



# Australian Institute of International Affairs Year in Review 2017—2018

# Letter from the National President

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It was a great honour to take over as National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs in October 2017 from the Hon Kim Beazley AC FAIIA. My personal connections with the AIIA go back to my high school days and my conviction that the work we do in promoting the understanding of international issues and engaging the Australian community in the debate about our place in the world has never been stronger.

2017–18 was again a year of considerable achievement for the AIIA. The statistics tell the story: the 210 events our branches held nationally for our 1500 members, the 292,000 unique visitors to our *Australian Outlook* blog and website, the 96,000 full-text downloads from our world-ranking journal, the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*.

The theme of our very successful National Conference, *Foreign Policy in an Uncertain World*, encapsulated the deep and rapid changes going on around us. We were delighted that the foreign minister, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, and the shadow foreign minister, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, both gave keynote speeches to our audience of 380 people.

An important role of the AIIA is to facilitate contact with similar organisation overseas, and we hosted a steady stream of international visitors and delegations. We also supported important second track dialogues such as the EU-Australia Leadership Forum and the Australia-Indonesia Dialogue.

Engagement with young people is a critical part of our mission and we were delighted by the steady increase in youth engagement through our formal meetings, our blog, our internship program and the Euan Crone Asian Awareness Scholarships

Community-based organisations like ours depend for all they do on the engagement of volunteers and the generosity of donors. I thank all of those who have provided support for our work. I note especially the help we have received over so many years from DFAT. My own personal thanks go particularly to my fellow members of the National Executive, especially the Vice President, Zara Kimpton, OAM, our National Executive Director, Melissa Conley Tyler, and the Chair of our Research Committee, Professor Mark Beeson.



Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA  
National President

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Frances Adamson, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, delivered the Sir James Plimsoll Lecture for the AIIA Tasmania Branch, the University of Tasmania and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in December 2017

# The AIIA in 2017-2018

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The Australian Institute of International Affairs is an independent national organisation dedicated to promoting greater understanding of international issues.

Founded in 1924, the AIIA is made up of seven state and territory offices engaging the public in informed discussion of international events and foreign policy. Its membership brings together senior and emerging leaders from diplomacy, policymaking, aid and development organisations, business, law, the media and academia.

As part of its mission, the AIIA is a strong supporter of new research, fosters interest in global affairs through events and publications, and promotes international understanding of Australian foreign policy through roundtables and international dialogue.

In recognition of its achievements, in 2017 the AIIA was voted the leading think tank in Southeast Asia and the Pacific by the University of Pennsylvania's Global Go To Think Tank Index for the third year running.



Dr Stephanie Fahey, CEO of Austrade, spoke at AIIA Tasmania Branch and the AIIA National Conference

- **292,000** unique visitors to the *Australian Outlook* blog and website
- **96,788** full-text downloads of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs* (AJIA), ranked number **54 worldwide** among international relations journals
- More than **1500** members of **seven** state and territory offices
- **380** attendees at the AIIA National Conference 2017
- More than **210** events nationwide
- **13 languages** spoken in the AIIA National Office



# AIIA in the Media



**Top row:** National President Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA in *The Australian Financial Review* and quoted in *The Economist*; National Executive Director Melissa Conley Tyler on ABC TV's *Matter of Fact* with Stan Grant and on Radio National's *A Foreign Affair*.

**Second row:** *Australian Journal of International Affairs* Editor-in-Chief Professor Nick Bisley in the *Khmer Times*; AIIA Presidential Associate Ian Dudgeon in *The Strategist*; AIIA National Conference coverage on *Xinhua*; AIIA NSW President Richard Broinowski on CNBC; ACT Branch President Bob Lowry quoted in *The New York Times*.

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# Who We Are

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## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

### **National President**

The Hon Kim Beazley AC FAIA

(to 10/2017)

Allan Gyngell AO FAIA

(from 10/2017)

### **National Vice-President**

Ms Zara Kimpton OAM

### **National Executive Director**

Ms Melissa Conley Tyler

### **Hon National Treasurer**

Ms Kylie Bell (to 10/2017)

Tom Rayner (from 2/2018)

### **Chair of Research Committee**

Professor Mark Beeson

### **Editors of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs***

Professor Nick Bisley (to 4/2018)

Associate Professor Sara Davies

& Professor Ian Hall

(from 5/2018)



## PATRON AND HONORARY VISITOR

His Excellency General the Honourable

Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd.)

Governor-General of the Commonwealth  
of Australia

### **DFAT Representative**

Mr Gary Quinlan AO

### **ACT**

Mr Robert Lowry

### **New South Wales**

Mr Richard Broinowski

(to 12/2017)

Mr Ian Lincoln (from 12/2017)

### **Queensland**

Mr Geoffrey Ewing

### **South Australia**

Dr Felix Patrikeeff

### **Tasmania**

Emeritus Professor Peter Boyce  
AO FAIA (to 2/2018)

Mrs Kim Boyer (from 2/2018)

### **Victoria**

Mr Patrick Moore

### **Western Australia**

Mr John R Goodlad

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# Events

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During 2017-18, the AIIA hosted more than **210 events** around Australia. The seven AIIA state and territory offices arranged lectures, roundtables and other special events in keeping with the organisation's mission to promote interest in and understanding of international issues.

Throughout the year, thousands of AIIA members and members of the public took part in AIIA events. From the largest-yet National Conference to the EU-Australia Leadership Forum, annual dinners and addresses by leading diplomats, academics and analysts, 2017-18 was an outstanding year for AIIA events.



President of Croatia Her Excellency Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović spoke at AIIA ACT Branch



Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Minister for International Development and the Pacific, attended the 4th Indonesia-Australia Dialogue



The Hon John Howard OM AC, Former Prime Minister of Australia, spoke to AIIA NSW and met with AIIA NSW interns

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## AIIA 2017 National Conference: *Foreign Policy in an Uncertain World*

The 2017 National Conference proved once again to be Australia's leading foreign policy event, boasting:

- Record participation with more than 380 attendees, including 25 foreign ambassadors and diplomats and 130 students;
- Keynote speeches by the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator the Hon Penny Wong and AIIA National President the Hon Kim Beazley AC FAIIA;
- Superb coverage on mainstream media with contributions featured in *The Australian*, *Australian Financial Review*, *The Guardian*, *Xinhua*, *News.com.au*, *SBS*, *ABC Radio*, *7News* and *Sky News*, among others;
- Extraordinary reach through social media, with #AIIA17 becoming the #1 trending topic on Twitter Australia-wide that day;
- A successful Masterclass program at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, providing a chance for early career professionals and students to engage in discussions with leading experts in their field.



The Hon Kim Beazley AC FAIIA, AIIA National President



AIIA National Conference 2017 highlights video



Panel discussing Australia's Contribution to Global Issues



# Events

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Ambassador Anwarul Chowdhury, former permanent representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations and UN Under-Secretary-General



The Hon Robert French AC, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, spoke at the AIIA for WA



Her Excellency Astanah Abdul Aziz, former deputy director general of the ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat



His Excellency Peter Tesch, Australian Ambassador to Russia, spoke at the AIIA for WA.

# Events

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Emma Sky OBE and Richard Iron CMG OBE spoke in conversation at AIIA VIC



Mukund Narayanamurti, CEO of Asialink Business, at the AIIA National Conference



Tom Switzer, Executive Director of the Centre for Independent Studies, spoke at AIIA NSW, AIIA VIC and AIIA Queensland



Linda Jakobson and Professor Bates Gill launching their book *China Matters* at AIIA NSW

# Events

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Jeff Hansen, Managing Director of Sea Shepherd Australia, at AIIA for WA



Dr Connie Bakrie, Executive Director of Indonesia's Institute of Defense and Security Studies, at the 4th Indonesia-Australia Dialogue



Timothy Marbun, executive producer and news anchor with Indonesia's Kompas TV, at the 4th Indonesia-Australia Dialogue



Professor Gordon Flake, founding CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre, at AIIA for WA



# Events

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Emma Tunne Wakpi of the Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs at the AIIA for WA



Ambassador Ong Keng Yong, ASEAN Secretary-General 2003-2008 and ambassador-at-large with the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Kyle Wilson of the ANU's Centre for European Studies at the AIIA for WA



Dr Carl Ungerer, formerly of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, at the AIIA ACT Branch



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Dr Benjamin Habib of La Trobe University spoke at the AIIA VIC



Jacinta Carroll, Director of National Security Policy at the National Security College, Australian National University, at the AIIA NSW



Professor Alan Oxley, Chairman of the APEC Study Centre, presented at the AIIA VIC



Alistair Gee from the Institute for Economics and Peace at the AIIA Queensland

# Events

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Esther Blank, Bureau Chief, Deutsche Welle Agency Australia, at the AIIA VIC



Associate Professor Asmi Wood of the Australian National University spoke at the AIIA ACT



Kirsty McNeil of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade spoke at the AIIA ACT



Dr Carl Hinze of Holding Redlich presented at the AIIA Queensland

# International Dialogue

## Australia-Indonesia Dialogue

On 8-10 April 2018, the 4th Indonesia-Australia Dialogue was held in Sydney. The focus was on the role of civil society in strengthening the Indonesia–Australia bilateral relationship.

The Dialogue was established in 2010 as a second-track bilateral meeting aiming to enhance people-to-people links. Participants include government officials, academics, experts and leaders from the business, media and technology sectors.

This year’s Dialogue was co-convoked by The Hon John Anderson AO, former Deputy Prime Minister and His Excellency Hamzah Thayeb, Indonesian Ambassador to Australia 2005-9.

The Dialogue was organised by the AIIA with support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and PwC Australia.



Co-Chairs The Hon John Anderson AO and His Excellency Hamzah Thayeb with Minister for International Development and the Pacific Senator The Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Senator Jenny McAllister and participants



His Excellency General the Hon David Hurley AC DSC, Governor of New South Wales, opens the Dialogue; David Ngalusi, Ambassador Gary Quinlan and Laura Anderson; Former Ambassadors Bill Farmer and Sudaryomo



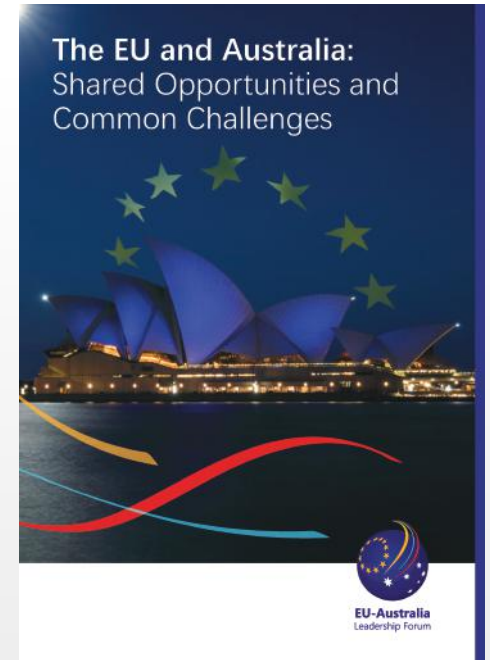
# International Dialogue

## EU-Australia Leadership Forum

In June 2016, a consortium including the AIIA won the tender to deliver the EU-Australia Leadership Forum, a three-year project funded by the European Commission. The Forum is aimed at deepening and diversifying the EU-Australia relationship.

On 27 April 2018 the EU-Australia Leadership Forum held a very successful Sectoral Policy Workshop on the topic of the rules-based international order. Held in Brussels, it brought together 28 European and Australian participants, including high-level experts, to discuss perspectives on, and threats to, the rules-based international order.

The workshop was co-chaired by Quentin Peel of Chatham House and Dr Carl Ungerer, former adviser to Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator the Hon Bob Carr. Key recommendations from the workshop were presented to the official EU-Australia Strategic/Security Dialogue in May 2018 and Ambassador to the European Union Justin Brown hosted a reception for participants at his residence.



Australian Ambassador to the European Union Justin Brown and EU-Australia Leadership Forum team leader Melissa Conley Tyler; Workshop participants in Brussels; Workshop Co-Chairs Quentin Peel and Dr Carl Ungerer.





## AIIA-Korea Foundation Next Generation Study Tour

From 19-23 March 2018, 11 mid- to early-career Australians participated in a Next Generation Policy Experts Study Tour jointly organised by the Korea Foundation and the AIIA and ably led by AIIA for WA President John Goodlad.

Highlights included:

- Networking with leading policy makers, academics, fellow analysts and international journalists
- Active engagement with senior policy experts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Unification and Ministry of National Defense
- Meeting with the Australian Ambassador to Korea James Choi at the Australian Embassy in Seoul
- Visits to cultural sites such as Namsan Hanok village
- Tour of the Demilitarised Zone



## AIIA VIC Iran Study Tour

A 18-person delegation from AIIA VIC traveled to Iran from 4–21 April 2018 to gain a deeper understanding of the country and its role in the international sphere.

The delegation met with the Institute for Political and International Studies, University of Tehran, Sharif University, ICRC, Ravand Institute, Operation Mercy and the Australian Embassy.



# International Dialogue

## Taiwan Delegation Visit

From 23-27 April 2018, an AIIA Delegation visited the Republic of China (Taiwan) to discuss topics such as Taiwan-Australia relations, Taiwan's new Southbound Policy and Australia's security strategy and foreign policy.

The visit included meetings with Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Jaushieh Joseph Wu, the Taiwan ASEAN Studies Centre, National Taiwan University and the Prospect Foundation



AIIA Delegation to Taiwan, April 2018

## Arctic Roundtable

On 17 January the AIIA hosted a Roundtable on Sustainable Development Goals in the Arctic with the Founder and Director of the Polar Research Policy Institute Dr Dwayne Ryan Menezes.

The AIIA was delighted to welcome the Ambassador of Finland, His Excellency Mr Lars Backström, and the Ambassador of Denmark, His Excellency Mr Tom Nørring, along with other diplomats, NGO representatives and researchers from the ANU and CSIRO.



Founder and Director of the Polar Research Policy Institute Dr Dwayne Ryan Menezes

## AIIA Briefing for Senator Wong

The AIIA held a briefing for Senator the Hon Penny Wong in Melbourne on 25 July 2017. The discussion covered Iran, the Iran nuclear deal, tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia, and other pertinent issues in the Persian Gulf. It brought together experts from the University of Melbourne, Deakin University and AIIA VIC. The AIIA was pleased to fulfil its role by acting as a knowledge-broker providing a forum for informed debate on international issues.

# International Dialogue

## Visiting Delegations

AIIA National Office was pleased to receive two delegation visits from the China Institute of International Studies: in July 2017 led by Ambassador Su Ge and in June 2018 led by CIIS President Ambassador Qi Zhenhong.

In December 2017 AIIA National Office hosted a roundtable with Afghanistan's Deputy Foreign Minister, His Excellency Hekmat Khalil Karzai.

## Think Tank Summits and Dialogues

The AIIA was represented at various think tank summits and international dialogues throughout 2017-18:

- ASEAN-ANZ Dialogue
- Asia Think Tank Summit
- Asian Society of International Law Conference
- Chatham House International Policy Forum
- India-Australia Dialogue
- Konrad Adenauer Foundation Global Strategy Advisory Board Meeting
- New Zealand Institute of International Affairs National Conference
- Warsaw Security Forum

Senior personnel visited the South African Institute of International Affairs and Royal United Services Institute in London.



China Institute of International Studies roundtable



National Executive Director Melissa Conley Tyler at the Warsaw Security Forum



ASEAN-Australia New Zealand Dialogue, Kuala Lumpur, 2017

# Research & Publications

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## Research Committee: Chair's Report

This has been another very productive year for research activity by the AIIA and some of its key personnel.

The AIIA's flagship journal, the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, continues to go from strength to strength. The AJIA has appointed two new co-editors, Associate Professor Sarah Davies and Professor Ian Hall, to build on the great work of previous editor Professor Nick Bisley. The journal continues its rise up the international rankings and has a strong pipeline of new submissions that bode well for its future development. It remains the principal publication outlet for scholars working on Australian foreign policy but also attracts a growing number of international relations experts from other areas and research fields.

The AIIA's other major publication outlet is *Australian Outlook*, which was recently judged by Feedspot to be one of the top 15 international relations blogs on the web. *Australian Outlook* continues to publish up-to-the-minute analysis of contemporary events by leading analysts of international affairs from Australia and internationally.

Work continued on *Ministers for Foreign Affairs 1972-1983*, the latest volume in the well-regarded *Australian Ministers for Foreign Affairs* series, which will be launched before the end of 2018.

The AIIA is currently in the process of inaugurating a complementary series, *Key Moments in Diplomatic History*, in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which will – as the title suggests – consider some of the key turning points and incidents that have helped to shape the direction of Australian foreign policy over the last few decades. Manuscripts by former foreign affairs officials are currently being developed in what promises to be an important contribution to the story of Australia's diplomatic history.

Both National Executive Director Melissa Conley Tyler, National President Allan Gyngell and I have had productive years, publishing opinion, scholarly articles and contributing to a number of high profile collaborative ventures in Australia and the region. My new book, *Rethinking Global Governance*, is about to be published by Palgrave.

**Professor Mark Beeson,**  
Chair, Research Committee



# Research & Publications

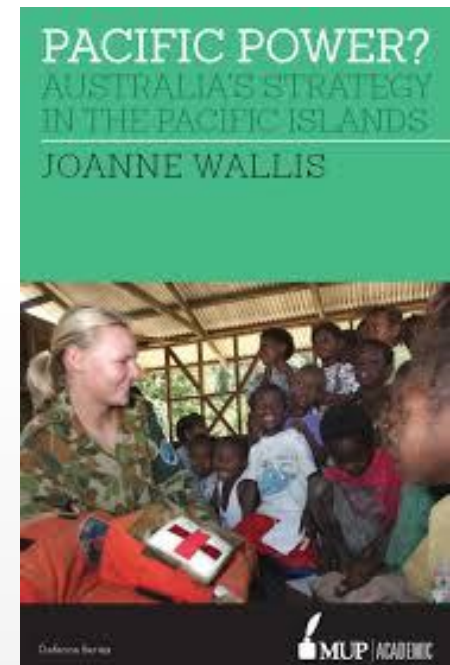
In May 2018, the Research Committee made the following awards:

## AIIA Workshop Support Grant 2018

- Dr Nengye Liu for his workshop on “Exploring Australia’s China Strategy in Antarctic Governance” to be held at the University of Adelaide.

## AIIA Early Career Research Impact Award 2018

- Dr Maria Tanyag, Monash University Centre for Gender, Peace and Security
- Dr Christian Downie, Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow and Higher Degree Research Convenor, School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet)
- Dr Elizabeth Buchanan, EU Europa Fellow, Centre for European Studies, ANU and Research Program Manager, ANU China Economy Program



Dr Joanne Wallis' book, *Pacific Power?*, funded by an AIIA Publication Support Grant, was launched at the 2017 National Conference



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## *Australian Institute of International Affairs Research Committee*



AIIA Research Chair Professor Mark Beeson being interviewed by the AIIA for WA's Flavia Bellieni Zimmermann



ANU Professor Donald Rothwell at the launch of the book he co-edited for the AIIA: *International Law in Australia, 3rd edition*

### *Research Chair:*

**Professor Mark Beeson**, University of Western Australia

### *Research Committee:*

**Melissa Conley Tyler**, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

**Dr Sara Davies**, Griffith University

**Professor Peter Edwards AM FAIIA**, Deakin University

**Professor Toni Erskine**, UNSW Canberra, and then Australian National University

**Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA**, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

**Professor Marcus Haward**, University of Tasmania

**Professor Ian Hall**, Griffith University

**Professor Anthony Milner AM**, Australian National University

**Professor Garry Rodan**, Murdoch University

**Professor Samina Yasmeen AM FAIIA**, University of Western Australia

## *Australian Journal of International Affairs: Editor's Report*

I am very pleased to report that the *Australian Journal of International Affairs* has had another very positive year. The journal has continued to increase its readership, the quality of submissions is high and the broader scholarly impact continues to grow.

In 2017 the Journal's Impact Factor – the industry standard measure that indicates the quality and broader impact of the work published in the journal – was 0.954. This is the highest ever achieved in the journal's history and ranks it 54th in the world in international relations journals.

The download rate of articles also increased by 10% with 96,788 unique article downloads. Given the highly competitive nature of academic publishing the AJIA should be very pleased with this performance.

The winner of the 2017 Boyer Prize for the best original article published in the AJIA was Dr Rebecca Strating of La Trobe University for her article "Timor-Leste's foreign policy approach to the Timor Sea disputes: pipeline or pipe dream?". In 2017-18 the AJIA published two special issues: on National Security: Between Theory and Practice, in conjunction with the National Security College, and on Australia's Relationship with the European Union: From Conflict to Cooperation.

I am extremely grateful for the strong support the journal receives from our excellent editorial board and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and hard work.



I am delighted to hand on the reins to the new Editors-in-Chief of the AJIA: Associate Professor Sara Davies and Professor Ian Hall of Griffith University. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the AJIA and in particular Melissa Conley Tyler for outstanding support during my tenure at the journal.

**Professor Nick Bisley**  
*Editor-in-Chief, Australian Journal of International Affairs*

*"A lot of academics covet being published in the Australian Journal of International Affairs. It's read by policymakers – which is not something you can say about every journal out there."*

**Professor Andrew O'Neil, former AJIA editor, at the launch of the National Security special issue**

## *Australian Journal of International Affairs*

### *Editor in Chief:*

**Professor Nick Bisley**

La Trobe University (to April 2018)

**Associate Professor Sara Davies and  
Professor Ian Hall**

Griffith University (from May 2018)

### *Managing Editor:*

**Caitlin Hamilton**

University of New South Wales

### *Book Review Editor:*

**Aakriti Bachhawat**

Griffith University (to May 2018)

**Apoorva Kolluru** (from May 2018)

### *Editorial Board:*

**Alan S. Alexandroff**, University of Toronto,

**Dr Alice Ba**, University of Delaware

**Aileen S.P. Baviera**, University of the Philippines

**Melissa Conley Tyler**, Australian Institute of International Affairs

**Professor James Cotton**, Australian Defence Force Academy

**Professor Zhu Feng**, Nanjing University

**Dr Ian Hall**, Griffith University

**Tsutomu Kikuchi**, Aoyama Gakuin University

**Dr Amy King**, Australian National University

**Cheng-Cwee Kuik**, National University of Malaysia

**Professor Rory Medcalf**, Australian National University

**Professor Anthony Milner AM**, Australian National University

**Associate Professor Susan Park**, University of Sydney

**Associate Professor Sarah Percy**, University of Western Australia

**Associate Professor Andrew Phillips**, University of Queensland

**Associate Professor James Reilly**, University of Sydney

**Professor Garry Rodan**, Murdoch University

**Professor Benjamin Schreer**, Macquarie University

**Professor Shirley Scott**, University of New South Wales

**Professor Jason Sharman**, Griffith University

**Associate Professor Laura Shepherd**, University of New South Wales

**Professor Jacqui True**, Monash University





## Australian Outlook

The AIIA has cemented its website [internationalaffairs.org.au](http://internationalaffairs.org.au) as a leading source of information and analysis on international issues.

The *Australian Outlook* blog is the AIIA's online showcase for high-quality analysis and comment on international issues. It provides an Australian perspective on world events to generate understanding among Australians of global politics.

Highlights of 2017-18 included:

- A total of 228,000 unique visitors and 328,00 sessions;
- A new monthly record of 33,000 unique visitors;
- A 424% increase in page views since the previous year;
- More than 20,000 Twitter and Facebook followers;
- Increased use of YouTube, podcasts and social media;
- Selection by Feedspot as one of the Top 15 International Relations blogs on the web.

Articles were widely distributed via Facebook and Twitter, as well as via a weekly email digest to subscribers.

The growing popularity of the blog was due to the strength of the contributions. It was a credit to the standing of the AIIA and the blog, as well as the work of the *Australian Outlook* editors, that so many high-profile authors were happy to share their insights and opinions.

The AIIA continued to republish commentary and analysis from international partner institutions as part of *Global Wire*.



The AIIA has a truly international reach, with users from 142 countries visiting the AIIA website and *Australian Outlook*



The AIIA thanks the *Australian Outlook* editors for 2017-18:

**Nicholas Prehn**      **Felix Mouttaki**

**Apoorva Kolluru**      **Jasmine Gan**

## Australian Outlook

Some of the popular authors for 2017-18 were:

- "The Future of ASEAN" by Dr Marty Natalegawa
- "Australia's Role in Resuscitating Cambodian Democracy" by Sam Rainsy
- "Asia-Pacific: Game of Thrones in our Backyard?" by Allan Gyngell AO FAIA
- "Justice for the Rohingya: Aung San Suu Kyi as Saint or Sinner" by Associate Professors Sara Davies and Susan Harris Rimmer
- "The International Community's Response to the Rohingya Crisis" by Aisha Ismail and Elliot Dolan-Evans
- "Australia-China Bilateral Relations: How did we get here?" by Professor James Laurenceson
- "What Does China Want from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank?" by Dr Jeffrey Wilson
- "Japan's Engagement in China's Belt and Road Initiative" by Dr Shutaro Sano
- "Powerful but not Popular: The Perennial Shinzo Abe" by Dr Bryce Wakefield
- "The Skripal Affair: Curiouser and Curiouser" by Emeritus Professor Ramesh Thakur FAIA
- "Trump Campaign Collusion with Russia is Real News" by Cameron Steer
- "Italy and Australia: Just History Now?" by Associate Professor Bruno Mascitelli



## Australian Outlook

- "Foreign Policy in an Uncertain World" by The Hon Julie Bishop MP
- "When Foreign Investment met International Trade: The Austrade Nexus" by Dr Stephanie Fahey
- "Debunking Three Australian Foreign Policy Myths" by Tom Switzer
- "Stunned Silence and Selective Reading: Trump's UN Address" by Professor Mark Beeson
- "Australia's Overzealous Response to the North Korea Crisis" by John McCarthy AO FAIA
- "Why China is Key to Any North Korean Solution" by Professor James Cotton FAIA
- "Terrorism Spreading But Less Deadly in 2017" by Camilla Schippa
- "What the US National Security Strategy means for Counterterrorism" by Dr Shannon Zimmerman
- "Optimism and Madness in Zimbabwe", interview with Senator the Hon David Coltart
- "The Problem Isn't Hunger in East Africa" by Dr Fatoumata Nafu-Traoré
- "Australia Wins Behind the Scenes at the G20" by Colin Chapman FAIA
- "Qatar's Blockade: The Story So Far" by Professor Shahram Akbarzadeh





# Youth & Community Engagement

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**Youth engagement is a key part of the AIIA's mission.** Youth outreach activities include schools programs, careers fairs, internships and bursaries. AIIA youth networks help inform and facilitate debate amongst a new generation of leaders. The AIIA also hosts interns from various backgrounds and disciplines and from across Australia and around the globe.

## Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship

The Nygh Internship award supports a postgraduate student or graduate of an Australian law school to undertake an internship with The Hague Conference on Private International Law in the Netherlands in conjunction with the Australian Branch of the International Law Association.



The 2017 winner of the Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship is Andreas Sherborne.

## Young Diplomats Program

In 2017 the AIIA continued its long-term partnership with James Cook University to run a diplomacy competition for Year 10 students from the Townsville region in North Queensland. Winners were given the opportunity to attend the AIIA National Conference.



2017 Young Diplomats Program winners from Pimlico State High School.

## Euan Crone Asian Awareness Scholarship

The Euan Crone Asian Awareness Scholarship was initiated in 2013 with the goal of deepening young Australians' awareness of countries in Asia and issues associated with the Asian region.

In 2017, grants were awarded to the following AIIA members:

- **Eliza O'Donnell** (VIC) of the University of Melbourne for work on tropical art conservation in visual arts archives in Indonesia
- **Alexandra Banks** (ACT) of The Australian National University for an internship at the Japan Institute of International Affairs, Japan

## WA Bursary for Studies in Asia Program

The AIIA for WA offers two bursaries annually to support students from Western Australian universities to undertake educational activity in countries within Asia.

After working through a record number of applications, the judging panel and the bursary committee announced that the following two recipients of the 2017 Bursary to study in Asia would receive \$2,000 to put towards their educational endeavours:

- **James Panarettos**
- **Maija Ala-Kauhalouma**



2017 recipient Alexandra Banks being presented at the 2017 National Conference.

## Quarterly Access

*Quarterly Access* is a national publication of the youth network. The AIIA appreciates the commitment made by the editorial committee and acknowledges their hard work and all they do to provide opportunities for emerging authors to have their voices heard.



## **AIIA Queensland Recognition**

AIIA Queensland continued its two annual presentations to foster and reward excellence in international affairs. The AIIA Queensland Award is intended to recognise a Queensland resident who has made significant achievements in international affairs, while the AIIA Queensland Asia-Pacific Scholarship encourages Queensland university students to engage with the region through study abroad programs, internship placements or field work to enhance understanding of the Asia Pacific and improve Australia's standing in the region.

## **AIIA Queensland Award 2017**

The AIIA Queensland Award was established in 2016 to recognise notable achievement in international affairs in an activity relating to the AIIA's objective of promoting interest in and understanding of international issues. The Queensland Award 2017 was awarded to leading advocate for increased Australia-Melanesia business links, Frank Youn.



## **AIIA Queensland Asia-Pacific Scholarship 2017**

The AIIA Queensland encourages and supports Australian students at Queensland universities to undertake study in the Asia-Pacific region through scholarship established in line with the organisation's mission of promoting understanding and interest in international affairs. The AIIA Queensland Asia-Pacific Scholarship 2017 was awarded to Isabelle Bettridge.





# Youth & Community Engagement

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AIIA VIC International Careers Conference, August 2017



AIIA VIC Young Professionals Forum, March 2018



AIIA Queensland Trivia Night, September 2017

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# Youth & Community Engagement



The AIAA held a stall at Government House Open Day, Canberra



The AIAA held a roundtable with Global Voices delegates



The AIAA hosted a diplomatic reception with UN Youth and members of the diplomatic corps



AIAA supported students from the International Alliance of Research Universities at the ANU Global Summer School

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# Fellows of the AIIA

Each year, the AIIA is pleased to honour individuals who have made a distinguished contribution to Australia's international affairs as Fellows of the AIIA. Nominations can be made by AIIA members at any time.

In 2017, the Australian Institute of International Affairs was delighted to honour the following:

**Colin Chapman**

**John W. H. Denton AO**

**Dr Helen Durham AO**

**Helen Evans AO**

**Bill Farmer AO**

**John Menadue AO**

**Professor Ramesh Thakur**

**Michael Thawley AO**



Colin Chapman  
FAIIA at the  
AIIA VIC



Professor Ramesh Thakur FAIIA at the AIIA National Conference 2017



Bill Farmer AO FAIIA being presented with his Fellow's Award at AIIA ACT Branch

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# Fellows of the AIIA

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Emeritus Professor James Cotton FAIIA spoke at AIIA ACT Branch with Associate Professor Brendan Taylor



The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG FAIIA spoke at AIIA Queensland's Annual Dinner in 2017



Dr Alison Broinowski FAIIA being presented with her Fellow's award at the AIIA NSW Charteris Oration



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Richard Searby AO QC was a National President of the AIIA from 1993-8. He was a prominent Australian lawyer and chair of News Corporation with a history of service to the AIIA. He was a director of Rio Tinto, Shell Australia, Woodside Petroleum and the winemaker BRL Hardy. In later years he was chancellor of Deakin University and chairman of Geelong Grammar school. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2006 for his educational work.

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Professor David Goldsworthy was chair of the AIIA Research Committee, and served as editor of *Australian Outlook*, as the *Australian Journal of International Affairs* was then known, from 1977-1982. He was an honorary professorial fellow in the School of Political and Social Inquiry at Monash University. David was also a noteworthy author, editing a two-volume series *Facing North: A Century of Australian Engagement with Asia*.



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