford Intelligence Group. He is a partner of the Canadian Foreign Intelligence History Project and the Space Security Research Group. David previously worked for Asialink Diplomacy and Ormond College in the University of Melbourne, where he researched intelligence and regional security issues. This talk is based on his article in the Australian Journal of International Affairs, Volume 72, Issue 1, published in February 2018.

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Grappling with the Bomb: Britain's Nuclear Pacific

Nic Maclellan, journalist and researcher

Tuesday 17 April, 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

In April 1958, Britain exploded a hydrogen bomb above Christmas (Kiritimati) island, witnessed by hundreds of British, New Zealand and Fijian military personnel, as well as Gilbertese labourers and their families. Sixty years on, our Pacific neighbours are living with the health and environmental consequences of Operation Grapple - the UK atmospheric nuclear tests at Christmas Island and Malden Island.



On the 60th anniversary of Britain's hydrogen bomb tests in Kiribati, the issue of nuclear proliferation is returning to the international agenda: Kim Jung-un has threatened missile launches into the Pacific; Donald Trump is modernising the US nuclear arsenal and threatening "fire and fury" on Korea; the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize and a new Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted by 122 countries in July 2017 – with Australia refusing to join the negotiations.

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Nic Maclellan, the author of *Grappling with the Bomb* (ANU Press, 2017), a new history of Britain's nuclear testing in the Pacific. He will discuss the development of the UK nuclear arsenal in the 1950s, but also contemporary developments, such as the push for a nuclear-free Scotland and Britain's 2017 withdrawal from compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice on matters related to nuclear weapons.

Nic Maclellan is a correspondent for *Islands Business* magazine (Fiji) and works as a journalist and researcher in the Pacific islands. He was awarded the "Outstanding Contribution to the Sector" award by the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) in 2015. His latest book *Grappling with the Bomb – a history of British nuclear testing in the Pacific* – was published in October 2017 by ANU Press.

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The People's Republic of China; Turning 70, and Planning World Leadership

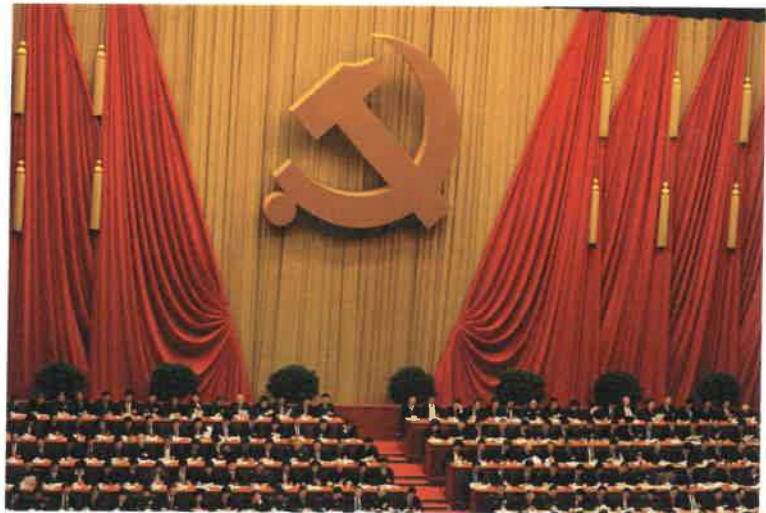
Rowan Callick OBE, FAIIA

Thursday 19 April, 2018: 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Hall & Wilcox, Level 11, Rialto South
Tower, 525 Collins Street, Melbourne

Please note the different venue and earlier start time for this event.

AIIA Victoria, in conjunction with Hall & Wilcox, invites you to an evening with renowned China Correspondent, Rowan Callick OBE, as he returns from covering the 13th National People's Congress in Beijing.

Rowan Callick will speak about the apotheosis of General Secretary Xi Jinping - how he has restructured China's governance and is now seeking a guiding role in global governance - and about his party's extraordinarily long-lived success, as the last authoritarian party of the 20th century to dominate a major power, which is driving a new and breathtakingly ambitious international program.



Rowan Callick OBE has been *The Australian's China Correspondent* for two spells in Beijing, and was previously *The Australian Financial Review's China Correspondent*. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA). He has won two Walkley Awards for his coverage of China and Hong Kong, and the Graham Perkin Award for Australian Journalist of the Year for his coverage of Papua New Guinea and the Pacific. He has written books on Hong Kong (*Comrades & Capitalists*, UNSW Press, 1998) and on China (*Party Time: Who Runs China, and How*, Black Inc and Palgrave Macmillan, 2013); and the story of the ground-breaking Channar iron ore mine in the Pilbara, commissioned by the joint venture owners, Sinosteel and Rio Tinto. He has been a member of the advisory councils of Australian foreign and aid ministers.

AIIA Victoria gratefully acknowledges the generous support of [Hall & Wilcox](#) in hosting this event.

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The Rohingya Crisis

Christopher Lamb, former Ambassador to Burma/Myanmar

Thursday 3 May 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The humanitarian crisis of the Rohingya people has been an issue in the region for many years. The August 2017 exodus was the latest of many; over half a million Muslim Rohingya fleeing their homes and persecution in the northern Rakhine province of Myanmar to neighbouring Bangladesh.



The United Nations has described the military offensive in the province as 'textbook ethnic cleansing', however the military of Buddhist-majority Myanmar has denied targeting civilians. Myanmar's recently elected leader, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, has been criticised internationally for her lack of action in this crisis.

How will Bangladesh react to this increased migration? Will the Myanmar leadership attempt to strike a balance for peace? What does the Rohingya crisis mean for stability in the wider Indo-Pacific region?

AIIA Victoria is honoured to welcome Christopher Lamb to give his insights on this crisis.

Christopher Lamb is a retired Australian diplomat, having worked for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 1968-2000, during which time he served twice in Burma/Myanmar, first from 1972-74 and then as Ambassador from 1986-89. Previously, he served as Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Romania, and Macedonia from 1997-2000. Following this, he worked as chief diplomat with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva from 2000-2010, developing IFRC's policy on Humanitarian Diplomacy. He is now an advisor to the IFRC as well as several other National Societies including the Myanmar Red Cross. He is also an associate professor in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne, and currently serves as the President of the Australia Myanmar Institute (AMI). He led an AIIA study tour to Myanmar in 2013.

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Are Presidents Trump and Xi Bringing down the Free Trade Order?

Alan Oxley

Tuesday 8 May 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

In March 2018, the Trump administration's trade strategy moved back to protectionism for the United States, imposing tariffs on steel and aluminium imports, appealing to blue collar workers and pressuring Mexico and Canada with threats to withdrawal from the NAFTA agreement.

Expecting to be hit hard by the new tariffs, China's response has been to promise countermeasures proportionate to the tariffs.

But on the same day the new tariffs were imposed, 11 countries signed up to a new Trans-Pacific Partnership ("TPP-11") free trade agreement without the US, involving key actors Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Mexico.



What will this mean for trade and diplomatic relations between the US and China? What benefits does TPP-11 bring for trade in the Indo-Pacific region? And are we at the end of the era of free trade?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome back Alan Oxley to share his insights.

Alan Oxley is Managing Director of ITS Global and publisher of Trade and Prosperity. Before establishing the consultancy in 1989, Alan was a career diplomat. He represented Australia in Singapore, at the United Nations in New York and in Geneva. He transferred to the Trade Department in 1985 and served as Ambassador to the GATT, the predecessor of the World Trade Organization, until 1989. He played a key role in creating the ground-breaking coalition of agricultural exporters, the Cairns Group. He was the first Australian to serve as GATT Chairman. Alan is Chairman of the national Australian APEC Study Centre, one of Australia's leading Asia Pacific Research Centres, based at RMIT University, Melbourne. He is also a Senior Fellow of the European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE), Brussels.

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Will Britain Achieve its Brexit Goals?

Colin Chapman FAIIA

Thursday 10 May 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

In 2016, the campaign for Brexit reached fever pitch with promises to Britons that if they voted to leave the European Union, they would get back £350 million per week to fund the National Health Service, slow immigration and “take back control” of the nation’s affairs.



After Prime Minister Theresa May acted on the referendum result to leave and gave the requisite two years’ notice, Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson came to Australia and promised that there would be a “great trade deal with Canberra, and Britain would become a major global trading nation”.

So far, the British government has agreed to pay a ‘divorce bill’ of up to £39 billion (A\$72 billion), and the EU and UK have agreed to a two-year transitional deal after March 2019 which while still fulfilling most EU obligations, allows the UK to start negotiating trade deals with other countries.

But with the prospect of an escalating trade war between China and the United States, and European countries in disputes with Russia, the future of Brexit is shrouded in uncertainty.

Can all or any of these promises made during the campaign be fulfilled? What will happen with trade relationships in the Commonwealth and the EU?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Colin Chapman, Fellow of the Institute to analyse the prospects for the final months of negotiations, and for a settlement acceptable to Britain’s parliament.

Colin Chapman FAIIA is a former four-term president of AIIA NSW and a writer, broadcaster and geopolitical analyst. As economics correspondent of BBC TV News, a CNN columnist, and a senior executive of the Financial Times, he observed and covered European politics and business on a daily basis before returning to Australia to become vice-president Asia Pacific of STRATFOR, a US geopolitical analysis company. He has an MA in Mass Communications from the University of Leicester, and is an alumnus of the London Business School. He has written several books and in an earlier career in Australia was assistant editor of The Bulletin, executive producer of ABC’s PM, and deputy editor of The Australian.

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The Future of the Commonwealth

H.E. Mrs Menna Rawlings CMG, British High Commissioner to Australia

Tuesday 15 May 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

As the UK's Brexit negotiations continue and its relationship with the European Union is redefined, the areas of trade, foreign policy and future investments are all being challenged.

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth grows in significance as an economic powerhouse, as the rise of the Global South presents new opportunities.

With UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement talks to begin as soon as Brexit is complete, and protectionist new tariffs from the United States, what will this mean for the Commonwealth and its shared relationships?



Will the UK try to bolster its relations amongst Commonwealth states as it shifts from a Euro-centric focus after Brexit? With one in three of the world's young people living in the Commonwealth, what will this mean for the next generation? Will the Commonwealth remain a relevant player in global relations in the future?

The 2018 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London and the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, both in April, make this an appropriate moment to assess where the organisation is heading. AIIA Victoria is honoured to welcome back Her Excellency Menna Rawlings CMG to explore the future of the Commonwealth.

Her Excellency Menna Rawlings CMG has been British High Commissioner to Australia since April 2015. Joining the FCO in 1989, and serving in a wide range of diplomatic service roles, she was previously a member of the Foreign and Commonwealth Management Board as HR Director. This followed postings to Washington DC, Ghana, Israel, Kenya and Brussels. In London, she has served as Private Secretary to the Permanent Under Secretary as well as in the Press Office and the Africa and EU Directorates.

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Pariah or Partner? The Korean Summit Explored

Dr Benjamin Habib

Tuesday 22 May 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The remarkable images from the inter-Korean summit held on April 27 marked a new beginning for diplomacy on the Korean Peninsula. The joint Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification of the Korean Peninsula provides a foundation for further inter-Korean engagement.



The new pillars of agreement between the two Koreas include provisions for the beginnings of an embassy, cooperation on regional security concerns, the prospect of North Korean denuclearisation, and talks for the formal end of the Korean War.

The negotiations also set the scene for the upcoming summit between the US and North Korea, with US President Donald Trump hailing the outcome as “better than anyone could have ever imagined”.

What is the future of inter-Korean relations? What lies ahead for a Kim-Trump summit? What will this mean for the region?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Dr Benjamin Habib to share his thoughts on this momentous meeting.

Dr Benjamin Habib is a lecturer in International Relations in the Department of Politics and Philosophy at La Trobe University. Prior to this, Dr Habib was a board member of OASES Graduate School in Melbourne (2014-2016) and is an Asia Literacy Ambassador for the Asia Education Foundation. He has previously worked for Flinders University, the University of South Australia, the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship, and has spent time teaching English in Dandong, China. He has also studied at Keimyung University in Daegu, South Korea, and has travelled frequently to North Korea.

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Pipeline or Pipe Dream? Timor-Leste's Foreign Policy Approach to the Timor Sea Disputes

Dr Rebecca Strating

Thursday 31 May 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Relations between Australia and Timor-Leste over previous decades have been consumed by maritime border disputes and access to sea resources. The political history of Indonesia and Timor-Leste adds further complexity to the situation, as does Australia's involvement in the Timor independence struggle, which dates back to the 1970s.



In March 2018, Timor-Leste and Australia reached an agreement on maritime boundaries. However, issues of revenue share and the development concept for the lucrative yet contested Greater Sunrise complex of gas field remains unsolved.

What will the recent treaty agreement mean for future relations between Australia and Timor-Leste? What will this mean for Timor-Leste's sovereignty and economic development?

With a study tour planned to Timor-Leste in late 2018, AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Dr Rebecca Strating for her insight.

Dr Rebecca Strating is a Lecturer of Politics and the Director of the Bachelor of International Relations at La Trobe University. She has published extensively on politics and foreign policy in the Asia-Pacific, including in the Australian Journal of International Affairs, Asia Security, Journal of Current Southeast Asia, Journal of Pacific History and Contemporary Southeast Asia. She was awarded the 2017 Boyer Prize for her article on the Timor Sea disputes in the Australian Journal of International Affairs. Her second book The Post-Colonial Security Dilemma is due for release by Institute of South Asian studies in mid-2018.

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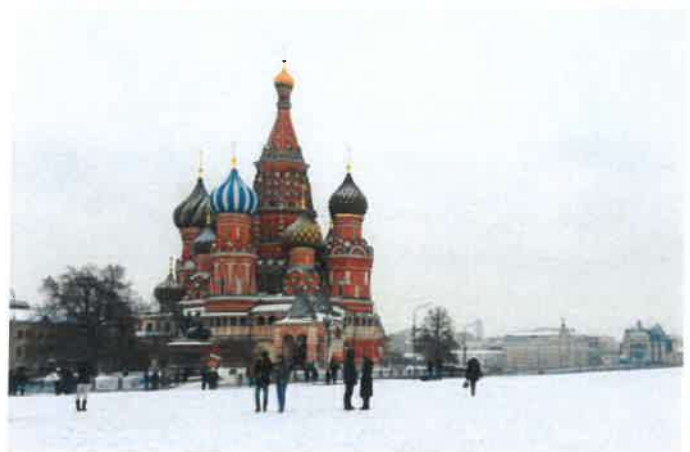
Russiaphobia and the Perils of a New Cold War

Tom Switzer

Wednesday 6 June 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The history and political climate of Russia in the 20th century set the scene for a leader determined to protect the country's legitimate security interests, to rebuild Russia so that it would not collapse again, and to engage with the West.

Negative attitudes towards Vladimir Putin and Russia in recent years intertwine with various crises such as the annexation of Crimea, alleged involvement in the US election, intervention in Syria, and the recent Skripal affair in the UK.



There is no question that Russiaphobia is on the rise across the West, especially Washington, and it shapes our thinking about the Kremlin. But Russia's current image as a menace to the international community is at odds with its domestic reality of an ageing population, and an economy reliant on commodities and frequently sanctioned by the major world powers.

Are prevailing Western attitudes towards Russia misguided? Why can't the West work with the Kremlin when interests overlap?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Tom Switzer to give an alternative perspective on the misconceptions of modern Russia.

Tom Switzer is Executive Director of the Centre for Independent Studies in Sydney and presenter of Between the Lines on the ABC's Radio National. He has written for the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and Foreign Affairs and he is a regular guest on Sky News, and ABC TV and radio.

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Diplomatic Success or Defective Deal? Untangling the Iran Nuclear Plan

Prof Shahram Akbarzadeh

Tuesday 19 June 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

US President Donald Trump has announced he will pull out of the hard-won Iran nuclear deal. Despite his claims that he can secure a better deal, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) signed in July 2015 was a historic achievement.

While US sanctions are due to be imposed again on Iran, the other signatories are vowing to honour their commitments, with European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker marvelling at the 'ferocity' of the move.



Trump's decision is a serious setback for regional security, and has implications not only for the June 12 summit with North Korea, but risks enflaming an already volatile atmosphere in the Middle East. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has been an ardent advocate of the nuclear deal, and has staked his political fortune on its success. As he investigates ways of saving the deal, internal opposition from hardliners is gathering pace.

How will other states respond to the possible re-emerging threat of Iranian nuclear weapons? What could the unintended consequences of the imposition of sanctions be?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome back Professor Shahram Akbarzadeh to share his insights on this crucial issue.

Professor Shahram Akbarzadeh is a research professor of Middle East and Central Asian Politics and Convenor of Middle East Studies Forum at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University. Professor Akbarzadeh is the founding editor of the *Islamic Studies Series* published by Melbourne University Press, and has produced key reports and publications for journals. Among his publications are the co-authored 2008 book *US Foreign Policy in the Middle East*, more recently an edited volume with Dr Dara Conduit *Iran in the World*, and a research paper on Iran's regional role, in [The Washington Quarterly](#).

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ASEAN's Regional Role

HE Ms Jane Duke, Australian Ambassador to ASEAN

Thursday 21 June 2018: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Please note that this event will be held under the Chatham House Rule

In March 2018, the first ASEAN-Australia Special Summit was held in Sydney.

The Summit brought ASEAN's political leaders together in Australia for the first time, and highlighted the close extent to which Australia's economic and security interests are linked with the countries of Southeast Asia.



Australia's trade with ASEAN countries in 2016 surpassed that of its second largest bilateral trading partner, the United States, and with the US withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the recent implementation of a revised TPP-11, this could mark a further shift in global trade.

AIIA is delighted to welcome Her Excellency Ms Jane Duke for her insights into the Special Summit and its outcomes.

Ms Jane Duke has been the Australian Ambassador to ASEAN (The Association of South East Asian Nations) since 2016. She has previously served as the Deputy High Commissioner to Malaysia, and as Immigration Counsellor at Australia's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva. Ms Duke has served as Assistant Secretary of the Canada and Latin America Branch, and the Northern, Southern and Eastern Europe Branch.

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The Iraq War in Retrospect

Richard Iron CMG OBE In Conversation with Emma Sky OBE

Friday 29 June 2018: 12pm – 2.00pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Few predicted that the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 would create such chaos, give rise to ISIS, spill over into Syria and add fuel to the Saudi-Iranian competition. It has also fundamentally affected American confidence and has led to US withdrawal from international affairs with far-reaching consequences.

The Iraq War is probably the most complex in recent history and it is particularly difficult (and dangerous) to draw simplistic conclusions from a superficial understanding of what happened and why. And yet if we do not learn the right lessons from the Iraq War we may be doomed to make the same mistakes again, or make new mistakes based on a misreading of the war.



What can we learn from the challenges and mistakes from the Iraq War? What does the future hold for the region? And will the USA recover its mojo?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to invite you to a unique opportunity to hear from Emma Sky, in a conversation between two of the most well-informed commentators on the Iraq War.

Emma Sky OBE served as the political advisor to US General Ray Odierno in Iraq from 2007-10, and as the Governorate Coordinator of Kirkuk for the Coalition Provisional Authority from 2003 to 2004. In 2015, she published the book 'The Unravelling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq'. She is currently a Senior Fellow of Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, and the Director of the Yale World Fellows Program.

Richard Iron CMG, OBE served in the British Army in Northern Ireland, the Falkland Islands, Oman, the Balkans, Sierra Leone and Iraq. He was a visiting fellow at the Changing Character of War programme at the University of Oxford and was lead editor of 'British Generals in Blair's Wars.'

1200: Light lunch served. **1230:** 'In Conversation' dialogue. **1315:** Q&A. **1345:** Coffee/tea

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YPF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

WORKSHOP 1: HOW TO NETWORK

Monday 24 July, 2017: 6pm – 7.40pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



It is hard to gain an edge in an ever-growing competitive environment. Knowing when and how to take advantage of opportunities through networking and engagement is becoming increasingly vital in developing a career.

AIIA Victoria Young Professionals Forum (YPF) welcomes young students and professionals to the first of its 2017 Professional Development Workshop Series "How to Network" with the following guests:

- Dr Kathryn Coleman, Online Presence and Personal Showcase specialist
- Steven Beutel, Professional Branding and Competitive Edge Mentor
- Georgia Ellis, Leadership, Mindset & Self-Awareness Specialist
- Breck Hilton, AIIA Victoria Vice President, Information Technology and Services, Strategic Partnerships and Alliances

The workshop aims to develop the skills and confidence of its attendees to help them effectively engage with potential mentors, employers and leading professionals. Each guest will help you:

- Become self-aware and mindful about how you represent yourself
- Help maximise your competitive edge and how to market yourself in the best way possible
- Help represent yourself, your achievements and goals online in an easily accessible and professional way
- Provide personal and professional development tips

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Asia-Pacific Hypothetical: Confronting a Regional Crisis

AIIA VIC Young Professionals Forum (YPF)
and The Coral Bell School of Asia and Pacific Affairs

Monday 11 September, 2017: 6.00pm – 8.00pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Looking for a career in
diplomacy, or to
represent your country
at the UN?

Want to hone your
negotiating and crisis
management skills?

This event will give
students/young

professionals a taste of what it takes to tackle a regional crisis. In this interactive forum, students will be divided into five different government agencies who will respond to the hypothetical crisis as it unfolds over five 'days'. Students will then present their recommendations to a 'National Security Council' to develop an official response on behalf of the Australian Government.



AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome Dr Jeremy Youde from the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs in Canberra to lead this workshop.

Dr Jeremy Youde is Senior Lecturer and Fellow in the Department of International Relations in the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University. He also serves as the Deputy Director (Education) for the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs. He joined the ANU in January 2016 and previously held appointments at colleges and universities in Minnesota, Iowa, and California. He is also a founding member, past treasurer, and current chair of the Global Health Section of the International Studies Association. His research focuses on the politics of global health and how the international community responds to infectious disease outbreaks.



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Refreshments served. Places limited

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YPF Professional Development Series - Internship Information & Networking Evening

Monday 30 October, 2017: 6pm - 8pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Looking to take that next step towards your career?

Planning for a career in international affairs can be overwhelming. Let us help you start!

AIIA Victoria Young Professionals Forum (YPF) invites students and young professionals to the next event in our Professional Development Series.



We are excited to announce the participation of the following organisations:

- **Consular Corps Melbourne**
- **Oaktree**
- **Hands on Development**
- **Cambridge Australia Scholarships**
- **Global Voices**
- **Gates Cambridge Scholarship**
- **Endeavour Scholarships**
- **Humanitarian Advisory Group**

Gain insights into opportunities offered by private sector, government, and non-profit organisations; engage directly with professional representatives, and network in a relaxed environment. Open to all students and young professionals seeking an edge in an ever-competitive industry. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Australian Institute of International Affairs
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Young Professionals Forum Annual Trivia Night

Monday 4 December, 2017 6.00pm – 9.00pm at Melbourne Central Lion Hotel, Level 3, 211 La Trobe Street, Melbourne



Think your knowledge of international affairs, global news, geography and history is up to scratch?

Why not join us for a drink, a laugh and test your world knowledge at our annual YPF Trivia Night.

Register to secure your spot. Tables will be organised on the night, so grab a group of friends, or just come on your own!

Location:

Jac's Lounge, Melbourne Central Lion Hotel
Level 3, Melbourne Central Shopping Centre
211 La Trobe Street, Melbourne 3000

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All welcome!! Registration starts 6pm

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Asia-Pacific Hypothetical: Confronting a Regional Crisis

AIIA Victoria Young Professionals Forum (YPF) and The Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs

Thursday 15 March, 2018: 6pm for 6.15pm – 8pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Looking for a career in diplomacy, or to represent your country at the UN?

Want to hone your negotiating and crisis management skills?

Hosted by AIIA Victoria in partnership with the [ANU Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs](#), the Hypothetical will give you a taste of what it takes to tackle a regional crisis.



Designed for students and young professionals, participants will be divided into five different government agencies which will respond to the hypothetical crisis as it unfolds over five 'days'. The groups will then present their recommendations to a 'National Security Council' to develop an official response on behalf of the Australian Government.

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13th International Careers Conference

The Pavilion, Arts Centre Melbourne, 100 St Kilda Road

Friday 25 August, 2017



Join us and be globally informed, connected and involved.

Why you should attend:

- Gain insights into the opportunities and realities of a variety of international careers
- Hear from professionals in the business, government and not-for-profit sectors
- Directly engage with speakers during Q&A sessions and small group workshops
- Network with like-minded others
- Receive constructive feedback on your CV from the La Trobe University Careers Centre

Keynote speakers and panellists will address opportunities across the Not-for-Profit, Business and International Relations sectors.

Career-specific workshops will cover: International Law; International Trade; Foreign Affairs & Diplomacy; Border Protection; New Technologies; Media; Victoria's Overseas Interests; Defence & Security, Refugees and Migration; Young Volunteers.

Representatives of the following organisations offering scholarships will be on hand to give more information: Cambridge Australia Scholarships; Endeavour Scholarships; Gates Scholarships; John Monash Scholarships; Rhodes Scholarships.

The 13th International Careers Conference (ICC) will be held on Friday 25th August from 8.45am-4.00pm. Networking session from 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Registrations open from 8.00am

Tickets on sale until **Tuesday 22nd August**. Ticket price includes morning tea and lunch.

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The 2017 Sir Zelman Cowen Oration Dinner

Tuesday 3 October, 2017: 6pm for 7.00pm – 10.00pm at The Windsor Hotel, 111 Spring Street, Melbourne

AIIA Victoria has pleasure in inviting you to a convivial evening in the Grand Ballroom of The Windsor Hotel. Come and meet old and new friends, mingle with diplomats, educationalists and members of the international community in Melbourne, and continue the tradition of acknowledging the contribution of Sir Zelman Cowen.



Former Governor-General and legal expert Sir Zelman Cowen dedicated his life to engaging the Australian public in international affairs.

To honour this life-long commitment, AIIA Victoria's annual Sir Zelman Cowen Oration features an eminent speaker discussing a current issue that affects how Australia engages with the world.

The 2017 Sir Zelman Cowen Oration will be delivered in the presence of Lady Cowen by **Professor Margaret Gardner AO**, President and Vice-Chancellor of Monash University

International Education and its Importance to Australia



Professor Margaret Gardner AO became President and Vice-Chancellor of Monash University in September 2014, having previously held the position of Vice-Chancellor and President of RMIT from April 2005 until August 2014. Professor Gardner is Chair of Universities Australia and a Director of the Group of Eight Universities.

The Appreciation will be given by **Professor Richard Larkins AO**, Chancellor of La Trobe University.

Pre-dinner drinks in the Bourke Room from 6pm; Dinner in the Grand Ballroom 7pm-10pm

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Bookings essential by Monday 18 September. Business attire. Tables of 10 available.

Members \$135 / Non-members \$175