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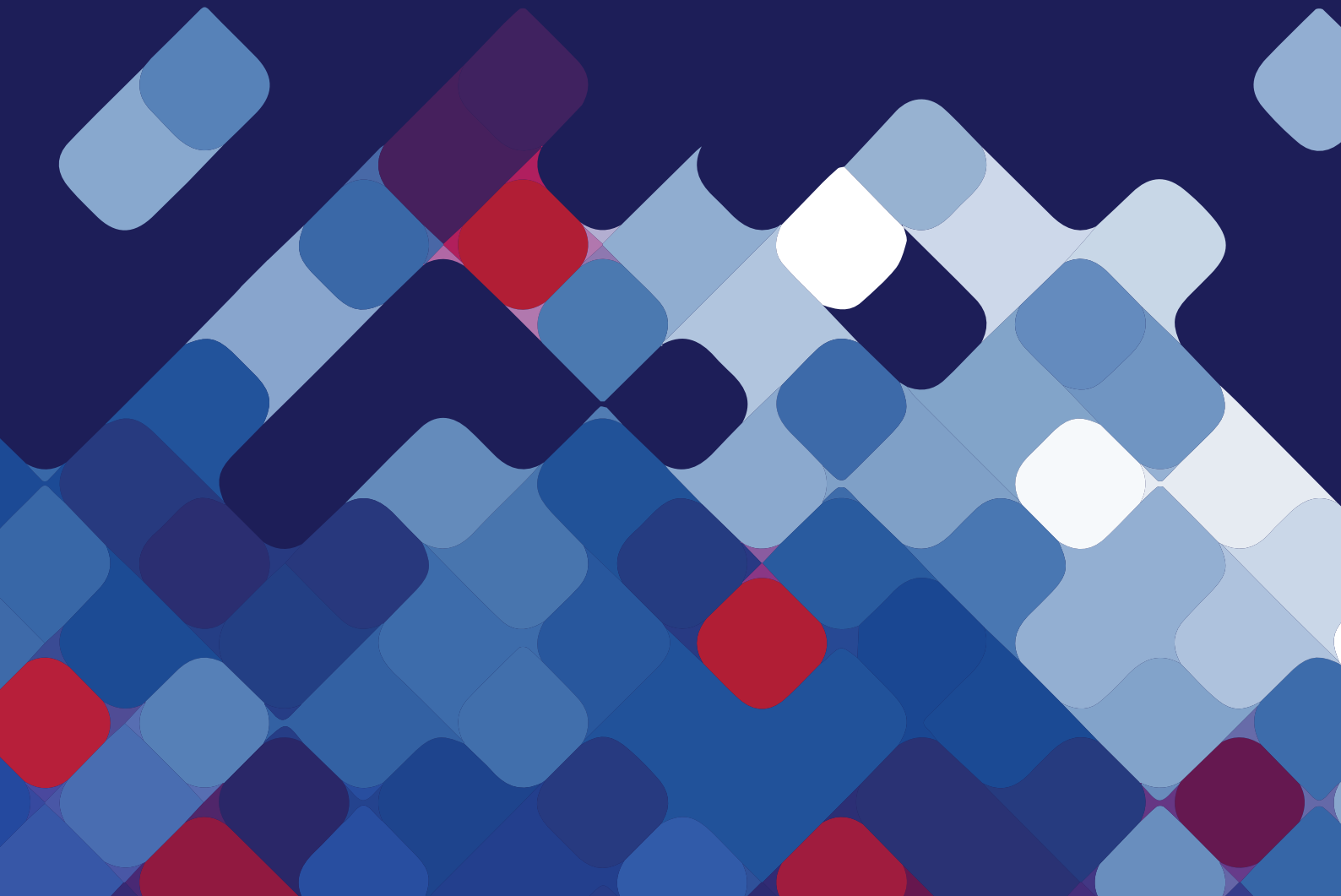
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# WELCOME

## AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR THIS NATION ACROSS DEFENCE, SECURITY, GEOPOLITICS, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

United States investment in Australia surpasses that of China, and serves as the nation's leading economic partner in multiple dimensions. While this has been the case throughout the alliance, changes to global and economic factors means our nation faces much uncertainty, revealing challenges as well as opportunities moving forward.

This year, 2021, marks the 70th anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty, signed in San Francisco in 1951. The alliance remains the foundation of defence and security cooperation between the two countries, providing Australia with access to leading defence hardware and technologies.

In a time when the public are questioning long-standing institutions and their relevance, a recent poll conducted by the Lowy Institute indicates a remarkable level of support for Australia's security alliance with the United States, with 72% of Australians considering the alliance 'very' or 'fairly' important for the nation's security. This level of public support should not pave the way for complacency, and it is imperative for both countries to continue to nurture the alliance as it finds a place in today's challenging global environment.

The Alliance Network, supported by the Embassy of The United States of America and the UWA Defence and Security Institute, is designed to bring together influential leaders currently specialising regional security, economics or public policy to discuss the state of the relationship and to explore new areas of knowledge.

We look forward to a thought-provoking discussion drawing on current alliance issues and the future of this important relationship.

The University of Western Australia and Griffith University would like to acknowledge the funding provided by the United States Government that underpins these Alliance Network Workshops.



**PROFESSOR PETER J. DEAN**  
Chair of Defence Studies  
Director, UWA Defence  
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**PROFESSOR CAITLIN BYRNE**  
Director, Griffith Asia Institute  
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# PROGRAM

**TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021**  
**SHIP INN FUNCTION ROOM, SOUTH BANK**

TIME	SESSION
8:30 – 9:00	REGISTRATION - TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL
9:00 – 9:15	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Professor Caitlin Byrne – Director, Griffith Asia Institute Professor Peter Dean – Director, UWA Defence & Security Institute
9:15 – 9:45	OPENING REMARKS Mr Peter Tesch – Deputy Secretary Strategy, Policy, and Industry Australian Department of Defence
9:45 – 10:30	<b>SESSION 1</b> <b>GEOSTRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT</b> Discussion questions - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What impact is COVID-19 having on the strategic environment?</li><li>• Can the US recover its credibility in the Indo-Pacific?</li><li>• How will US-China competition impact the region and the US-Australian relationship?</li></ul> Chair: Professor Peter Dean – Director, UWA Defence & Security Institute Program Professor Kai He – International Relations at Griffith Asia Institute and Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University Associate Professor Sarah Percy – Deputy Head of School and Director, Graduate Centre in Governance and International Affairs, The University of Queensland
10:30 – 10:45	MORNING TEA
10:45 – 11:30	<b>SESSION 2</b> <b>TRADE, ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS</b> Discussion questions - <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What factors will set the trade and investment agenda in the next few years?</li><li>• Will the US re-engage in multilateral trade pacts in the Indo-Pacific?</li><li>• What opportunities exist for expanding Australian-US bilateral trade and investment?</li></ul> Chair: Professor Caitlin Byrne – Director, Griffith Asia Institute Dr Hui (Steve) Feng – School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University Mr Chris Rees – Head Client Development Services, Austrade Queensland
11:30 – 11:45	BREAK



<b>TIME</b>	<b>SESSION</b>
11:45 – 12:30	<p><b>SESSION 3</b> <b>AUSTRALIAN DOMESTIC CONSIDERATION FOR THE ANZUS ALLIANCE</b></p> <p>Discussion questions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Will climate change be an issue of cooperation or tension in the US-Australia relationship?</li><li>• What role can the US play in Australian strategy in the Indo-Pacific?</li><li>• How will generational change in Australia shift the public understanding of US-Australia relations?</li></ul> <p>Chair: Professor Peter Dean – Director, UWA Defence &amp; Security Institute Program Dr Wesley Morgan – Research Coordinator at Pacific Connections (Australia) and an Adjunct Research Fellow, Griffith Asia Institute Ms Hayley Channer – Senior Policy Fellow, Perth USAsia Centre, The University of Western Australia</p>
12:30 – 12:45	<b>BREAK</b>
12:45 – 1:30	<p><b>WORKING LUNCH</b> <b>SESSION 4</b> <b>IMPLICATIONS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>Discussion questions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does the Biden administration have the political capital to tackle both COVID-19 and other domestic political issues while also re-engaging globally?</li><li>• Can the US under a Biden administration recover its leadership in the Indo-Pacific?</li><li>• What role(s) will the US take in the Indo-Pacific?</li></ul> <p>Chair: Professor Caitlin Byrne – Director, Griffith Asia Institute Professor Ian Hall – Professor of International Relations and the Deputy Director (Research) of the Griffith Asia Institute Professor Sue Harris Rimmer – Director of the Griffith University Policy Innovation Hub, Griffith University</p>
1:30 – 2:00	<p><b>FINAL AND CLOSING REMARKS</b></p> <p>Professor Caitlin Byrne – Director, Griffith Asia Institute Professor Peter Dean – Director, UWA Defence &amp; Security Institute</p>



# PARTICIPANT LIST

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# SPEAKER LIST



**PROFESSOR CAITLIN BYRNE**  
DIRECTOR, GRIFFITH ASIA INSTITUTE  
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Caitlin is a Fellow of the Australian Institute for International Affairs (AIIA) and Faculty Fellow of the University of Southern California's Centre for Public Diplomacy (CPD). Caitlin's research is focused on Australian diplomacy with a special interest in Australia's engagement in the Asia-Pacific region. Most recent research projects explore the role of leadership, soft power and public diplomacy- including people-to-people connections developed through international education, culture and sport-in developing Australia's regional influence, relationships and reputation. Caitlin brings expertise in executive education and currently delivers training on Soft Power & Public Diplomacy, and International Policy & Tradecraft through Australia's Diplomatic Academy in Canberra. She consults on occasion to government in the areas of strategic foreign policy and diplomatic practice. Prior to joining academia, Caitlin had established a professional career spanning strategic management, legal, foreign and social policy roles in government, business and community sectors.

**HAYLEY CHANNER**  
SENIOR POLICY FELLOW, THE PERTH USASIA CENTRE  
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Based in Canberra, Hayley produces analysis on foreign and defence policy in the Indo-Pacific, engages with key Australian Government agencies and other policy stakeholders, and builds and sustains the Centre's domestic and international network.

Hayley has led a diverse career across government, think tanks and the not-for-profit sector. She previously worked for the Department of Defence producing strategic policy guidance on defence capabilities and international engagement with the United States and Japan. Hayley has published strategic policy analysis on Northeast Asia and US policy in the Indo-Pacific for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute and been a Visiting Fellow with the East West Centre in Washington DC. She has also spent time as an Assistant Adviser to former Minister for Defence, Senator Marise Payne, and led government relations for Australia's largest non-profit organisation, World Vision.

In 2019 Hayley was selected to participate in the US State Department's prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and she is an Australia-America Young Leadership Dialogue (AAYLD) Alumni. Hayley is currently under consideration for a 2021/22 Fulbright Scholarship.





**PROFESSOR PETER J. DEAN**  
**DIRECTOR, UWA DEFENCE AND SECURITY INSTITUTE**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Professor Peter J. Dean is Chair of Defence Studies, Director of the UWA Defence and Security Institute, and a Senior Fellow at the Perth USAsia Centre. Prior to the commencement of this role Professor Dean was Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) at UWA. He has been a Fulbright Professional Fellow and Endeavour Research Scholar in Australia-United States Alliance Studies, as well as a non-resident fellow with the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and the Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Studies at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. Professor Dean was the founding editor of the Melbourne University Press Defence Studies Series, is a member of the Editorial Board of the Australian Army Journal, Global War Studies and the Military Studies Journal, and a former managing editor of the journal Security Challenges. An international award-winning author, his most recent book (with Brendan Taylor and Stephan Fruhling) is *After American Primacy: Imagining the Future of Australia's Defence*, (Melbourne University Press, 2019).

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Dr Hui Feng is a member of the Griffith Asia Institute and Senior Lecturer at the School of Government and International Relations at Griffith University. Dr Feng's research focus on globalisation, international and Chinese political economy. Dr Feng's publications appear in major international journals, such as *Review of International Political Economy*, *Political Studies*, and *Modern China*. Dr Feng's forthcoming book is *Banking on Growth Models: China's Troubled Pursuit of Financial Reforms and Economic Rebalancing* (Cornell University Press, with Stephen Bell).







**PROFESSOR IAN HALL**  
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Ian Hall is a Professor of International Relations and the Deputy Director (Research) at the Griffith Asia Institute at Griffith University. He is also an Academic Fellow of the Australia India Institute and the co-editor (with Sara E. Davies) of the Australian Journal of International Affairs. He has published several books and more than seventy scholarly articles and chapters on the history of international thought and India's foreign relations. His latest book is *Modi and the Reinvention of Indian Foreign Policy* (2019).

**PROFESSOR SUSAN HARRIS RIMMER**  
**DIRECTOR, GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY POLICY INNOVATION HUB**  
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Professor Susan Harris Rimmer is the Director of the Griffith University Policy Innovation Hub (appointed July 2020). She was previously the Deputy Head of School (Research) in the Griffith Law School and prior to joining Griffith was the Director of Studies at the ANU Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy. With Professor Sara Davies, Susan is co-convenor of the Griffith Gender Equality Research Network. Sue leads the Climate Justice theme of the new Griffith Climate Action Beacon. She is a Research Associate at the Development Policy Centre in the Crawford School at the Australian National University. She is a non-resident Research Associate at Chatham House in the UK.

Susan is the author of the *Research Handbook for Feminist Engagement with International Law* (Edward Elgar 2019, with Kate Ogg); *Gender and Transitional Justice: The Women of Timor Leste* (Routledge, 2010) and over 40 refereed academic works. Susan was chosen as the winner of the Audre Rapoport Prize for Scholarship on the Human Rights of Women for 2006.

Sue was previously the Advocacy lead at the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), She has also worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the National Council of Churches and the Parliamentary Library.

Susan is on the National Board of the International Women's Development Agency.





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Kai He is Professor of International Relations and Director of the Centre for Governance and Public Policy, Griffith University, Australia. He was an Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellow (2017-2020).

His peer-refereed articles have appeared in European Journal of International Relations, European Political Science Review, International Affairs, International Studies Review, International Politics, Political Science Quarterly, Review of International Studies, Security Studies, Cooperation and Conflict, Contemporary Politics, Ethics & International Affairs, Asian Survey, The Pacific Review, Journal of Contemporary China, The Chinese Journal of International Politics, Asian Security, Asian Perspective, Australian Journal of Political Science, Australian Journal of International Relations, International Relations of the Asia Pacific, Issues and Studies, Strategic Studies Quarterly, East Asia, Asia Policy, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, and Journal of Contemporary East Asian Studies.

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**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SARAH PERCY**  
**SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**  
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**THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND**

Sarah Percy arrived at UQ from the University of Western Australia in 2016. Prior to her appointment at UWA, Sarah was University Lecturer and Tutorial Fellow in International Relations at the University of Oxford (Merton College). At Oxford, Sarah was on the steering committee of the Oxford Programme on the Changing Character of War. Sarah did her M.Phil and D.Phil as a Commonwealth Scholar at Balliol College, Oxford.

Sarah has three main research areas. She has had a long-standing interest in unconventional combatants, and has published widely on mercenaries, private military companies, and pirates. Sarah is interested in issues of maritime security generally, including piracy and counter-piracy, maritime crime, and the role of navies as security actors. She also conducts research at the nexus between international relations and international law, and is interested in how and why the use of force is regulated, and the relationship between norms and international law.

**MR CHRIS REES**  
**HEAD CLIENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**  
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With 38 years in international business and 19 years in Asia, Chris is committed to helping Australian firms succeed overseas, using his experience and keen insights into business to act as a bridge between Australian and Asian commercial interests.

Chris joined Austrade in 1992 and was Australia's first Consul and Trade Commissioner in Fukuoka, Japan. He then went on to manage Austrade's operations in Hong Kong, after which he returned to Australia, managing Austrade's state operations in South Australia and NSW. He returned to Japan in 2009 as Consul General and Senior Trade Commissioner in Osaka Japan, where he led various business development teams including the Japan Consumer Industry Team, and the Japan Education Team.

Chris was Senior Trade Commissioner in Singapore 2013-2016, managing a team of 14 trade, education and investment specialists supporting the efforts of Australian business in Singapore and across ASEAN. He led key initiatives in the aerospace, oil and gas, food and beverage and healthcare sectors, and oversees the ASEAN-wide coordination of Austrade's investment and education activities. Since returning to Australia, Chris has led Austrade's Northern Australia Investment program, set up and ran their Partnerships program, and headed up their service excellence team before becoming Head of Client Development Services.



**MR PETER TESCH**  
**DEPUTY SECRETARY**  
**HEAD OF THE STRATEGY, POLICY, AND INDUSTRY GROUP**  
**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE**

Mr Tesch was appointed Deputy Secretary on 1 May 2019. As Head of the Strategy, Policy, and Industry Group he is responsible for devising strategy to give effect to government intent; setting the policy frameworks to govern ADF operations and Defence international engagement; and working closely with industry to deliver ADF capability and national economic growth.

Strategy, Policy, and Industry Group sits at the core of the Strategic centre. Mr Tesch's group also rigorously contests the enterprise's decisions and advice to government to ensure quality outcomes and optimise the impact and benefits of government's \$575 billion investment in Defence.

Mr Tesch comes to this role following a distinguished career as a senior officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). He most recently served as Australia's Ambassador to the Russian Federation from March 2016 until April 2019. Prior to this, he held several executive positions in DFAT, including as First Assistant Secretary International Security Division from January 2014 to December 2015. Mr Tesch has also previously served in the Office of the Minister for Trade (1993-1994).

He has previously represented Australia overseas as Ambassador to Germany (2009-2013); Commissioner-General for the Shanghai 2010 World Expo (2008-2009); Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York (2002-2005); Deputy Commissioner-General at the Expo 2000, Hanover (1999-2000); Ambassador to Kazakhstan (1997-1999); and Third Secretary, Moscow (1989-1991).



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