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Conference Schedule

8:00am | Registration

9:00am | Keynote Speakers

Hon Alex Hawke MP

Assistant Defence Minister, Minister for International Development and the Pacific

Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Opposition Leader in the Senate

Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA

National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Chair of the keynote session: Zara Kimpton OAM

National Vice President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

10:45am | Morning Tea

Announcement of 2019 Euan Crone Scholarship Winners

11:15am | Panel One – A New Cold War?

Professor Bates Gill

Professor of Asia Pacific Security Studies, Macquarie University

Professor James Laurenceson

Director, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney

Ashley Townshend

Director of Foreign Policy and Defence, United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney

Dr Pichamon Yeophantong

Senior Lecturer, UNSW Canberra, Australian Defence Force Academy

Moderator: Professor Nick Bisley

Head of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor of International Relations, La Trobe University

12:45pm | Lunch

Ric Smith AO PSM FAIIA

Book launch: India, The United States, Australia and the Difficult Birth of Bangladesh

1:30pm | Panel Two – New Technology

Dr Anne Aly MP

Labor Federal Member for Cowen

Dr Alan Ryan

Executive Director, Australian Civil-Military Centre

Dr Darren Lim

Senior Lecturer, College of Arts and Social Science, Australian National University

Aidan Tudehope

Managing Director of Macquarie Government and Hosting Group
Co-Founder, Macquarie Telecom

Moderator: Thom Dixon

NSW Vice President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
National Research Assessments Leader, Macquarie University

3:00pm | Afternoon Tea

3:30pm | Panel Three – The Health of the Planet

Dr Tony Press

Adjunct Professor, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies
Australian Antarctic Program Partnership at the University of Tasmania

Hon Penny Wensley AC FAIA

Chair of Australian Institute of Marine Science and Governor of Queensland (2008 - 2014)

Nigel Warren

Executive Director of Growth, CSIRO

Dr Sara Davies

Associate Professor, School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University

Moderator: Kim Boyer

President, Tasmanian Branch of AIIA

5:00pm | Concluding Remarks

Graeme Dobell

Fellow at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute

Dr Bryce Wakefield

National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

Keynote Speakers



Hon Alex Hawke MP

Assistant Defence Minister

Minister for International Development and the Pacific

Hon Alex Hawke MP was sworn in as the Assistant Defence Minister on 29 May 2019. He was elected at the 2007 election as the Federal Member for Mitchell, an electorate centred on the Hills Shire in Northwest Sydney. In September 2015, he was appointed as the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer. Following the 2016 Federal Election he was appointed the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection. Due to the establishment of the Home Affairs Portfolio in late 2017, he was appointed the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs. On 27 August 2018, he was officially sworn in as the Special Minister of State. Minister Hawke served as an Army Reserve Officer in the Royal Australian Armoured Corps from 1995 to 2000.



Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs

Opposition Leader in the Senate

In her Shadow Minister position, Penny Wong has set out the case for Australia's role as a good international citizen, supporting peace, prosperity and stability through a commitment to the rules-based international order. She has previously served as Minister for Climate Change and Water, representing Australia in international climate change negotiations, and as Minister for Finance and Deregulation, working with Treasurer Wayne Swan to deliver three budgets in the difficult aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis. She was the first woman to be elected as Leader of the Government in the Senate. Her policy interests include economics, environmental issues, gender equality and international relations.



Allan Gyngell AO FAIA

Australian Institute of International Affairs National President

Allan Gyngell is an honorary professor with the Australian National University's College of Asia and the Pacific and was the most recent Director of the ANU Crawford Leadership Forum. He has had an extensive career in international affairs including as Director-General of the Australian Office of National Assessments from 2009-13 and as founding Executive Director of the Lowy Institute from 2003-9. He worked at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, serving as a diplomat in Rangoon, Singapore and Washington, and at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. He was a senior advisor to Prime Minister Paul Keating from 1993-6. He was recognised as a Fellow of the AIIA in 2010.



Chair of the keynote session: Zara Kimpton OAM

Australian Institute of International Affairs

National Vice President

Zara Kimpton completed her BA in Political Science, Fine Arts and Economics at Melbourne University. In 2011, Zara was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to international relations through executive roles with the AIIA Victoria.

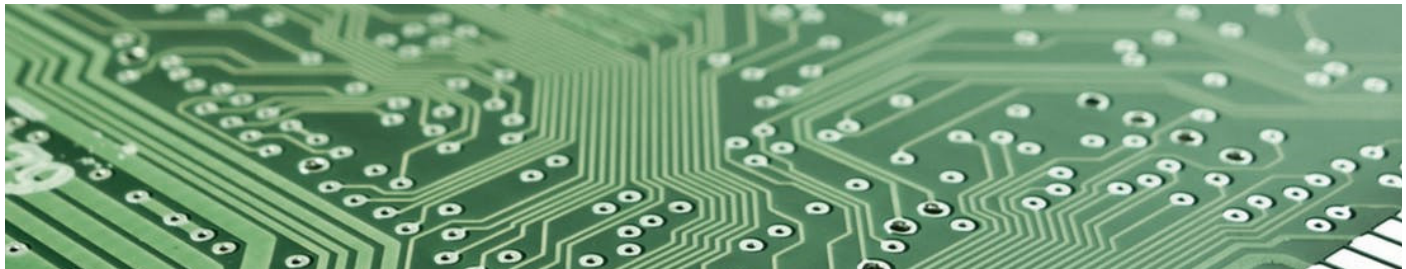
Panel Descriptions



Panel One - A New Cold War?

The first panel of the conference will examine growing enmity between the US and China and Australia's place within it. The leadership of the United States has recently made no secret of its view that China is contesting American geopolitical advantage and attempting to change the world order in its favour. Cold War comparisons have increased since last October, when the *New York Times* characterised a blunt speech about the relationship given by US Vice President Mike Pence as a "Portent of a 'New Cold War.'"

However, is "Cold War" the correct term to define emerging relationships between great powers? How will Australia manage its relations between China, an important economic partner, and the United States, its security guarantor, in times of tension? And how can Australia work with like-minded partners in the region to increase its diplomatic options in a period of Sino-American enmity? What are the regional implications of tension between the United States and China?



Panel Two - New Technology

Panel two will look at how technology is changing foreign affairs, diplomacy, trade and defence. Technology has always had the capacity to both enhance and disrupt prosperity and security. The disruptive potential of new media, for example, was evident in the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand, and in Sri Lanka earlier this year. These have highlighted how social media platforms can be used to amplify terror, but are Australian responses to this problem adequate? Meanwhile, technological advantage has always been a goal in defence planning, but how is rapid technological development changing the way we think about conflict? What innovations are changing global trade and how can Australia harness these to its advantage? How can Australia ensure that its government and business processes are secure amid rapid developments in communications?



Panel Three - The Health of the Planet

The third panel will tackle environmental challenges and their impact on international affairs. Many of these challenges threaten Australia's security, prosperity and its position in the international community. How can nation states cooperate effectively to address the tragedy of the commons? Is Australia innovating in green and adaptive technologies and what does this mean for its position in the global economy? How can Australia better protect ocean health and biodiversity? Meanwhile, new diseases, often emerging in temperate climates, present a problem in Australia's near abroad and are now viewed explicitly as a security problem by the Australian government. How can Australia work to increase resistance to pandemics in the region, so they don't become an issue at home?

Speaker Bios Overleaf

Panel One - A New Cold War?



Professor Bates Gill

Professor of Asia-Pacific Security Studies at Macquarie University

Previously, Bates Gill was the CEO of the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney (2012-2015) and Director and Chief Executive of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) (2007-2012). Before joining SIPRI, Dr Gill held the Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington D.C (2002-2007) and served as a Senior Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies and inaugural Director of the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution (1998-2002). Professor Gill is also a member of the Council of Foreign Relations.



Professor James Laurenceson

Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at UTS

James Laurenceson has previously held appointments at the University of Queensland (Australia), Shandong University (China) and Shimonoseki City University (Japan). He was President of the Chinese Economic Society of Australia from 2012 to 2014. His academic work has been published in leading scholarly journals including *China Economic Review* and *China Economic Journal*. Professor Laurenceson also provides regular commentary on contemporary developments in China's economy and the Australian-Chinese economic relationship. His opinion pieces have appeared in *Australian Financial Review*, the *Australian Sydney Morning Herald*, the *South China Morning Post* among others.



Ashley Townshend

Director of Foreign Policy and Defence
United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney

Ashley Townshend is the founding convenor and co-chair of the US-Australia Indo-Pacific Deterrence Dialogue and a lecturer in the US Studies Centre's postgraduate program. He has held research and teaching positions in the Alliance 21 Program at the United States Studies Centre, the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney, the Center for Asia-Pacific Cooperation and Governance at Fudan University, the Warrior-Scholar Project at Yale University, and Pacific Friends of the Global Fund.



Dr Pichamon Yeophantong

Senior Lecturer in IR and Development
UNSW Canberra - Australian Defence Force Academy

Pichamon Yeophantong currently leads a multi-year research project on the geopolitical and socio-ecological impacts of Chinese investment in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. Dr Yeophantong has also served as a consultant on regional and development issues to the Africa Progress Panel, Overseas Development Institute and CARE Australia, and sits on the research committee of Jubilee Australia. Between 2010 and 2019, she delivered over 100 invited talks, public lectures and keynote presentations in more than 10 countries, and in 2018, was awarded the Australia 'Future Leader' Prize by the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences for contributions to the HASS discipline.



Moderator: Professor Nick Bisley

Head of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations
La Trobe University

Between 2013 and 2018 Professor Bisley was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, has been a Senior Research Associate of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and a Visiting Fellow at the East West-Center in Washington DC. He regularly contributes to and is quoted in national and international media including the *Guardian*, the *Economist*, *CNN* and *Time Magazine*.

Panel Two - New Technology



Dr Anne Aly MP

Labor Federal Member for Cowan

Anne Aly's background is as a professor, academic and practitioner in the fields of counter terrorism and counter radicalisation. She has published over 100 articles and texts on terrorism and related issues and is the author and editor of five books. Dr Aly is the founder of Australia's first non-government organisation to combat violent extremism. People Against Violent Extremism (PAVE) is a not-for-profit organisation that developed a social media campaign against violent extremism and delivered a series of hackathons to harness young people's skills and talents to address issues in their communities. In 2015, she was the only Australian civil society representative to be invited to speak at President Obama's White House Summit on countering violent extremism.



Dr Alan Ryan

Executive Director, Australian Civil-Military Centre

Alan Ryan was previously the Principal of the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies at the Australian Defence College. Prior to this appointment, Dr Ryan was the Senior Adviser to the Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Robert Hill. In that role, he was responsible for advising the Minister on intelligence, operations, and strategic and international issues. Dr Ryan has also worked as a consultant, providing consultancy services on strategy, security and crisis management to clients that included Australian government departments, the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in the United Nations.



Dr Darren Lim

Senior Lecturer, School of Politics and International Relations at the Australian National University

Darren Lim received his PhD in 2014 from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Initially trained in law and economics, he previously worked as Associate to the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia, a corporate lawyer, and researcher at International Crisis Group.



Aidan Tudehope

Co-founder of Macquarie Telecom

Managing Director of Macquarie Government and Hosting Group

Aidan Tudehope is the Managing Director of Macquarie Government and Hosting Group with a focus on business growth, cyber security and customer satisfaction. Macquarie Government are the Australian specialists in cyber security, secure cloud and data centres. Aidan has been responsible for the strategy and execution of the investment in Intellicentre 4 Bunker, Macquarie Government's own purpose-built Canberra data centre. This facility is leveraged to deliver secure cloud services and secure internet gateway.



Moderator: Thom Dixon

NSW Vice President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
National Research Assessments Leader at Macquarie University

Thom Dixon works on emerging technology, innovation and international affairs with a focus on security and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific. Thom is a Commissioning Editor for Australian Outlook, the online publication of the AIIA, and a Research Fellow for Remi AI, an artificial intelligence company based in Australia and the US. He recently completed a Non-resident WSD-Handa Fellowship with the Pacific Forum, focusing on synthetic biology and Australia's foreign policy. Thom is an Emerging Leader alumnus of the 2017 EU-Australia Leadership Forum.

Panel Three - The Health of the Planet



Dr Tony Press

Adjunct Professor in the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and the Australian Antarctic Program Partnership at the University of Tasmania.

Tony Press was the CEO of the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre from 2009 to 2014, and prior to that, the Director of the Australian Antarctic Division from 1998 to 2008. He chaired the Antarctic Treaty's Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP) from 2002 to 2006. He was Australia's representative to the CEP and Representative to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings from 1999 to 2008, and Australia's Commissioner to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources from 1998 to 2008.



Hon Penny Wensley AC FAIA

Chair of the Council of the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)

Penny Wensley was Governor of Queensland from 2008 to 2014. As a diplomat, she represented Australia in a wide range of bilateral and multilateral postings overseas and senior policy positions in Canberra. After early postings to France, Mexico and New Zealand, she served successively as Consul-General, Hong Kong; Ambassador to the UN, Geneva; Ambassador for the Environment, Ambassador to the UN, New York; High Commissioner to India; and Ambassador to France. In Canberra, she headed the East Asia Branch, International Organisations and Legal Division, North Asia Division, and Europe Division. Penny is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (FAIA) and an Honorary Fellow of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (HFEANZ).



Nigel Warren

Executive Director for Growth, CSIRO

From 2009 to 2015 Nigel Warren was Australia's Consul-General and Senior Trade Commissioner based in San Francisco California, and he also had attached agency responsibility for AUSFilm, Australia's Film Promotion agency and was a committee member of G'Day USA, Australia's most comprehensive public diplomacy program in the United States of America. He has private sector experience across Asia and the United States of America as the Vice President of Worldwide Sales for Equilibrium Inc., a U.S. enterprise software technology company based in San Francisco. Mr Warren is Chairman of the CSIRO Chile Board and a Board member of the Council on Australia Latin American Relations (COALAR).



Dr Sara E. Davies

Associate Professor

School of Government and International Relations at Griffith University

Sara E. Davies is an International Relations scholar with a specific focus on Global Health Governance and the Woman, Peace and Security agenda. Dr Davies has been an Australian Research Council Discovery Australian Postgraduate Award Scholar (2008-2012) and an Australian Research Council Future Fellow (2014-2018). She has published three sole authored books on global and regional health issues and one co-authored book on women peace and security.



Moderator: Kim Boyer

President, Australian Institute of International Affairs Tasmania

Kim Boyer has held a range of senior positions within Government, the bureaucracy (Tasmanian and National), the University of Tasmania, the non-Government sector, journalism, and the community ranging from health and education to tertiary governance, from research to horseracing. Kim's role with AIIA Tasmania, supported by a strong committee, is focused on building partnerships with other organisations to improve access to debate and dialogue on international relations policy and practice in Tasmania.

Concluding Speakers



Graeme Dobell

Journalist Fellow, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

A journalist since 1971, Graeme Dobell has been reporting on Australian and international politics, foreign affairs and defence and the Asia Pacific since 1975. From 2008 to 2012, he was Journalist Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy. Mr Dobell was the ABC's radio correspondent in Singapore and did several stints as the Canberra-based Foreign Affairs & Defence Correspondent for Radio Australia from 1978 to 2008, reporting also for ABC radio news and current affairs programs and ABC television. He worked as a journalist in the Parliamentary Press Gallery in Canberra from 1978 to 1981. Assignments in his career as a correspondent have included the Falklands War, coups in Fiji, Thailand and the Philippines, Beijing after the crushing of the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square and the return of Hong Kong to China.



Dr Bryce Wakefield

National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

From 2008 to 2012 Bryce Wakefield was the Associate responsible for Northeast Asian programs at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he edited and wrote publications and organised over 60 events. From 2012 to 2018, he lectured in Asian studies, politics and international relations at Leiden University in the Netherlands. He is a frequent commentator in the media and has appeared in such outlets as the *ABC*, *BBC News*, *BusinessWeek*, *Financial Times*, *NHK*, the *Sankei Shimbun*, *Der Spiegel*, *De Volkskrant* and the *Washington Times*. His academic publications focus on Japanese constitutional issues and security and politics in Japan and East Asia. Dr Wakefield 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 politics from the University of Auckland.



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