



**Pacific Security in an Age of Great Power Rivalry**

Wednesday 21 August 2019

Hyatt Hotel, 120 Commonwealth Ave, Canberra ACT 2600

- 09:00- 09:30      **Welcoming Breakfast at the Hyatt Hotel**
- 09:30-10:30      **Opening Session**
- 10:45-12:15      **Panel 1: Security and Geo-Politics in the Pacific**  
*This session aims to promote honest and frank discussion on the dynamics of emerging security tensions in the Pacific. It explores the intensification of Sino-American rivalry and its implications for regional players, in particular Pacific Island nations, and looks at collaborative opportunities between nations in responding to such security challenges.*
- 12:15-13:30      **Lunch**
- 13:30-15:00      **Panel 2: Environment and Climate**  
*This session looks at diverse perspectives between regional players on issues of climate and security. It explores how players can act collaboratively to address climate risks in the region, and how these nations can help local communities to mitigate such climate-driven security risks, such as extreme weather patterns, rising tides, and population movement.*
- 15:00-15:30      **Afternoon Tea**
- 15:30-17:00      **Panel 3: Governance, Domestic Political Stability and  
Development**  
*This session explores the main drivers of domestic instability in the region. It asks what these drivers of instability are, and how regional players can cooperate to address domestic concerns.*
- 17:00-17:30      **Closing Session**
- 17:30-17:45      **Group photo**
- 17:45-18:30      **Post-event drinks**
- 18:30-21:30      **Dinner**  
*The Boat House, Grevillea Park, Menindee Dr, Barton ACT 2600*



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## Participants – Overview

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### Opening and Closing Sessions

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**Opening remarks:**

- Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA, National President of the AIIA, former ONA Director-General

**Speeches:**

- Sonoura Kentarō, Special Advisor to Prime Minister Abe Shinzō, Minister of the Cabinet
- John McCarthy AO FAIIA, Former National President of the AIIA, former senior diplomat

**Discussion**

- Moderated by Dr Bryce Wakefield, National Executive Director, AIIA

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### Panel 1: Security and Geo-Politics in the Pacific

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**Moderator:**

- Dr Bryce Wakefield, National Executive Director, AIIA

**Speakers:**

- Dr Fukushima Akiko, Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University
- Dr Matsuda Yasuhiro, Professor at University of Tokyo
- Dr Kaitu'u i' Pangai Funaki, Founder of the Dignified Pacific Initiative
- Sam Roggeveen, Director at the Lowy Institute

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### Panel 2: Environment and Climate

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**Moderator:**

- Dr Johanna Nalau, Adaptation Scientist at Griffith University

**Speakers:**

- Dr Komatsu Masayuki, Senior Fellow at the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research
- Anote Tong, Former President of Kiribati
- Dr Netatua Pelesikoti, Former Director of Climate Change Division, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
- Dr Meg Keen, Associate Professor and Senior Policy Fellow, The ANU

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### Panel 3: Governance, Domestic Political Stability and Development

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**Moderator:**

- James Batley PSM, Distinguished Policy Fellow at The ANU, former senior diplomat, former Deputy Secretary of DFAT and former Deputy Director of AusAID

**Speakers:**

- Dr Kikuchi Tsutomu, Professor at Aoyama-Gakuin University
- Dr Sato Yoichiro, Professor and Dean at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University
- Dr Steven Ratuva, Professor at the University of Canterbury, Director of the Macmillan Brown Center for Pacific Studies
- Dr Veronica Taylor, Professor at The ANU, Director at The ANU Japan Institute



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## **Participants – Biography (A-Z)**

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### **James Batley PSM**

**Australian National University, Department of Pacific Affairs**



Since 2015 James Batley has worked as a Distinguished Policy Fellow in the Department of Pacific Affairs at the ANU's College of Asia and the Pacific. His work focuses on Australia's relations with the Pacific, Pacific regionalism, and governance issues in Solomon Islands. Prior to joining ANU he worked for 30 years in Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and in AusAID. He had early career postings in Vanuatu, PNG, and Indonesia. From 1997-1999 he was Australian High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands, also participating at a senior level in the Truce Monitoring and Peace Monitoring Groups on Bougainville in 1997 and 1998. From 1999-2002 he headed Australia's diplomatic mission in East Timor, becoming Australia's first Ambassador to the country in 2002. From 2004-2006 he was Special Coordinator of RAMSI and from 2007-2009 Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, also accredited to Tuvalu and Nauru. In Canberra he worked in senior positions including as Deputy Director-General of AusAID and Deputy Secretary of DFAT.

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### **Dr Fukushima Akiko**

**Aoyama Gakuin University**



Dr Fukushima Akiko is a Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University with a Doctoral degree from Osaka University and a M.A. from the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. She has been Adjunct Professor of the Law School at Keio University, Director of Policy Studies at the National Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA), Senior Fellow at the Japan Foundation and a visiting scholar of CSIS in the US. Concurrently, Dr Fukushima is a Senior Fellow at the Tokyo Foundation Policy Research Institute and a member of the Editorial Board, *Global Governance*. She has served on Japanese government committees including on the Advisory Council on National Security and Defense Capabilities to the Prime Minister in 2013.



### **Dr Kaitu'u i'Pangai Funaki**

#### **Dignified Pacific Initiative**

Kaitu'u i' Pangai Funaki holds an MBA (International Marketing and Business) and a PhD in Asia Pacific Studies (Politics and International Relations) from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU), Japan. He also has 10 years of professional experience in university administration and building international connections to Japanese higher education. Dr. Funaki was born and raised in the Kingdom of Tonga, where he worked as a banker, and has resided in Japan since 2000. His work focuses on Oceania and developing (recipient) countries with the goal of advancing dignity through the transformation of self-perceptions. His research proposed the new vision of Gross National Generosity (GNG), a sustainable development framework designed to articulate what ODA receiving countries could contribute to the SDGs from what they possess, and at the same time preserve these global resources for future generations. This is an alternative framework for assisting governments of developing countries to engage more resourcefully with international donors. He also established the Dignified Pacific Initiative (DPI - [www.dignifiedpacific.com](http://www.dignifiedpacific.com)), with a mission of disseminating research findings and collaborating with like-minded individuals in various fields.



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### **Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA**

#### **Australian Institute of International Affairs**

Allan Gyngell AO was appointed the National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) in September 2017, having previously been named a fellow of the institute in 2010. He is an honorary professor at The ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, and was most recently Director of the ANU Crawford Leadership Forum. Mr Gyngell has had an extensive career in Australian international affairs. He was the Director-General of the Australian Office of National Assessments (ONA) from 2009 to 2013. Prior to leading the ONA, he was the founding Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy from 2003 to 2009. Additionally, he worked at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, serving as an Australian diplomat in Rangoon, Singapore, and Washington. He was Senior Advisor to Prime Minister Paul Keating between 1993 and 1996.





**Dr Meg Keen**

**Australian National University**



Dr Meg Keen is currently the Acting Director of the newly established Australia-Pacific Security College at The Australian National University. Prior to taking up this role, Meg was a senior policy fellow with the Department of Pacific Affairs in the College of Asia and the Pacific (2015-19), and the Deputy Research Director for the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs. She has also been a senior analyst in the Oceania Branch of the Office of National Assessments (2004-2015), and a senior policy adviser in the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (2011-12). Her current research is focused on Pacific human and environmental security, regional governance, sustainable oceans governance, and urbanisation in the Pacific. Meg has conducted research on most of the Pacific Island countries,

particularly Melanesia.

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**Dr Kikuchi Tsutomu**

**Aoyama-Gakuin University**



Dr Kikuchi Tsutomu is a Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo, as well as Director of the University Research Institute, Director of the International Center, and Professor at the Department of International Politics at Aoyama Gakuin University. He also serves as Adjunct Senior Fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA). Among others appointments, he is now chairing a research committee on maritime security in the Indo-Pacific at JIIA. He was a visiting fellow at The Australian National University (ANU) and at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), a visiting professor at the University of British Columbia (UBC), and a consultant of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He is specializing in international relations of the Indo-Pacific. He has been much involved in the second track processes to promote

economic and security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific, especially through PECC and CSCAP. He obtained a doctoral degree from Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo.





**Dr Komatsu Masayuki**

**The Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research**

Komatsu joined the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries in 1977 and received an MBA from the Yale School of Management in 1984. While at the ministry, he served as deputy director in charge of North America area fisheries; first secretary in the embassy of Japan to Italy and alternate permanent representative of Japan to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); deputy director in charge of whaling; director and counsellor for international negotiations; director of the Resource and Environment Division; and executive director of the Fisheries Research Agency. He was also a member of bilateral talks with the United States over North Pacific salmon fisheries; chair of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission; member of the delegation to the international litigation on the southern bluefin tuna dispute at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea of the United Nations and the UNCLOS Arbitratory Tribunal; and chair of the FAO Fisheries Committee. Komatsu retired from the ministry in 2007 and became a professor (and later visiting professor) at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies of Japan and visiting research professor at the Asian Growth Research Institute. He received his PhD in agriculture and life sciences from the University of Tokyo in 2004, and was an expert member of the Cabinet Office's Regulatory Council and Administrative Renewal Council.

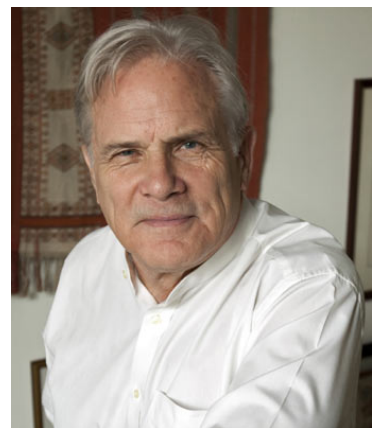


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**John McCarthy AO FAIIA**

**Australian Institute of International Affairs**

John McCarthy has served as Australian Ambassador to Vietnam (1981-1987); Thailand (1992-1994); the United States (1995-1997); Indonesia (1997-2000); Japan (2001-2004) and as High Commissioner to India (2004-2009). McCarthy is currently Chair of the Australia-India Council, Deputy Chair of the Australia-India Institute, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Griffith Asia Institute and Co-Convenor of the Australia-Indonesia Dialogue. McCarthy was the former National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and is a fellow of the institute.





**Dr Matsuda Yasuhiro**

**University of Tokyo**



Dr Matsuda is Professor of International Politics at the University of Tokyo, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia. He received his Ph.D. in law from Graduate School of Law at Keio University in Tokyo. He spent sixteen years in the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Japan Defense Agency (later, Ministry of Defense), as an assistant and a senior research fellow. He moved to the Institute of Oriental Culture (later, Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia) of the University of Tokyo in 2008. He specialises in the political and diplomatic history of Asia, politics and foreign relations in the PRC and Taiwan, Cross-Strait Relations, and Japan's foreign and security policies. He was a member of the Council on Security and Defense Capability in the New Era, the advisory group of the Prime Minister in 2010. He is the winner of the seventh Yasuhiro Nakasone Award of Excellence in 2011. He has published numerous books and articles in Japanese, English and Chinese. His most recent publications in English include: "How to Understand China's Assertiveness since 2009: Hypotheses and Policy Implications," Michael J. Green and Zack Cooper eds., and "Strategic Japan: New Approaches to Foreign Policy and the U.S.-Japan Alliance," Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

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**Dr Johanna Nalau**

**Griffith University**



Dr. Nalau is an adaptation scientist with a PhD in climate change adaptation at Griffith University, based on the Gold Coast, Australia. Her research focuses on understanding climate adaptation decision principles and what role adaptation science does and can play in decision and policy-making. She is an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow and is leading an Australian first project on the development and feasibility of core adaptation decision principles. The project aims to uncover such key principles, interrogate their feasibility as decision guides, and provide more robust advice on how to invest and pursue effective and successful adaptation to climate change that enables benefits to the environment, society and security. Dr Nalau is Lead Author in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 6th Assessment report in Working Group II Chapter 15 Small Islands, and Managing Editor of the Journal of Climate Risk Management. She also leads the Adaptation Science Research Theme at Cities Research Institute at Griffith University that focuses on bringing together the university's key thinkers on adaptation. She was recently recognised as the Griffith University Young Outstanding Alumni 2019 for the Sciences Group, and is passionate about building capacity of the next generation of adaptation professionals through leadership and career development guidance.



**Dr Netatua Pelesikoti**

**Former Director of Climate Change, SREP**

A climate change and disaster risk reduction specialist. Netatua had a long career at the national level (20 years with the Government of Tonga) and at the regional level (14 years) in climate change, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction both for the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). She was an IPCC lead author for AR5. Recently, selected by the World Meteorological Organisation Congress as one of the 15 scientists from around the globe to advise the WMO Executive Council on strategic matters related to weather, climate and water for the next two years. Netatua is currently a consultant for the World Bank through the Ministry of Finance, Tonga.



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**Dr Steven Ratuva**

**University of Canterbury**

Professor Steven Ratuva, is Director of the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies and Professor in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. He was a Fulbright Senior Fellow at the University of California (LA), Duke University and Georgetown University and winner of the Royal Society of New Zealand's Marsden award and NZ Research Council research grants. He is Chair of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) Research Committee on Conflict, Security and Democratization, member of the advisory board of IPSA, and former President of the Pacific Islands Political Studies Association. He is an interdisciplinary scholar with expertise and research interest in sociology, anthropology, political science, development studies, political economy and history and has carried out research in 14 Pacific island countries, Asia, Africa, US, NZ, UK and Europe. With a PhD from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, he has published widely in the areas of culture, development, conflict, political change, coups, social protection, elections, ethnicity, security, military, affirmative action, gender and nationalism.







## Australian Institute of International Affairs

### Sam Roggeveen

#### Lowy Institute



Sam Roggeveen is Director of the Lowy Institute's International Security Program, and a Visiting Fellow at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at The Australian National University. Before joining the Lowy Institute, Sam was a senior strategic analyst in Australia's peak intelligence agency, the Office of National Assessments, where his work dealt mainly with nuclear strategy and arms control, ballistic-missile defence, North Asian strategic affairs, and WMD terrorism. Sam also worked on arms control policy in Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs, and as an analyst in the Defence Intelligence Organisation. Sam writes for newspapers and magazines in Australia and around the world, and is a regular commentator on the Lowy Institute's digital magazine, *The Interpreter*, of which he was the founding editor from 2007 to 2014. Sam is also Director of Digital at the Lowy Institute, and editor of the Lowy Institute Papers.

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### Dr Sato Yoichiro

#### Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University



Professor Sato holds a BA (Law) from Keio University, MA (International Studies) from University of South Carolina, and PhD (Political Science) from University of Hawaii. He is a professor at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. Previously, he also taught at multiple tertiary and governmental institutions including the U.S. Department of Defense's Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Auckland University (New Zealand), and University of Hawaii. His major works include *The Rise of China and International Security* (co-edited with Kevin Cooney, Routledge, 2008), *The U.S.-Japan Security Alliance* (co-edited with Takashi Inoguchi and G. John Ikenberry, Palgrave, 2011), *U.S. Engagement in the Asia Pacific* (co-edited with See Seng Tang, Cambria, 2015), and *Re-rising Japan: Its Strategic Power in International Relations* (co-edited with Hidekazu Sakai, Peter Lang, 2017). He and his comments have appeared in various international media, including *Time*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *National Public Radio*, *Voice of America*, *Agence France-Presse*, *Al Jazeera*, *Radio Australia*, *Bloomberg*, *MSNBC*, *Nikkei Asian Review*, *Japan Times*, and *TVNZ*.



**Sonoura Kentaro**

**Special Advisor to the Prime Minister**

Sonoura Kentaro is currently Adviser to Prime Minister Shinzō Abe, as well as a member of the Japanese House of Representatives. Sonoura also served as State Minister for Foreign Affairs from August 2016 to August 2017, following his appointment as Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs from September 2014 to October 2015. Sonoura was born in Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture in June 1972, and graduated from the University of Tokyo's Faculty of Law in March 1996. He has served in the House of Representatives in the Diet since 2005 over the duration of his career. Sonoura's main areas of interest include educational policy, foreign affairs and public foreign affairs.



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**Dr Veronica Taylor**

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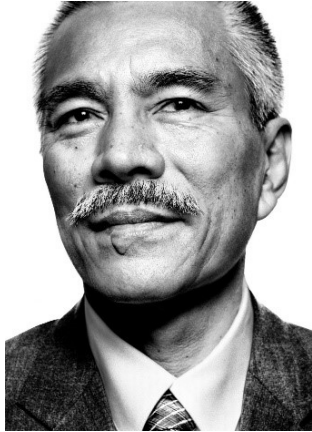
Veronica L. Taylor is an international lawyer and socio-legal scholar. She works on the regulatory dimensions of international law and justice norm-making, particularly rule of law assistance — as foreign policy, commercial activity and professional practice. She has contributed extensively to the study of Asian legal systems, particularly Japan and Indonesia, where her earlier work includes empirical and comparative studies of contracts, competition and corporate governance. She currently focuses on legal pluralism and transition in the Philippines and the regulatory dimensions of rebuilding the legal system in Myanmar. Her work draws on 30 years' professional experience as a designer and implementer of legal reform for international and bilateral aid programmes in 15 countries. At the Australian National University, Veronica Taylor directs the ANU Japan Institute and is an ANU Public Policy Fellow. She co-convenes the Australian Law and Justice Development Community of Practice and is a Board Member of the Australia-Japan Foundation, a member of the Executive of the Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee; a Director of the Foundation for Australia-Japan Studies; and a member of the Oceania Advisory Committee for Meridian 180.





**Anote Tong**

**Former President of Kiribati**



Twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, winner of the Sunhak Peace Prize and 2012 Hillary Laureate, His Excellency Anote Tong is a world-renowned leader in the battles against climate change and for ocean conservation. Throughout his three terms as President of the Republic of Kiribati he was confronted with an extraordinary challenge: Kiribati is, he believes, disappearing due to climate change. Tong achieved a great deal during his 13 years in office. Under his leadership, the Kiribati government created the Phoenix Islands Protected Area, a 150,000 square-mile UNESCO World Heritage site off limits to fishing and extractive industry. Tong's vision and ability to balance political reality with humanitarian and ecological idealism have earned him the Peter Benchley Ocean Award from the Blue Frontier Campaign. Tong continues to speak about climate change: the urgency of the issues; the complexity of the causes; possible solutions; and the stark simplicity of the consequences of inaction. He speaks globally to scientists, politicians, industrialists and schoolchildren as both an expert and advocate. Tong speaks on various platforms such as CNBC, on the floor of the UN General Assembly and in the film *Anote's Ark*. Tong's message however, remains consistent: the fate of Kiribati is the fate of the world. Tong was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Engineering from the National Pukyong University in South Korea to add to his BSc from Canterbury University and his Master's in Economics from the LSE. He is married to Bernadette Meme Tong, and has eight children and 15 grandchildren.

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**Dr Bryce Wakefield**

**National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs**



Bryce Wakefield is the National Executive Director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. He has lived, worked and researched in the United States, Japan, Europe and New Zealand. He trained as a political scientist with particular expertise in International Relations and the international affairs of East Asia. From 2008 to 2012 Bryce was the associate responsible for Northeast Asian programs at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. From 2012 to 2018, he was a tenured lecturer of area studies and international relations at Leiden University in the Netherlands. Bryce lived in Japan from 1998 to 2004 and earned his master's degree from Osaka University's School of International Public Policy. He earned his PhD in political studies from the University of Auckland.