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SIR ZELMAN COWEN ORATION

Former Governor-General and legal expert, Sir Zelman Cowen dedicated his life to engaging the Australian public in international affairs. AIIA Victoria's annual Sir Zelman Cowen Oration features an eminent speaker discussing a current issue that affects how Australia engages with the world.



Speaker Events, Conferences and Young Professionals Events Year to June 2020

Our mission is to broaden the knowledge of international affairs throughout Australia and in particular, Victoria.

During the 2019-20 financial year AIIA Victoria organised 48 speaker events. These were attended by over 4,000 members and guests. COVID-19 of course affected our ability to host face-to-face events after March. Nevertheless, we moved seamlessly to our webinar program. These have all been well-received and have enabled an international audience to participate.

Our speaker events covered both countries and international issues in equal measure. You can see the breadth of our coverage in the booklet.

Brexit, US foreign policy, US-China tensions, health security policy, and Australia's future in space exploration were some of the issues discussed. The UK and the EU featured strongly as did India, Taiwan, Canada, the Western Balkans, Antarctica, and the wider Indo-Pacific.

We regularly hosted serving or retired diplomats. This included seven different Australian Heads of Mission, and we thank the DFAT Victoria State Office for their strong support. Academics, foreign correspondents, authors, and researchers comprised the balance of our subject-matter experts.

Our Young Professionals held ten events during the year – mostly workshops and trivia nights.

The 15th International Careers Conference held in October last year attracted a record of over 250 students.

The 13th Sir Zelman Cowen Oration was given by The Hon. Margaret Stone AO FAAL, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security on *Ethical Problems in Intelligence Collection*.

We arranged a Study Tour to Taiwan in November 2019.

Many, many people must be thanked for making all this possible. I would like to thank our Executive, our interns, and volunteers. But above all, our speakers for devoting their time to these events, and our members for their interest and support.

Patrick Moore
President

Dyason House
22 August 2020

Australia in East Africa

HE Ms Alison Chartres

High Commissioner to Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda
Ambassador to Burundi and Ambassador-designate to Somalia

Monday 1 July, 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The East African region's economic growth is currently outperforming the rest of Africa, despite several political and humanitarian crises in recent decades.

Australia's ties with East Africa encompass political engagement, trade and investment, security and development cooperation, humanitarian programs, and people-to-people links.

Through this agenda, Australia is supporting the security, stability and prosperity of countries in the region, and contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

What are the Australian Government's current priorities in East Africa? What strategies are being used to deepen links with this dynamic region? How does economic growth in East Africa benefit Australia?

AIIA Victoria welcomes High Commissioner Alison Chartres to explore Australia's initiatives in East Africa and to discuss the region's relations with Australia.



***HE Ms Alison Chartres** is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and has served as High Commissioner to Kenya with accreditation to five other countries of East Africa since October 2017. She is also Australia's Permanent Representative to the UN Environment Programme and UN-Habitat. Prior to this assignment, Alison headed DFAT's Development Policy and Education Branch. She has also served overseas at Australia's Mission to the United Nations in New York, and in Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.*

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India's Elections; a Retrospective

Professor Robin Jeffrey

Tuesday 9 July, 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The size of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's victory in India's general elections in May surprised most observers. His Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 303 of the 543 seats in the Lok Sabha (the lower house), and with its alliance partners holds more than 350 seats. Not since Indira Gandhi in 1971 has a sitting prime minister been returned with such a whopping majority.



Modi's victory had three key components. The first was Modi himself, the achievements he claims and the image he has created and disseminated so successfully. The second was the organisational capacity of the BJP and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the Hindu-chauvinist organisation associated with it. The third element lay in the new media that pervade India – an estimated 370 million smart-phone users in 2019 and 1.2 billion mobile-phone subscribers. The Modi image, and favourable accounts of the BJP government's five years in office, blanketed these media in ways never before possible.

India's GDP growth continues at 6-7 per cent, enviable by world standards, but not generating the huge increases in employment that the country and its young population desperately needs. The Modi government faces three big challenges: jobs, a rural crisis in which people on the land are not making acceptable livings, and a rapidly growing urban population in towns and cities ill-prepared for the influx.

AIIA Victoria welcomes Professor Robin Jeffrey to reflect on India's elections and discuss challenges and possibilities for the Modi government's second term.



Professor Robin Jeffrey is a researcher and author with expertise in Indian politics, culture and media. He taught English in a school in Chandigarh from 1967 to 1969, completed a doctorate in Indian history at Sussex University in 1973, and has lived for six years in India since 1967. He is an Emeritus Professor of La Trobe University and the Australian National University and a visiting research professor at the Institute of South Asian Studies at the National University of Singapore. His most recent book, co-authored with Assa Doron of ANU, is *Waste of a Nation: Garbage and Growth in India* (Harvard UP, 2018). They also co-authored *The Great Indian Phone Book* (Hurst and Harvard UP, 2013).

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Brexit: Deal or No Deal?

Dr Ben Wellings

Monday 22 July: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

More than three years have passed since the UK voted to leave the European Union in a non-binding referendum. Ever since, the country has spiralled into a state of political turmoil over the terms of Brexit, and two Prime Ministers have lost their jobs in the process.

Theresa May will be officially replaced as Conservative Party Leader and Prime Minister on July 22nd. With 8 initial contenders already knocked out, only high-profile Brexiteer Boris Johnson and Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt remain as candidates for Britain's top-job.



Former Mayor of London Johnson, is current frontrunner for the position. Johnson insists that under his leadership, Britain will leave the EU on October 31st, with or without an exit deal. While admitting that these are "dark days" for the Conservative party, Johnson promises to unite Britons and inspire a "new confidence" in the country. Hunt takes a more measured stance and has not ruled out seeking an extension to the Brexit deadline, warning that "catastrophe awaits" if the "wrong person" is selected for the new leadership.

How will the new Prime Minister deal with competing expectations surrounding the country's future? What would a "no-deal" Brexit mean for the UK, the EU and Australia?

In addition to providing his insights into the ongoing Brexit negotiations and the Conservative Party's new leadership, AIIA Victoria is delighted to host Dr Ben Wellings to launch his new book, *English Nationalism, Brexit and the Anglosphere* (Manchester University Press, May 2019). Copies will be available for sale and for signing on the night.



Dr Ben Wellings is Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations. He is an expert on Brexit and the politics of nationalism and Euroscepticism in contemporary Europe. Ben Wellings comments regularly on Brexit, English nationalism, Euroscepticism and the politics of the European Union. Before joining Monash University in 2013 he was the Convenor of European Studies at the Australian National University from 2004. His publications include *English Nationalism and Euroscepticism: Losing the Peace* (Oxford: Peter Lang Ltd, 2012) and *English Nationalism, Brexit and the Anglosphere* (Manchester University Press, May 2019).

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Thailand: History, Politics and the Rule of Law

James Wise, former Ambassador to Thailand

Wednesday 24 July: 5.30pm for 6pm – 7.00pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Much has been written about the reasons for Thailand's political instability and long cycle of military coups, but few have incorporated the kingdom's history of law and politics in the context of the last few turbulent years. Thailand has struggled to settle its internal political disputes, and the promise of a more democratic future in the 1997 Constitution failed to stop the cycle of military takeovers.

In his new book *Thailand: History, Politics and the Rule of Law* (Marshall Cavendish, April 2019), James Wise offers contemporary and historical insights into Thai history, politics and law. The book explores some features of the Thai political landscape through lenses that are familiar to Thais: hierarchy, protection, patron-client relations, personal connections, identity and nationalism.



An appreciation of Thailand's hierarchical political culture helps to explain why Thailand does not yet have independent agencies to mediate and arbitrate political disputes, while an exploration of Thais' sense of identity and nationalism looks at the continuities between the pre-1932 and post-1932 periods and asks why history now inhibits open debates about politics and governance. Until the governance of Thailand is again recast — as it was in the 1890s, 1932 and 1997 — the country could remain vulnerable to political instability, the author concludes.

AIIA Victoria acknowledges the generous support of [Asialink](#), and welcomes James Wise to discuss his new book and to examine the likely course of Thai politics as formation of the new government proceeds. Copies will be available for sale and for signing on the night.



James Wise was Australia's Ambassador to Thailand from 2010 to 2014, and an Australian diplomat for over thirty years. He lived full-time in Thailand from 1995 to 1998, when he was Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy. In addition, he served as High Commissioner to Malaysia from 2003 to 2007. He had earlier postings to the Soviet Union (1987-91) and Papua New Guinea (1983-85). He has held several senior positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including as First Assistant Secretary, Corporate Management Division (2007-10), and First Assistant Secretary, Pacific, Middle East and Africa Division (2001-03). He now divides his time between Bangkok and Canberra. Researching and writing this book has been his major preoccupation since retiring in 2014.

Please note the earlier timing of this event!

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US-China Tensions: A New Cold War?

Professor Nick Bisley, La Trobe University

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

The escalating trade war between China and the United States has sparked global concern. The world's most important economies are engaging in a tit-for-tat battle using tariffs, embargoes and sanctions, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicting a cost of \$US455bn in lost output next year and calling for an urgent end to the retaliatory tactics.



But this conflict extends much further than trade. America is beginning to weaponise its network by declaring a national emergency in technology, targeting Chinese giant Huawei with a ban expected to cost the firm \$US30 billion, and China is vowing to strike back.

The increasingly hard-line rhetoric flowing from Washington and Beijing has led many global commentators to fear a 'New Cold War', drawing parallels between the four decades of escalating US-USSR tension and the rapidly worsening Sino-American relations.

What are the consequences of deteriorating US-China relations for the global economy? Will the world's great powers continue to weaponise their strength and resources? Are we really heading towards Cold War 2.0?

AIIA Victoria welcomes Professor Nick Bisley to share his insights on the 21st century's first great-power rivalry.



Professor Nick Bisley is the head of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations at La Trobe University. Prior to taking on this role he was the inaugural Executive Director of La Trobe Asia. Nick recently completed his tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the AIIA's scholarly journal, the Australian Journal of International Affairs, and is currently a member of China Matters' advisory board. He 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. Nick is the author of many works on international relations, including *Issues in 21st Century World Politics, 3rd Edition (2017)*, *Great Powers in the Changing International Order (2012)*, and *Building Asia's Security (2009)*. He regularly contributes to and is quoted in national and international media, including The Guardian, The Economist, and Time Magazine.

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Australia - Role Model in a Turbulent World?

Tom Switzer, Executive Director, Centre for Independent Studies

Tuesday 30 July, 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

For today's Western democracies, instability and turmoil are on the rise.

Partisan politics dominate in Washington and Westminster, culminating in this year's record-breaking government shutdown in the United States, and the Brexit paralysis in the United Kingdom.

Right-wing xenophobia is becoming more prevalent across Europe.

But these issues are not resonating to the same degree in Australia. What factors are driving this partisanship and right-wing/left-wing polarisation elsewhere? How is Australia dealing with similar pressures?

AIIA Victoria welcomes back Tom Switzer to share his insights on Australia's role in the changing global political order.



Tom Switzer is executive director of the Centre for Independent Studies in Sydney, a presenter at the ABC's Radio National and a columnist with the Sydney Morning Herald. A former opinion editor at The Australian and editorial writer at the Australian Financial Review, he has been published in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and The Spectator in the UK.

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Update from Vientiane

HE Mr Jean-Bernard Carrasco, Ambassador to Laos

Monday 5 August, 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Laos, one of the world's five remaining one-party states, receives relatively little international attention compared to its Southeast Asian neighbours. However, its current economic growth is among the fastest in Asia and the country is expected to graduate from Least Developed status by 2024. Laos' political and economic relationship with China is also strengthening, and the Lao-China railway, a Belt and Road Initiative project, is expected to be completed in 2021.



Australia and Laos are long-standing regional partners, spanning 67 years, underpinned by economic ties, community links and development cooperation. Australia is managing a significant Official Development Assistance program in Laos of close to \$40 million in funding covering education, trade and investment facilitation, including improving quality basic education for disadvantaged children, human resource development and strengthening trade regimes for a more competitive private sector. From Laos, Australia also manages a significant water program, which supports water resources management in the Greater Mekong region and facilitates regional cooperation.

But how will Laos be shaped by Chinese influences? And how will it balance its relationship with China with its deepening integration with ASEAN? What is Australia's role in this?

AIIA Victoria welcomes Ambassador Jean-Bernard Carrasco to explore Australia's initiatives in Laos and to discuss the Australia-Laos bilateral relationship.



HE Mr Jean-Bernard Carrasco is a senior career officer with DFAT and has been Ambassador to Laos since January 2018. He was previously Assistant Secretary, South-East Asia Strategies Branch. He has also served as Assistant Director-General, Climate Change and Environment Branch, AusAID; and Senior Adviser to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Climate Change. He has previously worked overseas as Minister Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta. Mr Carrasco holds a Graduate Diploma of Environmental Science from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Sydney.

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Update from Taiwan

Mr Gary Cowan, Representative, Australian Office, Taipei

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

Since the end of martial law in 1987, Taiwan has transformed itself into a vibrant democracy. In 2016, Dr Tsai Ing-wen of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) was elected Taiwan's first female president, and in May this year the Taiwanese parliament became the first in Asia to legalise same-sex marriage.

Following the election of the DPP, Taiwan has sought to boost economic growth and diversification through its New Southbound Policy.

The Policy aims to deepen ties with ASEAN and South Asian nations, as well as Australia and New Zealand, through strengthening economic and trade cooperation, and enhancing institutional, professional and academic interaction.

Ahead of its Study Tour to Taiwan in November, AIIA Victoria welcomes Gary Cowan, Representative, Australian Office in Taipei to explore Australia's initiatives in Taiwan and to discuss the Australia-Taiwan bilateral relationship.



Gary Cowan is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and has served as Representative of the Australian Office in Taipei since January 2018. His previous diplomatic roles include a posting as Minister-Counsellor (Economic) in Beijing (2016) and Deputy Consul General, Shanghai (2003-2007). Gary headed Australia's international climate policy and negotiations team at the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and then the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) from 2011 to 2014. Gary's earlier roles include Speechwriter for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Director of the India and South Asia Section, and Adviser in the International Division at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Gary holds a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the Australia New Zealand School of Government (2010), and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (1997) and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) (1995) from the University of Sydney.

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The End of Europe: *Dictators, Demagogues and the Coming Dark Age*

James Kirchick, Brookings Institution, Washington DC

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

Once the world's bastion of liberal, democratic values, Europe is now having to confront demons it thought it had laid to rest. Brexit, growing tensions between Europeans and their migrant minorities, Russian imperial ambitions, and the old pathologies of anti-Semitism and populist nationalism are threatening to tear the European post-war consensus apart.

As for transatlantic relations, the Brookings Institute's Trans-Atlantic Scorecard for July evaluates US-European relations at a meagre 3.9 out of 10. Meanwhile, President Trump's Middle East Peace Plan has been met with scepticism from Israelis and Palestinians alike.

Asked to comment on the most important issue facing the world today, James Kirchick believes we are experiencing a turn toward illiberalism, and the abandonment of the liberal democratic values upon which the post-war world order was built.

What do these developments mean for the future of international relations? Have we really turned our backs on the liberal idea?

AIIA Victoria acknowledges the support of the [Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council](#) for this event, and welcomes leading commentator James Kirchick to share his insights on the rapidly shifting global political order.



James Kirchick is a visiting fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe and Project on International Order and Strategy at the Brookings Institution. A widely published journalist, he is author of [The End of Europe: Dictators, Demagogues and the Coming Dark Age](#) (Yale, 2017), a columnist for *Tablet Magazine*, and a frequent contributor to a wide array of publications including the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Politico*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Weekly Standard*, and *Commentary* among many others. Kirchick works on European politics, American politics, and U.S. grand strategy. Prior to Brookings, he spent four years as a fellow with the Foreign Policy Initiative in Washington. He is a recipient of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association Journalist of the Year Award and is currently at work on a history of gay Washington, D.C. for Henry Holt. Kirchick has spoken at venues around the world including the [Oslo Freedom Forum](#), the [Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy](#), and the [Stockholm Free World Forum](#), among numerous others.

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Comparing Notes: Australia and Canada

HE Ms Natasha Smith, High Commissioner to Canada

Tuesday 20 August: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Australia and Canada are divided by a vast ocean, the pronunciation of a common language and unequal capacities in French and cricket. Nonetheless, the two nations trust each other to such an extent that in some countries they take on each other's diplomatic responsibilities.

They share a long history of close bilateral relations and face similar public policy challenges; the two countries stand together as defenders of democracy, global security, multilateral institutions and open markets. There is close cooperation on trade; Australia will host the next *Australia-Canada Economic Leadership Forum* in Melbourne in February 2020.



In a changing global political landscape, how can two 'middle powers' work together to achieve shared goals? What similarities or differences exist in their respective approach to foreign policy?

AIIA Victoria welcomes HE Ms Natasha Smith, High Commissioner to Canada, to discuss the Australia-Canada bilateral relationship, and their shared contemporary policy challenges.



HE Ms Natasha Smith took up her appointment as Australian High Commissioner to Canada in February 2018. Ms Smith is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Before her appointment to Canada she was First Assistant Secretary, Multilateral Development and Finance Division. Ms Smith has also held the positions of Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Response Branch and Assistant Secretary, Integration Task Force. Ms Smith has also served overseas as First Secretary in Indonesia and Counsellor at the Australian Mission to the United Nations in New York. Ms Smith's career in DFAT and previously the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) spans 25 years and has included a broad range of policy, program and corporate roles, in Australia and overseas. This has included leading the Afghanistan and Pakistan, Workforce Strategy and Security, and Humanitarian Response Branches. Ms Smith is one of DFAT's inaugural Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Champions. She holds a Bachelor of Economics from James Cook University and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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Evolving North Korea-US Relations: Implications for Australia

Professor Gordon Flake, CEO of Perth USAsia Centre

Wednesday 21 August 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

On 30 June Donald Trump became the first serving US President to step into North Korea. Heavy on symbolism, the meeting with Kim Jong Un suggested a renewed impetus towards easing nuclear tensions.

But negotiations on denuclearisation, arms control and sanctions have stalled since their earlier summits in Singapore and Hanoi.

What are the likely next steps in this relationship? How will North Korea-US relations affect the broader Indo-Pacific region? How could unresolved tensions between the two nations affect Australia's national security?



AIIA Victoria acknowledges the support of the [Perth USAsia Centre](#), and welcomes leading global authority on Korea Professor Gordon Flake to share his views.



Professor Gordon Flake is the founding CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre at the University of Western Australia. Having built an internationally recognised profile over 25 years of think-tank expertise and leadership in Washington DC, Professor Flake relocated to Perth in 2014 to establish the Centre, and to build a broader world-class Indo-Pacific strategic community. Prior to joining the Centre, he was the Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a Senior Fellow and Associate Director of the Program on Conflict Resolution at The Atlantic Council of the United States and prior to that Director for Research and Academic Affairs at the Korea Economic Institute of America. Gordon Flake is one of Australia's leading authorities on the Indo-Pacific, with a specialisation on Korea having spent nearly three decades focused on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia. Gordon holds a number of strategic leadership roles including currently serving on the United States Studies Centre Board, the UWA Oceans Institute Advisory Board and as Fellow of the College at St Catherine's College at The University of Western Australia. He has previously served on the Board of the United States Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (USCSCAP) as co-Vice Chair of the Board of the US Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, on the Advisory Council on the Korea Economic Institute of America, and on the International Advisory Board of the David M. Kennedy Centre at Brigham Young University. He received his BA degree in Korean with a minor in international relations from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He completed his MA at the David M. Kennedy Centre for International and Area Studies, also at BYU.

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Taiwan – Beijing’s Next Target After Hong Kong?

Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA

Tuesday 10 September: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Anti-government protests in Hong Kong have been making headlines for nearly three months. Initially demonstrating against a bill that would have allowed suspects in Hong Kong to be extradited to China, protestors now want its complete withdrawal, not just its shelving as announced by the territory’s Chief Executive Carrie Lam.

They are also demanding an independent inquiry into the whole affair, including the police response. But they have set their sights much higher: Carrie Lam’s resignation and fully democratic elections—something China says it will not allow.



The protests pose a direct challenge for Chinese Communist Party leaders in Beijing, who are eager to quell the unrest ahead of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China on 1 October.

In the meantime, Taiwan too is coming under pressure. On 31 July Chinese authorities announced that they would no longer issue the passes that allow mainland tourists to visit Taiwan independently, without having to join a tour. A spokesperson blamed Taiwan’s ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), which rejects the idea of unification. With polls due in January, President Tsai Ing-Wen’s support for Hong Kong’s democrats has helped her once-dismal ratings to rebound.

How will the unrest in Hong Kong play out across the Taiwan Strait? To what extent will Taiwan’s elections be influenced by current events?

Ahead of AIIA VIC’s Study Tour to Taiwan in November we welcome China expert Rowan Callick for this thought-provoking discussion.

Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA 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.

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NATO at 70

Assoc/Prof Alexey D. Muraviev, Curtin University

Thursday 12 September 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Back in 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) was formed as a linchpin of the US strategic commitment to defending Europe against the Soviet threat. Seventy years on, NATO faces a new set of challenges.

The end of the Cold War presented the world's most powerful military alliance with a new reality. Since the 1990's, the extent and diversity of NATO's missions and operations have increased, from managing the conflict in the Balkans, to dealing with threats of piracy in the Indian Ocean, to the crisis in the Middle East.



More recently, the growing power rivalry with Russia and the future of its relations with the US under President Donald Trump have emerged as new strategic challenges for the alliance.

What future challenges does NATO face with US-Russian tensions? How does NATO ensure that it remains robust, enduring and relevant into the future?

AIIA Victoria welcomes back Dr Alexey Muraviev for his insights and analysis.



Dr Alexey D. Muraviev is Associate Professor of National Security and Strategic Studies at Curtin University, Perth, Western Australia. He is the founder and Director of the Strategic Flashlight forum on national security and strategy at Curtin. Alexey was Head of Department of Social Sciences and

Security Studies at Curtin in 2013-2017. His research interests include problems of modern maritime power, contemporary defence and strategic policy, Russia as a Pacific power, transnational terrorism and Australian national security. His latest publications include *Australia Europe Security and Defence Cooperation in the Twenty First Century* in 'So Distant, So Close' Australia and the European Union in the 21st Century (Bruno Mascitelli and Bruce Wilson (eds)); *Russian Military Power in the Indo-Pacific*, *IJSS Asia-Pacific Regional Security Assessment 2019*. He is a member of the Australian Member Committee, Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region (AU-CSCAP); member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London; non-residential fellow, Sea Power Centre Australia (Royal Australian Navy), member of Russia-NATO Experts Group; member of the executive advisory board, CIVSEC 2020 international congress and exposition; member of the Advisory Board, Australia Public Network, academic organiser and Chair of the IndPac Littoral 2019 international maritime conference, and other organisations and think tanks.

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Indonesia Study Tour

Presentation of Report

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



In June this year AIIA organised a highly successful Study Tour to Indonesia.

Able led by AIIA VIC President Patrick Moore and former Ambassador to Indonesia John McCarthy AO FAIIA, the group enjoyed unrivalled access to Government and other dignitaries in Jakarta, meeting with the Finance Minister and her predecessor, and two former Foreign Ministers among others.

Programs arranged with the support of the Australian Consulates-General in Surabaya and Makassar demonstrated the extended reach in Indonesia now afforded by those offices.

AIIA Victoria invites you to the presentation of the official Study Tour Report, and an update on the briefing on foreign policy, governance and the economic relationship subsequently submitted to Minister for Foreign Affairs Marise Payne.

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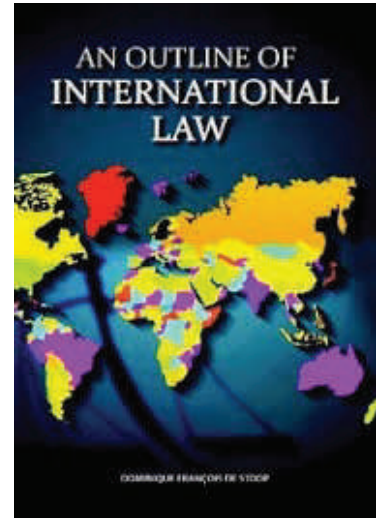
An Outline of International Law

Dr Dominique De Stoop

Thursday, 17 October 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The prominence of international law has risen as disputes and differences between states on political, economic, geographic and religious issues strengthen. Current issues such as climate change and terrorism alongside increasing interconnectivity between states have brought international law to the forefront of international discussions.

Drawing on his newly-published book *An Outline of International Law* (ASPG, June 2019), Dr De Stoop will address not only the traditional subjects covered in works on international law - the law of treaties, the law of the sea, state jurisdictions - but also topics such as international trade law, international criminal and anti-terrorism laws, international environmental law, the laws applicable to armed conflicts, shipping and aviation law and laws on disarmament and arms control.



Which areas of international law work well, and which do not? What challenges currently threaten the observation of international law and world order?

AIIA Victoria welcomes Dr Dominique De Stoop offer his insights and to discuss his book.



Dr Dominique De Stoop was Senior Assistant Secretary in charge of the International and General Legal Branch of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), in addition to ambassadorial and policy roles. He represented Australia at a number of negotiating conferences in New York, Europe and Asia and chaired treaty negotiating conferences at the UN (New York), in London and in the South Pacific. Since his retirement from Australian government service, he has worked as team leader in a number of international legal and trade assignments for inter-governmental bodies including the European Union, the World Bank and UNDP. He has also held

positions as a part-time teacher and Visiting Fellow at the Law Faculties of the Australian National University and Melbourne University.

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Slovenia – at the Crossroads of Europe

HE Mr Jurij Rifelj, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia

Monday 21 October, 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Bordered by Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia, the Republic of Slovenia lies at the crossroads of historically important European cultural and trade routes.

The first republic of former Yugoslavia to declare independence in 1991 and to become an independent sovereign state, Slovenia entered NATO and the European Union (EU) in 2004. In 2007 it became the first formerly communist country to join the Eurozone.



Long regarded as one of the best-performing new EU members, Slovenia, after being the first of these new members to assume the rotating presidency of the Council of the EU in 2008, will hold this important role for the second time in 2021.

As the EU faces a period of structural and economic challenge, how does Slovenia see its role? What are Slovenia's key policies? And how is the issue of Brexit viewed in Ljubljana?

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Ambassador Rifelj for his insights at this significant period in the EU's history.

***His Excellency Mr Jurij Rifelj** has been Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Australia since September 2018. A career diplomat since 1994, he was previously the Head of Public Relations Service at the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia. In the past, he also served as the Head of the Office of the Republic of Slovenia in Palestine (2014-2015) and before that, he headed the Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority (2011-2014). In 2010 and 2011, he was Special Coordinator for Afghanistan; in 2009, he was the Diplomatic Adviser at the Ministry of Defence. From 2004 and 2008, he was a Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic to Slovenia to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels. Between 1997 and 2002 he worked at the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Washington, DC, dealing with political-security and media affairs.*

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FARC 2.0 and the Future of Colombia's Peace Process

Dr. Alexandra Phelan

Thursday 24 October 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

In 2016, after years of violence, killing and suffering, the Colombian Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) signed a final agreement which was designed to bring about peace for the country.

However recently on 29 August, former FARC leader Iván Márquez announced a return to arms and a "new phase of armed struggle", abandoning the process alongside four top FARC commanders.



What explains this return to conflict, and why are we seeing growing numbers of FARC dissidents?

AIIA Victoria welcomes Dr. Alexandra Phelan to explain progress since the peace agreement was signed, the complexities pertaining to its implementation and the extent to which both government and FARC have complied with key provisions.

She will discuss recent developments and failed negotiations with the country's second insurgency - the ELN - and how "FARC 2.0"'s interactions with the ELN could pose future challenges for Colombia's security environment.



Dr. Alexandra Phelan is a Postdoctoral Fellow at Monash University's [Gender, Peace and Security Centre](#). Her research interests include insurgent governance and legitimisation activities, insurgent women, political violence and organised crime. Her PhD examined why the Colombian government alternated between counterinsurgency and negotiation with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Based on an extensive examination of negotiation documents and primary FARC material, fieldwork and interviews with former and active FARC, ELN, M-19 and AUC members, she critically examined the role that insurgent legitimisation activities had on influencing Colombian government response between 1982-2016.

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Dilemmas in Counter-Terrorism Decision Making

Prof. Boaz Ganor, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)

Monday 28 October 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The need to contend with terrorism can be found in almost every sphere of life: security, prevention and suppression of terrorism, legal and ethical dilemmas regarding democratic issues, such as the individual's human rights, intelligence interrogations, the right of the public to know, as well as coping with social, psychological, and media-related issues.



AIIA Victoria, co-hosting with the [Australia Israel & Jewish Affairs Council](#) (AIJAC) invites you on a journey with acclaimed counter-terrorism expert Prof. Boaz Ganor. Explore the challenging issues facing governments and intelligence/law-enforcing agencies. Hear about how recent events have impacted global counter-terror activities and discuss the tough issues such as what to do with foreign fighters as well as the continuing threats that terrorism poses.

***Prof. Boaz Ganor** is the Founder and Executive Director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and the Ronald S. Lauder Chair for Counter-Terrorism (on sabbatical) at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel. He is currently serving as a Visiting Fellow, Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), and an Adjunct Professor, Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security, Charles Sturt University. Prof. Ganor serves as the Founding President of the International Academic Counter-Terrorism Community (ICTAC), an international association of academic institutions, experts, and researchers in fields related to the study of terrorism and counter-terrorism. Prof. Ganor is a member of the International Advisory Council of the International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research at the Institute of Defense and Strategic Studies (IDSS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and is a co-founder of the International Centre for the Study of Radicalization and Political Violence (ICSR), a partnership between the University of Pennsylvania, USA; the Interdisciplinary Center, Israel; King's College, London; and the Regional Center on Conflict Prevention (RCCP), Jordan. Prof. Ganor is widely published, and has given briefings and/or testimonies to the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), the Australian Parliament, the United States Congress, the US Army, the FBI, the US Department of Homeland Security, as well as numerous intelligence, security and police services throughout the world.*

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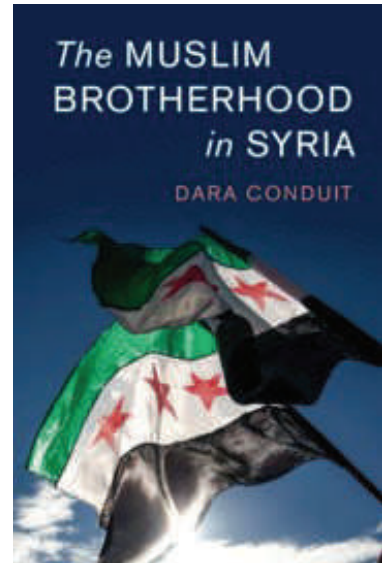
The Muslim Brotherhood in Syria

Dr Dara Conduit, Book Launch

Thursday 31 October 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Having played a role in every iteration of Syrian politics since the country gained independence in 1946, the Muslim Brotherhood were the most prominent opposition group in Syria on the eve of the 2011 uprising. But when unrest broke out in March 2011, few Brotherhood flags and slogans were to be found within the burgeoning protest movement.

Drawing on extensive primary research including interviews with Brotherhood members, Dara Conduit looks to the group's history to understand why it failed to capitalise on this advantage as the conflict unfolded, addressing significant gaps in accounts of the group's past to assess whether its reputation for violence and dogmatism is justified.



In doing so, Dara Conduit reveals a party that was neither as violent nor as undemocratic as expected, but whose potential to stage a long-awaited comeback was hampered by the shadow of its own history.

AIIA Victoria, co-hosting with the [Middle East Studies Forum](#) at Deakin University welcomes Assoc. Prof. Ben MacQueen of Monash University to launch Dr Dara Conduit's book *The Muslim Brotherhood in Syria* (Cambridge University Press, July 2019).



Dr Dara Conduit is an Associate Research Fellow in the Middle East Studies Forum at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, where she works on authoritarianism and opposition. She has also been published in journals including *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, *the Middle East Journal*, *Journal of Contemporary China* and *the British Journal of Middle East Studies*. Dr Conduit holds a PhD from Monash University, a M. Litt from the University of St. Andrews, was a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge in 2015 and has provided advice to the UN OHCHR's Working Group on Mercenaries.

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The Present and Future of Autonomous Weapons

Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Alistair Pope, psc, CM

Thursday 7 November 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

The growth of drone warfare has accelerated exponentially in the past 20 years. Recent attacks on key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia show the difficulty of defending against such weapons.

However, it is the planning and development of future autonomous weapons that is of greatest concern. These new robotic weapons can be programmed with artificial intelligence algorithms that authorise them to make the 'kill decision' without any human input.



Today, most of the 'robots' deployed on operations are aerial drones, but there are developments already underway to apply this same technology on land, sea and undersea, with plans to deploy killer satellites in space.

What are the risks of autonomous weapons? What safeguards can be imposed?

AIIA Victoria welcomes LtCol (Ret'd) Alistair Pope for an overview of the next steps in autonomous warfare.

Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Alistair Pope, psc, CM emigrated from Glasgow, Scotland to Perth, WA in 1964. His first job was in the outback surveying roads and railways to be built for the new iron ore mining projects in the Pilbara. He joined the Army by volunteering for National Service (one of fewer than 400 young Australians who did so). He was selected for Officer Training at Scheyville and graduated as a 2LT in 1967. He served in Vietnam, Indonesia and PNG, and as a unit Commander in 3rd Brigade. In 1981 he attended Army Staff College, Queenscliff. He was one of the first six of his class to be promoted to senior officer rank. After 20 years' service he retired from the Australian Army in 1986 as a LtCol. After a successful subsequent project management career working internationally in 65 countries, Alistair Pope retains a keen interest in current affairs, current military matters and military history. He has had more than 60 articles published in the Australian Defence Force Journal, Strategy & Tactics, World at War, Modern War, Camaraderie, Harim Tok Tok, Quadrant and Quadrant Online.

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Accountability and Justice for the Rohingya

Thom Woodroffe, Associate Director *Independent Diplomat*

Wednesday, 13 November 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Two years on from the orchestrated campaign of violence that led to more than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar, justice for what a UN investigation said likely constituted genocide remains elusive, but not necessarily out of reach.



With the UN Security Council divided over the possibility of referring Myanmar to the International Criminal Court (ICC), several other attempts to deliver justice and accountability are underway. The ICC Chief Prosecutor recently filed a request to launch an investigation into the crime of forced deportation, and the tiny African nation of The Gambia intends to file a case with the International Court of Justice focussed around the 1948 Genocide Convention. A new UN investigative mechanism has also now been established and will hopefully help catalyse other avenues, such as the use of universal jurisdiction or even talk of a new ad-hoc international tribunal.

However, with over one million refugees continuing to languish in Bangladesh more needs to be done, especially to seize an increasingly narrow political window including in the lead-up to Myanmar's 2020 elections. What roles do countries like Australia have to play in this?

AIIA VIC welcomes Thom Woodroffe, Associate Director for *Independent Diplomat* for an update on the pursuit of justice and accountability for the Rohingya.



Thom Woodroffe is an Associate Director with [Independent Diplomat](#), a non-profit diplomatic advisory firm. In this role, Thom helped the Marshall Islands play a key role in securing the Paris Agreement by serving as an advisor to the country's President and Foreign Minister. He is now also leading the firm's work supporting Rohingya politicians and refugees from Myanmar. Thom has recently completed a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University, writing a forthcoming book on new models of diplomatic activism. He has previously held an Associate Fellowship with the Asia Society and remains a regular opinion writer and commentator. As the founder of two non-profit organisations, Thom was recognised as the 2009 Young Victorian

of the Year.

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Diversity in Diplomacy

HE Mr Ridwaan Jadwat, Australian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and
Australia's Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Wednesday 20 November 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Diplomats have a vital role to play in crafting Australia's national story – a story they take to the world about Australia, about our values and about the people who make up our community. They educate and enlighten international audiences about the enduring strength of Australian values and particularly Australian multiculturalism. Many of our foreign interlocutors have never been to Australia and never will.



Historically, Australia has most often tried to exercise influence by leveraging our relationships with our great and powerful friends. But this way of exercising agency is getting harder. The concept of soft power – the power of attraction – is another dimension of persuasion. As the Foreign Policy White Paper states, our "multicultural society is an undeniable source of attraction" - it continues to attract capital and talent from around the world. Australia's soft power attributes include those which make this country a great place to live, including our old and effective democracy, our successful multicultural society, the richness of our natural endowment and the sophistication of our economic, scientific and artistic achievements.

What is the role of diplomacy in giving Australians and Australian institutions greater confidence and credibility on the world stage? How does our strong record on inclusion and diversity help promote our commercial, educational and cultural credentials?



HE Mr Ridwaan Jadwat is currently serving in Riyadh as Australia's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, with non-resident accreditation as Ambassador to Bahrain, Oman and Yemen. Mr Jadwat is also Australia's Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). Mr Jadwat has previously served overseas as Counsellor, Australian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur; and Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Tehran. In Canberra, he most recently served as Head of Policy in the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit Taskforce and Assistant Secretary, International Division, in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. In 2019, Mr Jadwat became the first Australian Ambassador to undertake an official visit to Mecca and Medina, and the first Australian Ambassador to be invited to speak at an OIC Foreign Ministers' Meeting. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Economics (Social Sciences) from the University of Sydney.

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The Rising Tide

Among the Islands and Atolls of the Pacific Ocean

Tom Bamforth

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

Vanuatu. Fiji. Marshall Islands. The names evoke white-sand beaches, swaying palms and lazy holidays. But in reality, these idyllic places are tropical maelstroms of global realpolitik, caught between the world's superpowers, former colonial masters, and the struggle for cultural survival.

Collectively the Pacific nations form one third of the globe's surface area and are one of the most strategically important regions in the world for military might, for energy security and geopolitical borders. Even more importantly, these nations are at the frontline of climate change, as rising sea levels, salinity, cyclones and pollution put their very existence at stake.

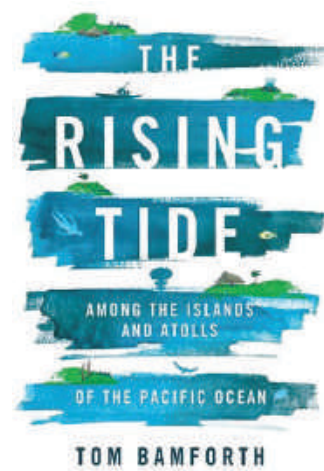
Based on his extensive travels in the Pacific, Tom Bamforth weaves together the stories of Pacific peoples and politics at the forefront of global change in his new book, ***The Rising Tide: Among the Islands and Atolls of the Pacific Ocean*** (Hardie Grant Books, 2019).

From uprisings in New Caledonia to tsunamis in Tonga, *The Rising Tide* is about interaction, race, colonisation, climate change, nuclear testing, resistance, cultural preservation, and urban life and the tastiness of well-roasted pig.

AIIA Victoria is delighted to welcome back Tom Bamforth; copies of the book will be available for sale and for signing on the night.



Tom Bamforth is an aid worker and writer. He has worked in humanitarian response and international development since 2005 when he was caught in the Pakistan earthquake while on an archaeological tour of the North West Frontier Province, and he has worked and travelled extensively in the Pacific since 2008. His writing has appeared in *Granta*, *Griffith Review*, *Meanjin*, *The Guardian* and *The Age*. He is the author of *Deep Field: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Aid Relief* (Hardie Grant Books, 2014).



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Australia's Future in Space Exploration

Carley Scott, CEO Equatorial Launch Australia

Tuesday 26 November: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

It's been 50 years since the moon landing in July 1969.

Then, Australia played a pivotal role with the Parkes Radio Telescope in central west NSW, which broadcast to an expectant world vision of Neil Armstrong setting foot on the lunar surface and declaring his famous statement, "That's one small step for man. One giant leap for mankind".

Today, Australia is developing its own space industry. The formation of the Australian Space Agency in 2018 was only the beginning. An Australian start-up company is now developing Australia's first commercial spaceport, located near Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory, and has already secured a contract with NASA for southern hemisphere launches in 2020 – notably NASA's first-ever use of a foreign non-government launch range.



What are the challenges of the logistics of such a venture? What regional geopolitical factors need to be considered? What are the benefits to Australia?

AIIA Victoria welcomes Carley Scott to explain the opportunities and challenges of Australia as a future space-launch hub.



Carley Scott MAICD, ACECd is CEO of [Equatorial Launch Australia](#) – Australia's national spaceport. Carley is known for building strong businesses in fast changing environments. She is currently leading the development of Australia's national spaceport, securing a world first with NASA planning to launch from the site in 2020. Carley is an advisor to the Space Industry Association of Australia; the CSIRO for advanced manufacturing; the SmartSat CRC on start-up space companies, and, sits on the Inner Melbourne Metropolitan Partnerships Committee to guide State development. Previously, Carley was entrusted by Rio Tinto and the Northern Territory Government as the inaugural CEO to build a multi-million-dollar company that is now internationally referred to as best practice in economic development. Carley is listed in the AFR 100 Women of Influence for 2019. In 2018, she was nominated as Australian of the Year and in 2017, Carley won the Telstra Business Women's Award (For Purpose, Northern Territory).

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The Scope for Greater Five Eyes Cooperation in the Arctic and Antarctic

Wednesday 4 December 2019: 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

AIIA Victoria gratefully acknowledges the support of the **Polar Research and Policy Initiative in London, Trent University, Ontario, Canada, the Arctic Domain Awareness Center, University of Alaska, and Flinders University**, and welcomes the following distinguished panel members:

Maj Gen Randy 'Church' Kee, USAF (ret) is the Executive Director of the Arctic Domain Awareness Center of Excellence, a US Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence in Maritime Research hosted by the University of Alaska. Over his 30-year career in the US Air Force, he served operationally in the Western Pacific, Southwest and Central Asia, the Balkans and Afghanistan. He has held a variety of staff assignments including at US Transportation Command, Headquarters US Air Force, and US Joint Staff in both Operations and Strategic Plans and Policy Directorates. General Kee has served as Vice Commander of the US Air Force's Global Air Mobility Operations Center. and as Co-Chair of the multinational Arctic Security Forces Roundtable.



Prof. Heather Nicol (Canada) is Professor in the School of the Environment and Director of the School for the Study of Canada at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario (Canada). She is a member of the Academic Leadership Team at the University of the Arctic (UArctic), the Lead of the UArctic Circumpolar Studies Program, and a member of the UArctic Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security and the EU- and Canada-funded Borders in Globalization international research network.

Prof. Christian Leuprecht (Canada) is Class of 1965 Professor in Leadership at the Royal Military College of Canada and Eisenhower Fellow at the NATO Defence College in Rome. Cross-appointed to the Dept. of Political Studies and the School of Policy Studies, Queen's University, he is affiliated with both the Queen's Centre for International and Defence Policy and the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations. He is also Adjunct Research Professor, Australian Graduate School of Policing and Security, Charles Sturt University, and the Centre for Crime Policy and Research, Flinders University.

Alice Rogoff (USA) is an American philanthropist and media executive who is the Publisher and Editorial Director of *Arctic Today*. Formerly, Alice served as Special Assistant to the Director in the Office of Management and Budget in the Carter Administration, as well as Managing Director of the Washington, DC-based investment management firm G. William Miller and Co., Assistant to the Publisher of *The Washington Post* and then Chief Financial Officer of *US News and World Report*, in which capacity she was the creator of the Post's National Weekly Edition. She was also the founder of Arctic Imperative, a lecture series dedicated to raising awareness of circumpolar north issues, and, with President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson of Iceland, the co-founder of Arctic Circle, the world's largest annual international conference on the Arctic, on whose Advisory Board she now sits.

Tony Penikett (Canada) - Senior Associate, Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University. Tony Penikett spent 25 years in public life, including two years at the Canadian House of Commons as Chief of Staff to federal New Democratic Party Leader Ed Broadbent; five terms in the Yukon Legislative Assembly; and two terms as Premier of Canada's Yukon Territory. His government negotiated settlements of Yukon First Nation land claims; passed pioneering legislation in the areas of education, health, language; and organised Yukon 2000, a unique bottom-up economic planning process. After serving as Premier of the Yukon, Penikett acted as Senior Aboriginal Policy Advisor for the Premier of Saskatchewan (1995-97) and Deputy Minister for Negotiations, and later Labour, for the Government of British Columbia (1997-2001).

Dr. Dwayne Ryan Menezes (UK) is the Founder and Managing Director of Polar Research and Policy Initiative (PRPI), a London-based international think-tank dedicated to Arctic, Nordic, North Atlantic, North Pacific and Antarctic affairs. , he is an Honorary Fellow at the UCL Institute of Risk and Disaster Reduction at University College London and an Associate Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London.

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In the Shadow of the Cold War: American Foreign Policy from George Bush Sr. to Donald Trump

Assoc. Prof. Timothy J. Lynch, University of Melbourne

Tuesday 4th February 2020: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Whoever wins the 2020 US presidential election, the next president will face serious foreign policy challenges.

Tim Lynch's new book *In the Shadow of the Cold War: American Foreign Policy from George Bush Sr. to Donald Trump* (Cambridge University Press, November 2019) is a bold re-interpretation of the prevailing narrative that US foreign policy after the Cold War was a failure.



In chapters that re-evaluate the key episodes of the post-Cold War years, he argues that the Cold War cast a shadow on the presidents that came after it and that success came more from adapting to that shadow than in attempts to escape it. When strategic lessons of the Cold War were applied, presidents fared better; when they were forgotten, they fared worse. This book tells the story not of a revolution in American foreign policy but of its essentially continuous character from one era to the next.

While there were many setbacks between the fall of Soviet communism and the opening years of the Trump administration, from Rwanda to 9/11 and Iraq to Syria, Tim Lynch demonstrates that the US remained the world's dominant power.

In a complex and challenging world, how durable is the international role of the US?

AIIA Victoria welcomes Tim Lynch for a timely discussion on American foreign policy. Discounted copies of his new book will be available for sale and for signing on the night.



Tim Lynch is Associate Professor in American Politics and Associate Dean (International) at the University of Melbourne. His books include *Turf War: the Clinton Administration and Northern Ireland* (Ashgate, 2004) and *US Foreign Policy and Democracy Promotion* (Routledge, 2013). His co-authored book (with RS Singh), *After Bush: the Case for Continuity in American Foreign Policy* (Cambridge, 2008), won the Richard Neustadt Book Prize. He is editor of the two-volume Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History (2013). A Fulbright Scholar, Tim has a PhD in Political Science from Boston College, Mass.

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Australia's Relationship with India

Roundtable with Rod Hilton, Deputy Head of Mission New Delhi

Friday 7 February 2020: **9:10am for 9.30am - 10:30am** at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

India is already the world's fastest growing large economy and the third largest contributor to global growth.

Its rapidly growing economy and population will require increased infrastructure, education opportunities, resources and investment which Australia is well positioned to supply.



The comprehensive report submitted to government in 2018 by Peter Varghese AO FAIIA, *An India Economic Strategy to 2035. Navigating from Potential to Delivery* sets out how Australia can transform its partnership with India. More recently, Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator the Hon Marise Payne addressed the Raisina Dialogue, a major regional strategic affairs conference in New Delhi.

AIIA Victoria welcomes Deputy Head of Mission to New Delhi, Mr Rod Hilton, to discuss Australia's evolving bilateral relationship with India and the opportunities ahead.



Rod Hilton is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). He commenced in the role of Deputy Head of Mission in New Delhi in May 2018. Mr Hilton has previously served overseas as Minister Counsellor (Economics and Governance) Port Moresby (2014-2018), and in Canberra has held a range of positions, with the most recent being Assistant Secretary, Global Development. Mr Hilton has also worked as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, and the Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science. Mr Hilton holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Laws from the Australian National University.

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Unrest in the Arab World

Richard Iron CMG OBE in Conversation with Michael Bachelard

Tuesday 11th February 2020: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Eight years after the Arab spring, and two years after the recapture of Mosul from the Islamic State, Iraq and Syria remain both volatile and violent.



In Iraq, popular protests have forced the resignation of Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi. In Syria, the bloodshed continues, despite the Russian- and Iranian-backed victory for incumbent President Bashar al-Assad; and a new front has emerged in Northern Syria in the Turkish-Kurdish struggle.

Award-winning journalist Michael Bachelard has recently returned from Syria and Iraq. In this conversation with Richard Iron, he will examine the causes and impact of the violence, as well as the roles played by Iran, Turkey, Russia and the USA.

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Michael Bachelard in the next instalment of Richard Iron's acclaimed "In Conversation" series.

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*.

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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Taiwan Study Tour – Report Launch

Presentation of Report

Wednesday 19 February: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



In November 2019 AIIA Victoria organised a highly successful Study Tour to Taiwan.

Led by President Patrick Moore, the delegation benefited from a combination of cultural immersion and visits to academic and policy hubs.

The Study Tour included meetings with representatives from the Australian Office in Taipei; the Department of Economic Affairs; the Institute of National Policy Research; National Taiwan Normal University, and the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance given while planning the program by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Melbourne, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

AIIA Victoria invites you to the presentation of the official Study Tour Report, and an update on the bilateral relationship between Australia and Taiwan.

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The Year Ahead in US Politics: Insights from Washington

Sarah Storey, Congressional Liaison Chief, Australian Embassy Washington

Monday, 24 February: 4pm – 5pm at DFAT VIC State Office, Level 14, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne

With the US primaries underway, the Democrats are looking to secure a strong contender to take on President Trump.

While the outcome of this year's hotly contested election is up for debate, what remains clear is Australia's status as a trusted and valued partner of the United States. How Australia maintains and strengthens this relationship, ensuring the US remains engaged on strategic issues of importance to Australia, will remain a key priority.



The Victoria State Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and AIIA Victoria invite you to join Sarah Storey, Congressional Liaison Chief at the Australian Embassy in Washington for a briefing on these issues. Chatham House Rule applies.



***Sarah Storey** has served as Congressional Liaison Chief at the Australian Embassy in Washington since June 2018, facilitating the Embassy's relationships with Congress and with US states. She was most recently Assistant Secretary of DFAT's Parliamentary and Media Branch. Sarah was previously Assistant Secretary of the Consular Operations Branch, and before that, Adviser to Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, with responsibility for the Pacific, consular issues, economic and public diplomacy and protocol. Twenty-three years in DFAT, Sarah has had postings to Port Moresby, Brussels and Bangkok. In Canberra, she has worked on the Fiji, Indonesia and European Union desks; headed the HR section; worked as Executive Assistant for DFAT's Secretary; and on international and domestic legal matters. She was deployed in Australia's first civ-mil operation, the Truce Monitoring Group in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea; and worked on negotiating the peace process in Bougainville after a ten-year civil war. Sarah has a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.)/Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) from the University of Melbourne, and a Master of Arts (Foreign Affairs and Trade) from Monash University.*

Please note this event is held at the DFAT Victoria State Office.

Chatham House Rule applies.

Numbers are limited, and registration in advance is essential.

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Entry free, but prior registration essential. Light refreshments served

Breaking Up is Hard to Do

Colin Chapman FAIIA

Wednesday 26 February: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

When the European Parliament bid farewell to British members as the United Kingdom departed the EU, there was more than a tinge of emotion in the chamber.

MEPs broke into a soulful rendering of Auld Lang Syne. This followed the European Commission president, Ursula von der Leyen, citing George Eliot's memorable quote, "Only in the agony of parting do we look into the depths of love."



You almost expected this little melodrama to be followed by Neil Sedaka's "Breakin' Up is Hard to do". For that is the potent message for the troublesome months ahead for both the UK and the EU as they attempt to put Brexit into practice and seek to fashion a comprehensive trade deal.

That deal must be agreed in principle by June 30 in order to be ratified in Westminster and by all 27 European legislators in time for Britain's real and final departure on December 31. Until then the UK remains tied to the EU in all but name, and to institutions like the Single Market, the Customs Union and the European Court of Justice.

Colin Chapman, Fellow of the AIIA, and the Europe-based commissioning editor of *Australian Outlook*, will discuss the painful and difficult negotiations that lie ahead, and examine the likely outcomes for both the EU and the Johnson government in London.

Colin Chapman FAIIA is a former four-term president of AIIA NSW and a writer, broadcaster and geopolitical analyst. Formerly economics correspondent of BBC TV News, a CNN columnist, and a senior executive of the Financial Times. After retirement, he returned to Australia in 2003 and until 2019 was based in Sydney as vice-president Asia Pacific of STRATFOR, a US geopolitical analysis company, and a regular commentator on CNBC. 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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Australia and the Western Balkans in 2020

HE Ms Ruth Stewart, Australian Ambassador to Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia

Thursday 5 March 2020: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Almost 30 years on from some of the bloodiest conflicts of the 20th century, the Western Balkan countries are still cementing their place in the international system. Lying on the periphery of the current European Union (EU), Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia are all now working towards full EU membership.



As a physical gateway to EU countries, hundreds of thousands of refugees have been using the Western Balkans as passage to Western Europe, straining resources. Making things more challenging, the legacy of the Yugoslav Wars still appears in many aspects of day-to-day life - from the structure of governments, to still-simmering ethnic tensions.

However, the Balkan spirit continues to endure, facing these challenges with strength and determination. In the 21st century we are seeing an evolving Western Balkan region with immense international potential.

To what extent have things changed since the 1990's? How is EU accession proceeding for the Western Balkans, and what is Australia's involvement in the region? And will Novak Djokovic win a record ninth Australian Open title next year...?

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Ambassador Stewart for her insights and perspectives on the opportunities and challenges facing the region.



HE Ms Ruth Stewart is a career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and has been Ambassador to Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia since July 2018. She was previously Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Phnom Penh and has also served as Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Yangon, and Second Secretary, Australian Embassy, Stockholm. In Canberra, she has served in a range of positions, including as Director, ASEAN Section and Director, Myanmar Section.

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Women in International Affairs

Dr. Alexandra Phelan, Monash University Gender, Peace and Security Centre

Tuesday 10 March: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

International Women's Day (March 8) has the theme this year **#EachforEqual**. It states boldly that a gender-balanced world is a more successful and equitable world.

More women in international relations - whether it be academia or diplomacy - will broaden the range of ideas in circulation and help create more robust strategic outcomes.

From historical figures like Eleanor Roosevelt, to modern-day powerhouses like Angela Merkel and Jacinda Ardern, women have been pivotal in shaping the course of international relations for centuries.



Photo credit: UN Women

While significant strides have been made in gender equality, it is apparent that women still face unique challenges while navigating the international sector. For example, as of December 2018, the global participation rate of women in national-level parliaments was only 24%.

In the first of a new series, AIIA Victoria invites you to celebrate the achievements of women in international relations, reflect critically on the barriers women face, and meet extraordinary women currently forging careers in the international relations sector.

The keynote address will be given by Dr Alexandra Phelan, who will reflect on her journey in security studies and international relations, academia, and her research on gendered experiences of terrorism and conflict with particular focus on Colombia. Networking and drinks to follow.



Dr. Alexandra Phelan is a Postdoctoral Fellow at **Monash University's Gender, Peace and Security Centre**. She leads the research stream on gender and violent extremism, examining gendered approaches to understanding pathways to and from terrorism. Her research interests include insurgent governance and legitimization activities, insurgent women, political violence and organised crime. Her PhD examined why the Colombian government alternated between counterinsurgency and negotiation with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Based on an extensive examination of negotiation documents and primary FARC material, fieldwork and interviews with former and active FARC, ELN, M-19 and AUC members, she critically examined the role that insurgent legitimization activities had on influencing Colombian government response between 1982-2016.

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Program: 6pm – Registration of Guests; 6.20pm – Keynote; 6.45pm: Networking & refreshments

Climate Change and National Security: International Responses

Assoc. Prof. Matt McDonald, University of Queensland

Thursday 2 April: 5pm – 5.40pm (AEDT) **Live Webcast**

Climate change has become one of the most significant challenges in world politics and it is increasingly recognised as a threat to national security.

A range of states have developed climate security strategies to address effects of climate change that threaten defence infrastructure and contribute to population movements, regional instability and even conflict.



Yet we have not seen a systematic account of how nation states facing different dynamics of threats associated with climate change have gone about developing distinct institutional responses, policy settings and practices in response.

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Assoc. Prof. Matt McDonald in a live webcast where he will discuss different international approaches to addressing the climate change-security relationship. He will share the current findings of an ongoing project funded by the Australian Research Council to be completed in 2022, which aims to provide recommendations for Australian policy-makers on this issue.



Assoc. Prof. Matt McDonald joined the School of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Queensland in 2010. His research focuses on critical theoretical approaches to security and their application to issues such as environmental change, Australian foreign and security policy, climate politics and Asia-Pacific security dynamics. He has published on these themes in journals such as *European Journal of International Relations*, *Political Geography*, *Review of International Studies*, *International Theory*, *Security Dialogue*, *International Political Sociology* and *Australian Journal of Political Science*. He is the author of *Security, the Environment and Emancipation* (Routledge 2012) and (with Anthony Burke and Katrina Lee-Koo) *Ethics and Global Security* (Routledge 2014).

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Free event open to all, but registration is required in order to receive a link on the day with instructions how to access the webcast. Limited to 90 participants, and if necessary, priority will be given to AIIAV members.

Health Security Policy and Politics

Assoc. Prof. Adam Kamradt-Scott, University of Sydney

Thursday 9 April: 5pm – 5.50pm (AEST) **Live Webcast**

Global health issues are once again high on the international agenda.

To mark the week of World Health Day (7 April), AIIA Victoria invites you to join Assoc. Prof. Adam Kamradt-Scott, an expert on global health security at Sydney University's Centre for International Security Studies in a live webcast.



Adam's background includes being a Registered Nurse, political adviser and public servant in Prime Minister & Cabinet where he was part of the team tasked with revising, testing and updating Australia's pandemic plans.

Much of his research since then has been on the World Health Organization, pandemic flu, SARS, and of course now COVID-19. He will discuss the global context of health security policy, and international efforts to tackle health crises.



Associate Professor Adam Kamradt-Scott specialises in global health security and international relations. His research and teaching explores how governments and multilateral organisations cooperate and interact when adverse health events such as disease outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics occur, as well as how they respond to emerging health and security challenges. Adam's most recent research examines civil-military cooperation in health and humanitarian crises, and the correlations between gender, sexuality, health and security. Adam's professional background before entering academia includes having worked as a health professional in emergency care and clinical risk management, a political adviser, and public servant in national health security and pandemic planning. Prior to joining the Centre for International

Security Studies in November 2011, Adam worked as a Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where he was employed on a 2.5 million Euro project that examined how different values, ideas, and beliefs have shaped global health policy. He currently serves on the editorial board of Global Health Governance, Global Security: Health, Science and Policy, and the Journal of Health Diplomacy.

This event is online only. After registering, you will receive a follow-up confirmation email on Thursday 9 April containing further details on how to join the webcast. (If you believe you have not received an email by early afternoon please check your junk folder!).

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Free event

The Circular Advantage – from Denmark to Australia

Dr Scott Valentine, Senior Circular Economy Specialist, KPMG Australia

Thursday, 23 April 2020: 5pm – 6pm (AEST) **Webinar**

The circular economy, which aims to minimise waste and keep materials and products in circulation for as long as possible, is increasingly regarded as a promising model for driving sustainable and resilient economic growth in both developed and emerging economies.

The prevailing linear economic model - based on a 'take-make-dispose' system - has generated unprecedented economic growth but unsustainable overuse of resources world-wide.



In 2014 the European Commission adopted a zero-waste program, establishing a legal framework for an EU-wide circular economy. Denmark, the Netherlands, Scotland, Sweden and Japan set as part of their national goals to transition from a linear to a circular economy, where the 'end-of-life' concept will be replaced, new jobs will be created, economic growth and new business models will emerge and greenhouse gas emission will be reduced.

Why are nations overseas embracing this strategic approach to economic development? Where does Australia stand?

Join Dr Scott Valentine for an overview of the circular economy model and its benefits. Using Denmark's *Rethink Business* program, he will illustrate how participating firms benefited from this capacity-building initiative – and how it has influenced the circular advantage program here in Victoria. Modelled on the Danish experience, a new program on offer to businesses in the cities of Hume and Kingston is helping firms to design circular economy roadmaps for the future.



Dr Scott Valentine is a former Professor and Associate Dean of Sustainability and Urban Planning at RMIT University in Melbourne. He is the author of *Wind Power Politics and Policies* (Oxford University Press), *Life in the Balance (Infinity)* and co-author of *National Politics of Nuclear Power* (Routledge), *Fact and Fiction in Global Energy Policy* (Johns Hopkins University Press) and *Empowering the Great Energy Transition* (Columbia University Press). Scott has extensive international experience specialising in business development and organisational development and is on the editorial boards of the journals *Energy Research and Social Science*, *AIMS Energy*, *Sustainability Science* and *CSR and Environmental Management*.

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International Affairs: Reasons to be Optimistic

Melissa Conley Tyler FAIIA, Asialink Diplomacy

Thursday 30 April: 5pm - 6pm AEST

Webinar

It's hard to remember a day with a happy international affairs headline, and it may seem strange timing in the midst of a global pandemic to look at why we should be optimistic about the world.

But optimism is an outlook worth cultivating.

It's not hard to imagine the worst. But it's easy to overlook all the work that is being done at an international level to avoid worst-case scenarios.



Through looking at disaster fiction – apocalyptic movies and books that show us the worst possibilities – Melissa Conley Tyler will examine our big fears and explain what we're doing internationally to avert them.

It's the right time to give the case for optimism.

In 2019 Melissa Conley Tyler was honoured as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs in recognition of her distinguished contribution to international affairs.



Melissa Conley Tyler FAIIA is the current Director of Asialink Diplomacy. Prior to this she was the National Executive Director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) for 13 years. Melissa is a lawyer and specialist in conflict resolution, including negotiation, mediation and peace education. She was Program Manager of the International Conflict Resolution Centre at the University of Melbourne and Senior Fellow of Melbourne Law School. In 2017, she co-authored [Think Tank Diplomacy](#), the first-ever book length discussion of the role of think tanks in modern diplomacy.

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Women in International Affairs

Karishma Vyas, Emmy-nominated Australian Filmmaker

Tuesday 5 May: **8.30am – 9.30am AEST**

Webinar

Viewers of the ABC's recent 14 April broadcast of *Foreign Correspondent* ([The War on Afghan Women](#)) will have been struck by journalist and filmmaker Karishma Vyas' dedication to covering conflict and social change.



Her passion for travelling and reporting has led to an extraordinary career, and multiple awards. After completing an undergraduate degree in Journalism at RMIT University while also working as a radio online reporter for SBS, she moved to Thailand in 2001 and began working as a television producer for Thompson Reuters news agency.

She was appointed to the Reuters Philippines bureau in 2006, but soon moved to New Delhi to work for Agence France Presse (AFP) as their first South Asia Video Correspondent. In this role she reported on news and current affairs in war-torn Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Some of the major news she has covered include the 2004 pan-Asian tsunami, the 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai, the 2009 and 2010 elections in Afghanistan and the on-going war, and the end of civil conflict in Sri Lanka in 2009.

For the next episode of its *Women in International Affairs* series AIIA Victoria is delighted to host Karishma Vyas live from New York to discuss her career, its challenges and successes, and her passion for covering untold stories that are contributing to raising public awareness of current global affairs.



Karishma Vyas is a US-based freelance journalist and filmmaker. The founder of [Makara Pictures](#), her documentary *Brides and Brothels: The Rohingya Trade* won the 2018 Walkley Award for both Coverage of a Major News Event or Issue and Freelancer of the Year, as well as other international awards. Her film *Afghanistan: No Country for Women* was 2016 Emmy Nominee in the International Television Documentary category. She has worked for Al Jazeera English; Britain's Channel 4 News; the New York Times; NBC; ITN; Associated Press; Reuters and SBS.

This event is online only. After registering, you will receive a follow-up confirmation email on Mon 4 May afternoon containing further details on how to join the webinar which will commence on Tues 5 May at 8:30am AEST (Melbourne time, UTC+10). (If you have not received an email by early evening **please check your junk folder!**). **A recording will be sent to all who register.**

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What's Wrong with Australia's Middle East Policy?

Richard Iron CMG OBE in conversation with Ian Parmeter, former Ambassador to Lebanon

Thursday, 7 May: 5pm – 6pm AEST

Webinar

The Middle East, by most measures, is not Australia's highest priority in terms of foreign policy or defence policy.

Successive foreign policy and defence White Papers in the past 30 years have focused on Australian strategic interests in terms of our immediate region (South East Asia and the South West Pacific); the larger area adjoining it (North Asia, the East Indian Ocean and South Asia); and our key relationships with the US, China, Indonesia and Japan.



Yet Australia has been involved militarily in the wider Middle East (in both conflict and peace-keeping roles) more than it has in any other region of the world over the past century. Why is this so? What does Australia gain by maintaining this involvement? Will this continue?

In this Conversation with Richard Iron, Ian Parmeter will examine Australia's strategic interests in the Middle East; how Australian ministers and officials prioritise these interests; the factors that influence these decisions; and the effectiveness of the decision-making process.

AIIA Victoria invites you to the next instalment of Richard Iron's acclaimed "In Conversation" series.



Ian Parmeter worked for 25 years in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where his overseas postings included Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Russia (as Deputy Head of Mission) and Lebanon (as Ambassador). He participated in DFAT-led interdepartmental Task Forces during the 1990-91 Gulf war and the 2003 invasion of Iraq. From 2004 to 2015 he was with the then-Office of National Assessments, where he was Assistant Director-General responsible for analyses of the Middle East, South Asia and Africa. He is currently a Research Scholar at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University.

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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The 2014/16 West African Ebola Crisis: 2020 Hindsight

Professor Stephen Cordner

Wednesday 13 May: 5pm-6pm AEST

Webinar

On 8 August 2014, the WHO declared the West African ebola outbreak “a public health emergency of international concern”, the first such declaration so made. An emergency UN Security Council meeting was held on 18 September – again the first such meeting devoted to a health issue, the Ebola epidemic.



Resolution 2177 (2014) unanimously declared the epidemic a threat to international peace and security. The following day all 193 members of the UN General Assembly passed a resolution on measures to contain and combat the epidemic, jointly sponsored by 134 members – the greatest number to ever co-sponsor a motion in the history of the United Nations. By the time the crisis had ended (officially in March 2016), over 11,000 of more than 28,000 infected had died.

Unprotected handling of the dead, including by the population carrying out their local funerary practices, was one of the main modes of transmission of Ebola Virus Disease. The other was direct contact with the biological fluids of infected individuals. The latter meant that health care workers on the front line were very much in harm’s way. Over 500 health care workers died during the crisis, including 14 from Médecins Sans Frontières. This sacrifice has been insufficiently recognised.

The Covid-19 pandemic has produced a population much more aware of infectious disease, epidemics and their consequences. Based on his experience in Monrovia during the Ebola crisis, Professor Cordner will discuss the 2014/16 West African ebola crisis from the vantage point of our experience so far with SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus causing the illness Covid-19.

PROFESSOR STEPHEN CORDNER graduated in medicine from The University of Melbourne in 1977. In 1981 he took up an appointment as Lecturer, and later Senior Lecturer, in Forensic Medicine at Guy's Hospital in London. He stayed there until 1987 working as a Home Office Pathologist. During this period he obtained his forensic pathology qualifications from the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia and the Royal College of Pathologists of Great Britain. Stephen was appointed Foundation Professor of Forensic Medicine at Monash University and Foundation Director of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine in 1987. He retired as Director in 2014 continuing on as Head of VIFM's International Programme. He has worked in operational roles as a Consultant in Forensic Pathology to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). As a result he has had opportunities to explore issues at the intersection of forensic medicine and humanitarian action more generally. Over the years he has undertaken a number of missions overseas for the ICRC, WHO and UNODC. In 2019 he was made a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs in recognition of his contribution to mass casualty management, disaster victim identification and international forensic medical capacity development.

This event is online only. After registering, you will receive a follow-up email on Wed 13 May afternoon containing further details on how to join the webinar which will commence at 5pm AEST (Melbourne time, UTC+10). (If you have not received an email by early afternoon **please check your junk folder!**). **A recording will be sent to all who register.**

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Asia after the Pandemic

Professor Nick Bisley, La Trobe University

Tuesday 19 May: 5pm-6pm AEST

Webinar

As the end of the COVID-19 pandemic starts to come into view it is imperative to begin to assess how this disaster will affect our region.

Where in the past we might have imagined that a public health crisis would prompt states to put aside their arguments, coronavirus has accentuated national differences and further ratcheted up regional rivalries.

While the virus has clearly accelerated long running trends – growing rivalry and heightened nationalism – its economic impact and in particular how the region goes about re-building regional economic relations will have profound implications.

Will the much-touted decoupling of China and the US occur, or will the region rush to reconstruct the old ties in a desire to get back to growth as quickly as possible? What will those choices mean for Australia and the world? And what impact will it have on the emerging patterns of great power rivalry?

In this webinar Nick Bisley will explore how Asia will fare after the pandemic and will argue that the region faces an even more complex and dangerous future.



PROFESSOR Nick Bisley is Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations at La Trobe University. His research and teaching expertise is in Asia's international relations, great power politics and Australian foreign and defence policy. In 2018 Nick completed his tenure as the Editor-in-Chief of The Australian Journal of International Affairs, the AIIA's flagship publication. Nick is a member of the advisory board of China Matters and a member of the Council for Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. He 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. Nick is the author of many works on international relations, including *Issues in 21st Century World Politics, 3rd Edition* (Palgrave, 2017), *Great Powers in the Changing International Order* (Lynne Rienner, 2012), and *Building Asia's Security* (IISS/Routledge, 2009, Adelphi No. 408).

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Women in International Affairs

Dr Carrie McDougall, Melbourne Law School

Thursday 21 May: 5pm-5.45pm AEST

Live webcast

The impartiality of the law is one of its foundational principals. Yet a brief look at history shows that when it came to basic rights, such as the vote and access to education, the law was not always impartial.

Great progress is continually being made, but women remain underrepresented in international legal bodies. This results in processes and precedents that don't address women's needs, as international law is inherently shaped by the people who preside over it.



Luckily, the solution to this lies in the law as well - in the global effort to empower women, international law is one of our most powerful tools. Bodies like UN Women, treaties such as the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and people such as Dame Rosalyn Higgins, the first female president of the International Court of Justice, are constantly pushing for greater representation for women in international law.

To mark **Law Week 2020** and as part of its '**Women in International Affairs**' series, AIIA Victoria invites you to celebrate the achievements of women in international law, reflect critically on the interplay between gender and the law, and meet extraordinary women currently forging careers in international law and international relations.

Dr Carrie McDougall will give her insights on the role of women in International Law taken from a remarkable career spanning government, academia and diplomacy.



Dr Carrie McDougall is a Senior Lecturer at Melbourne Law School. Prior to this she worked at DFAT as Assistant Director of the International Law Section. In this role she provided advice on the jus ad bellum, international criminal law, international humanitarian law, and the responsibility to protect. This included advice on Australian operations in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, and on legal issues considered during Australia's term on the United Nations Security Council. She has also served as the Legal Adviser at Australia's Mission to the United Nations in New York. Carrie is the author of The Crime of Aggression under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

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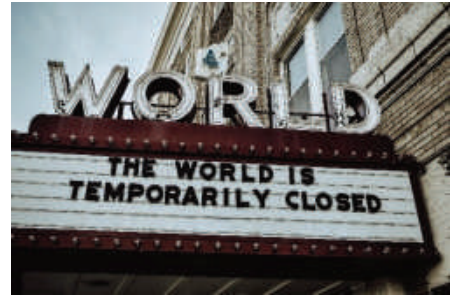
Professor Neville Norman, University of Melbourne

Thursday 28 May: 5pm-6pm AEST

Webinar

In dealing with one of the biggest threats to society in our lifetime, leaders are faced with the agonising choice between mortality, and depression-deep economic damage.

In a virus-infected society there are two dominant concerns: (1) minimising further deaths; and (2) minimising economic damage.



Prof. Neville Norman introduces a **Virus Economic Model**, offering an explicit mechanism for balancing the conflict between life-saving, and economic-damage goals, on a common measuring scale.

His model is based on two central propositions; that if both the life-saving benefits and the economic damage resulting are not measured dispassionately, any public-policy decisions will be unsupported guesswork. And that unless benefits and damage are measured on the same scales, decisions will be arbitrary and subject to manipulation.

As economies start to loosen COVID-19 restrictions, Prof. Norman offers policymakers a framework to promote quantitative debate and to enhance understanding. Based on case studies in the UK, USA and Australia, he envisions the future from the point we have already reached, to help take steps to avoid the worst of it happening and to ask the question "If that's where we are going, **what can 'we' do now to make it better?**".



Professor Neville Norman graduated from The University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Commerce (First Class honours) in 1967, then a Master of Arts (first class honours, also from Melbourne), in 1969. In 1973 he received his PhD from Cambridge University. Since then, Neville has combined an academic career teaching and researching, consulting and conference-speaking in five continents, living in and between his homes in Melbourne and Cambridge. Neville's proposed six-week stay in the UK this year has been compulsorily virus-extended to prospectively many months, during which time he devised his novel **Virus Economic Model** to combat, as he says, "the deficiencies of every existing economic set-up that cannot interactively explain or forecast huge economic 'gouging' as policy-makers seek to confront a deadly virus". Along the way, Neville has been a consultant to leading companies and Governments, and National President of the Economic Society of Australia.

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Foreign Correspondent in Trump's America

Zoe Daniel, ABC News

Tuesday 2 June: 5pm-6pm AEST

Webinar

When Zoe Daniel began her role as the ABC's Washington Bureau Chief in 2015, everyone told her Hillary Clinton would become President. She spent the next four years watching Donald Trump shape the world.

She reported on the sacking of FBI Director James Comey; the Mueller investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election; Trump's historic meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un; trade wars with China; tensions with Iran, and shortly before her departure, the start of impeachment proceedings.



Photo credit: ABC News

And away from politics inside the 'Beltway', Zoe covered stories across the nation, from wildfires in California, to Hurricane Maria which devastated Puerto Rico, to the impact on Indigenous Alaskans of the Trump administration's plan to drill for oil in the Arctic wilderness.

Now back in Melbourne as reporter at large, Zoe joins us to discuss the challenges of managing the 24-hour media cycle in a rapidly changing United States, and life as a foreign correspondent.

***Zoe Daniel** was the ABC's US Bureau Chief based in Washington DC from December 2015 to December 2019. Previously she was the ABC's South East Asia correspondent in Bangkok from 2009-2013 and Africa correspondent from 2005 until 2007. Zoe co-hosted the international news program The World on News 24 and Australia Plus. Zoe is the author of Storyteller (HarperCollins 2014), which provides a personal insight into her life as a foreign correspondent while raising a young family.*

This event is online only. Registrations close on Tue 2 June at 12pm, after which you will receive a follow-up email containing details of how to join the webinar. The webinar will commence at 5pm AEST (Melbourne time, UTC+10).

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Along the New Silk Road: Spotlight on Kazakhstan

Dr Meruert Makhmutova, Public Policy Research Center, Almaty

Wednesday 10 June: 5pm-6pm AEST

Webinar

As a key transit hub on both the ancient and modern Silk Roads, Kazakhstan has historically played an important role in connecting China with the rest of the world.

Alluding to its ancient past, it was in Kazakhstan's capital, Nur-Sultan (formerly Astana) that China's 'Silk Road Economic Belt' was first announced in 2013.



Today Kazakhstan is China's largest trading partner in the Central Asian region and one of China's largest investment destinations among Belt and Road economies. However, the country also retains close ties to Russia through the Eurasian Economic Union.

How is Kazakhstan following a 'multivector' foreign policy under its new leader Kassym-Jomart Tokayev? What investments is China pursuing in Kazakhstan as part of its Belt & Road Initiative (BRI), and how do they fit into Kazakhstan's own 'Nurly Zhol' (Bright Road) development strategy?

Ahead of its planned Silk Road Study Tour in 2021, AIIA Victoria invites you to join Dr Makhmutova to learn more of this dynamic and emerging country.



***Dr Meruert Makhmutova** has a PhD in Economics and is the Director of the Public Policy Research Center (PPRC) in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Co-founded by Dr Makhmutova in 2002, the PPRC has undertaken numerous economic analysis projects for ADB, UNESCAP, UNDP, World Bank, OECD, the European Commission Delegation to Kazakhstan and the Government of Kazakhstan. Between 2008 and 2012, Dr Makhmutova served as a member on the Council of Economic Advisers under the Government of Kazakhstan. Since 2011, she has also served on the Expert Council under the Security Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan.*

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Cyberspace, Security, Privacy and Human Rights

Dr Sebastian Kaempf, University of Queensland

Tuesday 30 June: 5pm-6pm AEST

Webinar

Technology is developing exponentially, largely to the benefit of humankind. But we face a disturbing trend today where the same technologies we use in our daily lives – the internet and smartphones primary among them – are intersecting with war, violence, cyber espionage, and surveillance.



Corporations, governments, and other actors are rapidly reshaping the world of technology and cyberspace, with repercussions that threaten the future of liberal democracy, human rights and freedom.

What are the global political trends in cyberspace? How are they impacting on security, privacy and human rights?

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Dr. Sebastian Kaempf to explore and discuss this complex and thought-provoking topic.



***Dr Sebastian Kaempf** is Senior Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland's School of Political Science and International Studies. He is the author of ['Saving Soldiers or Civilians: Casualty-Aversion versus Civilian Protection in Asymmetric Conflicts'](#) (Cambridge University Press, May 2018). His research interests are in International Security, Peace and Conflict Studies, the Ethics and the Laws of War, and the impact of digital new media technology on contemporary security. He won the ISA Deborah Gerner Award for Teaching Innovation in 2020. He also convenes the free online course ['MediaWarX: Global Media, War, and Technology'](#).*

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The Young Professionals Forum presents:

Network like a Pro

Monday 19 August 2019: 6pm for 6.20pm – 8pm: Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne



Networking in a talent-saturated environment can feel overwhelming to many. But when done well, networking will give you a competitive edge throughout every stage of your career. You gain the skillset to build connections in an authentic manner which will help you develop genuine and important connections that can lead to developing your career landing that first job or career move.

With the [International Careers Conference](#) fast approaching, students and young professionals have a unique opportunity to network with leaders in the International Relations space. The Young Professionals Forum is proud to present for the third year our how-to-network evening '**Network like a Pro**'.

Learn from the Experts

This workshop will prepare you to engage successfully with the experts and professionals at the Conference.

We are excited to welcome back **Georgia Ellis**, founder of [Blue Chip Minds](#), to share her expertise on growing your personal mindset, enabling you to become a skilful networker. Building on this knowledge there will be activities to focus on personal development by identifying your key attributes, as well as targeted advice in line with your stage of academic or professional progression.

What to Expect

This workshop aims to develop your skills and confidence, assisting you to engage effectively with potential mentors, employers, and leading professionals at the ICC and beyond. Each exercise will help you:

- Discover the three levels of active listening
- Become self-aware and mindful about how you present yourself
- Learn how to express yourself quickly and concisely
- Identify areas for personal and professional development

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Ticket Pricing: AIIA Student Members free / AIIA Members \$10 / Student Non-members \$15 / Non-members \$20

Refreshments served

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International Careers Information Evening

Wednesday 11 September 2019: 6pm – 8pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Interested in an international career and want to know how to get there? Looking for a career in international relations, trade or diplomacy, representing your country at the UN or working to promote Australia's overseas interests?

Join DFAT Victoria State Office colleagues and AIIA at an event designed to give you an edge in building your professional and international career opportunities.



Serving diplomats, experts who have worked with the **UN Development Program** and the **UN Environment Program**, with NGO **OXFAM**, and a diplomat from the **British Consulate General** in Melbourne will share their experiences and offer first-hand advice on how to establish your international career pathways.

Hear from:

- A former **Australian High Commissioner** talking about her career path and work with the EU & UNDP prior to joining DFAT
- **DFAT Victoria State Office representative** to cover DFAT experience, internships, pathways to international careers
- Former staff member of **United Nations Environment Programme** in Geneva who worked on trade and environment issues
- Staff member of the **British Consulate General in Melbourne** to discuss local-hire opportunities for research, public diplomacy and cultural diplomacy roles in Melbourne's 70+ Consulates
- **NGO Consultant** and law & development specialist to discuss NGO opportunities in **OXFAM, UNDP**

This event is being held as a fundraiser for Thai Children's home Baan Tharn Namchai established following the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami and supported by NGO "*Hands Across the Water*". Local Year 11 school student member of AIIA, Madeleine Fitzpatrick, is raising funds to be donated to the home during her Year 11 School visit in December 2019.

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Students \$10 / Non-students \$15 Light refreshments served

Asia-Pacific Hypothetical: Confronting a Regional Crisis

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

Wednesday 25 September 2019: 5.30pm – 8pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

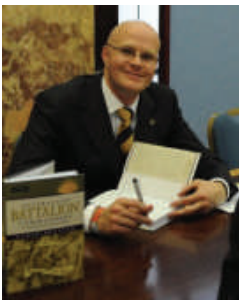
Looking for a career in diplomacy, or to represent your country at the UN? Want to hone your negotiating and crisis management skills?

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.



AIIA Victoria **Young Professionals Forum (YPF)** is delighted to welcome Dr Garth Pratten to lead this workshop.



Dr Garth Pratten is Acting Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University. An historian by training, he has had a varied career having worked for the Australian Army's Training Command and the Australian War Memorial, taught at Deakin University and in the War Studies Department at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Dr Pratten was a member of the research staff for the Official History of Australia's Involvement in Southeast Asian Conflicts and an author for the Official History of Australian Peacekeeping, Humanitarian and Post-Cold War Operations. In 2010, while working for the British Ministry of Defence, Dr Pratten deployed to Afghanistan as part of the team compiling the war diary for ISAF's Regional Command South. Dr Pratten's interest in the conduct of military operations has led him to conduct field work in France, Belgium, Libya, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Turkey and Cyprus. In April 2006, Dr Pratten was awarded the Australian Army's CEW Bean prize for his PhD thesis, the book of which - Australian Battalion Commanders in the Second World War - was runner up for the Templer Medal in 2010.

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Members \$20 / Non-members \$30 / Student members free / Student non-members \$10

Refreshments served

The Young Professionals Forum (YPF) presents

Tomorrow's Research Today

Thursday, 14 November 2019: 6pm – 8pm. Refreshments served

Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne VIC 3002



AIIA Victoria's **Young Professionals Forum (YPF)** is proud to bring back **Tomorrow's Research Today**.

Six individuals from Melbourne, Monash, Deakin, La Trobe and RMIT Universities will present their respective Master of International Relations research project.

Research topics:

- *Freedom, Choice, and Unrepresentative Democracy*
- *China's Rise as a Naval Power: Evaluating Australia's Defence Policy Options*
- *Trump and the Nuclear Taboo: Contestation, Erosion and Change in the Norm of Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons*
- *The State as a Verb*
- *Not your Sacrificial Lambs: Mama Grizzlies and the Success of Republican Women as Gubernatorial Candidates 2000-2018*
- *Climate Action: Global Cooperation or Conflict?*

We look forward to seeing the leaders of tomorrow present their research about tomorrow's trends, issues, problems and potential solutions. **All are welcome!**

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Student members free / Student non-members \$5 / Members \$10 / Non-members \$20

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Young Professionals Forum (YPF)

Annual Trivia Night

Monday 25 November 2019: 6pm for 6.30pm – 9.30pm



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 knowledge of world events and personalities 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!

All are welcome!

Please note different location for this event:

Melbourne Central Lion Hotel, Level 3, Melbourne Central, 211 La Trobe Street

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Registration starts 6pm Cash bar for drinks and bar-snacks

Entry: Members \$5 / Non-members \$10

Young Professionals Virtual Trivia Night

Friday 1 May 2020: 6.30pm – 8.30pm



Have you found yourself missing the social atmosphere of the pub, reminiscing over past trivia victories and growing fearful such a time will never come again?

Fear no more! AIIA VIC are pivoting to fill this vital gap in your social calendar by organising a pub trivia style event of our own!

Join us on Friday 1 May at 6:30pm, with a drink in hand and a thinking cap on your head, for six rounds of questions on a variety of IR and non-IR related questions!

There will be no teams for our first iteration of trivia, we'll be doing a go-for-glory free-for-all instead!

We look forward to seeing you there!

All are welcome!

This event is online only. After registering, on Friday you will receive a follow-up confirmation email containing further details on how to join the Trivia Night, which will commence on Friday 1 May at 6.30pm AEST (Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra time, UTC+10). (If you believe you have not received an email by early evening Thursday, please check your junk folder!).

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Virtual Trivia Night 2

Friday 29 May 2020: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Based on the remarkable success of our recent free-for-all trivia night, AIIA VIC has decided to double down with another event for your social calendar - another sensational trivia night!

Assemble your finest brains trust and prepare for four new trying rounds of questions on the topics of 'General Knowledge', 'When Did It Happen?', 'Capital Cities', and 'the History of Australia in the World'.



To play, you'll need:

- A computer or smartphone to access our Zoom meeting,
- And an extra device to use Kahoot, but note this is not strictly necessary, just easier! We will provide a link and our room code in the Zoom chat.

Our Zoom meeting will open at 6:25pm. At 6:30pm the rules and running order will be explained. At 6:40pm sharp - TRIVIA BEGINS! We will finish by 8pm at the latest.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Registrations will close on Friday 29 May at 9.00am!

This event is online only. After registering, on Friday you will receive a follow-up confirmation email containing further details on how to join the Trivia Night, which will commence on Friday 29 May at 6.30pm AEST (Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra time, UTC+10).

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Inside the Embassy – a Deep Dive into American Diplomacy

Michael F. Kleine, Consul General of the United States of America

Tuesday 16 June: 2pm-3.30pm AEST

Webinar

AIIA Victoria in conjunction with the U.S. Consulate General Melbourne invites you to participate in an exclusive virtual tabletop simulation exercise.

Inside the Embassy: A Real-Life, Real-Time Deep Dive into American Diplomacy, an initiative by Consul General Michael Kleine, is custom-made to give young people hands-on experience of what it's like to work as a diplomat and to see how varied and fast-paced the work in an Embassy can be.



Participants are assigned real roles and responsibilities inside a U.S. Embassy and over the course of the simulation, work through a series of crisis points with colleagues and Embassy leadership to resolution.

Participation: Each participant will be given an assigned role/section and is expected to actively participate in the simulation. Numbers are strictly limited to **25**. Open to current student members of AIIA VIC only.

To apply: Please submit a 150-word statement outlining why you would like to apply, and how think you will benefit, to events.vic@internationalaffairs.org.au by **7pm Sunday 7 June** with '**Inside the Embassy**' in the subject line.

Successful applicants will be informed on Thursday 11 June.



Michael Kleine is a Senior Foreign Service Officer with nearly twenty years of experience in the U.S. Department of State. Prior to his August 2018 arrival in Melbourne, Michael served three years as Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Vientiane, Laos. He worked previously in South Korea, where he led Embassy efforts to ratify the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement; Kosovo, where he supported the establishment of democratic institutions in post-war Kosovo; and Vietnam, where he was among the first to work in the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City. From 2013 to 2014, he served as the U.S. Trade Representative's Senior Advisor for Japan and Korea Trade Policy. Before joining the diplomatic corps, Michael practiced law in Washington, D.C. He earned both his undergraduate and law degrees at Duke University. He also has a master's degree in national security strategy from the National War College in Washington.

RSVP: events.vic@internationalaffairs.org.au by **midday Thursday 4 June** with "**Inside the Embassy**" in the subject line

Free for AIIA VIC Student Members

Meet the Diplomat: Experiences of Diplomacy

John Richardson, former Ambassador to Brazil

Thursday 18 June: 5pm-6pm AEST

Webinar

Diplomacy is often conflated with foreign policy, but the terms are not synonymous.

Diplomacy is a fundamental instrument of foreign policy, which itself is set by political leaders. A state's foreign policy establishes goals, prescribes strategies, and sets tactics to be used to ensure their accomplishment.



Diplomacy is the most important institution of our society of states. Diplomacy's main aim is to enable states to secure their foreign policy objectives without resorting to force. Its primary tools are international dialogue and negotiation. Its success for any country is influenced by both the country's hard and soft power with diplomats playing an important role in the projection of soft power.

Curious about what diplomats actually experience? Want to talk foreign policy? AIIA Victoria invites you to the first in its *Meet the Diplomat* series.

Based on a career spent promoting Australia's interests overseas, John Richardson, former Ambassador to Brazil, discusses with James Carey what it means to conduct diplomacy, what a diplomatic negotiation looks like, and his experience of bridging cultural gaps.



John Richardson served as Ambassador to Brazil from 2016 to 2018. Previously Mr Richardson was DFAT State Director Victoria, having served overseas as Ambassador to Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay, and as Deputy Head of Mission in Australia's Embassies in Germany and Thailand. In Canberra, Mr Richardson served as Assistant Secretary of the Canada and Latin America Branch; the APEC Taskforce; the Diplomatic Security Branch; the North-East Asia Branch; and the Trade Strategy Branch. His early career focussed on Australia-Japan relations.

This event is online only. Registrations close on Thursday 18 June at 2pm, after which you will receive a follow-up email containing details of how to join the Zoom webinar. The webinar will commence at 5pm AEST (Melbourne time, UTC+10).

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Virtual Trivia Night 3

Friday 26 June 2020: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Based on the remarkable success of our recent free-for-all trivia night, AIIA VIC has decided to double down with another event for your social calendar - another sensational trivia night!

Assemble your finest brains trust and prepare for four new trying rounds of questions on the topics of 'General Knowledge', 'Geography', 'History', and 'World Leaders'.



To play, you'll need:

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We look forward to seeing you there!

Registrations will close on Friday 26 June at 9.00am!

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15th International Careers Conference

Friday 30 August 2019: 8.00am – 5.00pm at The Pavilion, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Rd, Southbank

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 private, 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
- Learn about scholarship opportunities from a range of providers

About the ICC

AIIA Victoria's 15th International Careers Conference is a full-day event structured around a keynote address, and panels covering government, international business, and international agencies/NGOs; and a series of career-specific workshops.

Keynote: Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA

Panel Sessions: Not-for-Profit, International Business and International Relations

Career-specific Masterclasses covering:

Foreign Affairs & Diplomacy
United Nations
International Law
Defence, Intelligence and Cyber
Careers in National Security
Victoria's International Engagement

International Business
Not-for-Profit sector
International NGO Sector
Peace Conflict Reconstruction & Disaster
Management
Academia/Think Tank/Research Institutions



Pre-payment is essential by midnight 26 August as seating is limited - [register online](#)

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Earlybird prices to **12 Aug:**
Student & AIIA members: \$60
Standard \$85

Regular prices **13-26 Aug:**
Student & AIIA members: \$85
Standard: \$100

BOOK ONLINE: www.internationalaffairs.org.au/vic Enquiries contact: aiiavicc@gmail.com

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Morning tea and lunch provided

13th SIR ZELMAN COWEN ORATION & DINNER

Tuesday 8 October 2019: 6.30pm for 7.20pm – 10.30pm at The Australian Club, 110 William Street, Melbourne

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

AIIA Victoria is delighted to announce that the 13th Sir Zelman Cowen Oration will be delivered by

The Hon. Margaret Stone AO FAAL
Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

Ethical Problems in Intelligence Collection

You are warmly invited to **The Australian Club** to meet friends old and new and mingle with fellow AIIA members, diplomats and members of the international community as we continue to acknowledge the contribution of Sir Zelman Cowen.

Pre-dinner drinks commence in the Ellis Rowan Room from 6.30pm, followed by a **3-course dinner** in the Main Dining Room 7.20pm-10.30pm. Business Attire.

Members & Guests \$150 / Non-Members \$175
Tables of 10 available @ \$1,500; please contact the office

***The Hon Margaret Stone AO FAAL** commenced as the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS) in August 2015. She is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and holds degrees from the University of Sydney, the Australian National University and Yale University in the United States. Her career has included 15 years as an academic at the University of New South Wales where she is now a visiting Professorial Fellow; from 1991 to 2000 she was a consultant and partner in the commercial law firm, Freehill Hollingdale & Page (now Herbert Smith Freehills); and from 2000 to 2012 a judge of the Federal Court of Australia. Between December 2012 and August 2015 she was Australia's first Independent Reviewer of ASIO's Adverse Security Assessments. Under the Inspector-General of Security and Intelligence Act 1986 her primary responsibility is to review the activities of Australia's six intelligence agencies with respect to their legality, propriety and appropriate regard for human rights.*

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