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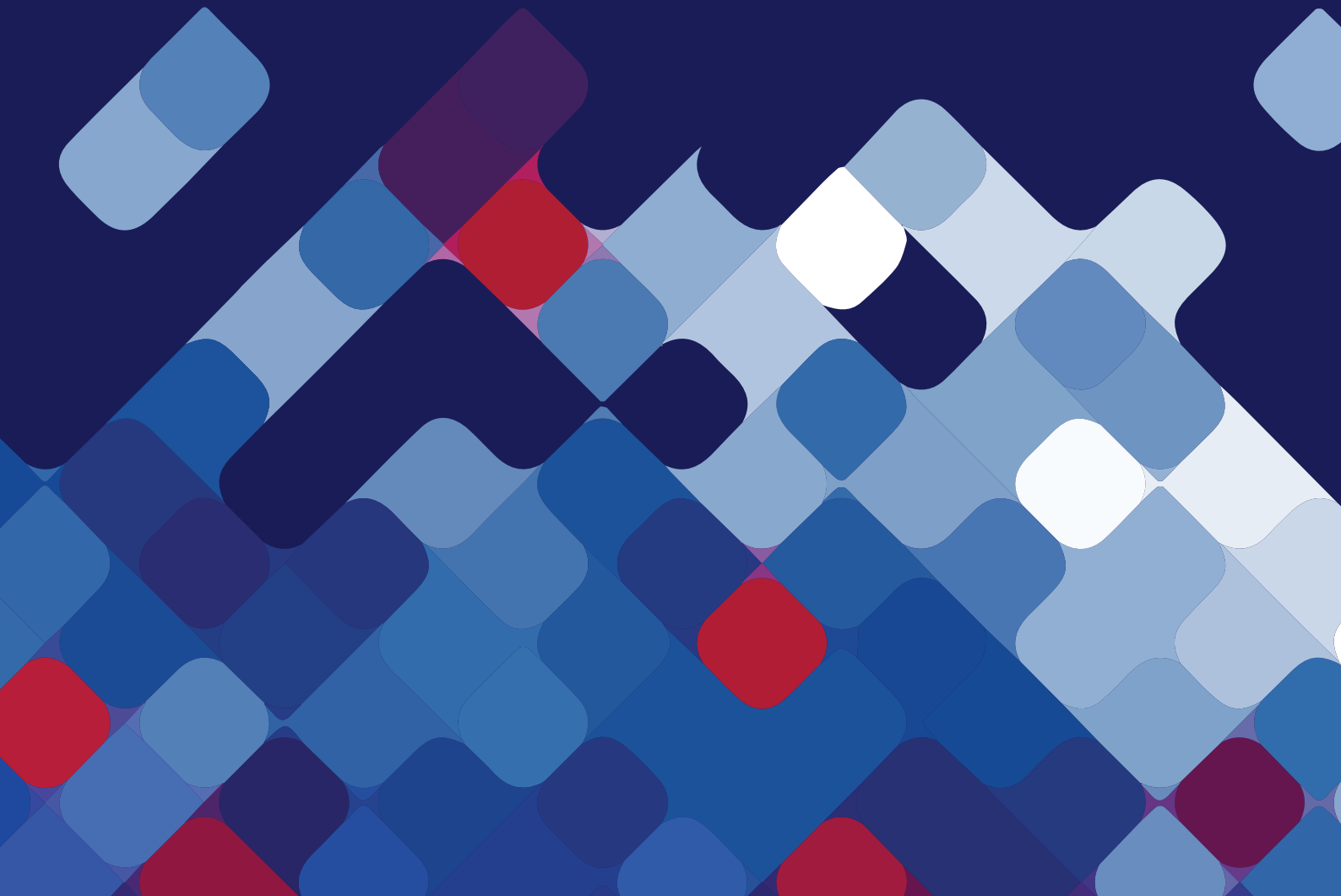
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WELCOME

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 in 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 the United States Studies Centre would like to acknowledge the funding provided by the United States Government that underpins these Alliance Network Workshops.



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PROGRAM

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TIME	SESSION
8:30 – 8:45	COFFEE AND TEA ON ARRIVAL
8:45 – 9:00	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY Professor Simon Jackman, Chief Executive Officer, United States Studies Centre
9:00 – 9:15	WELCOME REMARKS Donald Maynard, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Consulate General, Sydney
9:15 – 9:20	FRAMING REMARKS Professor Peter Dean, Director, UWA Defence and Security Institute
9:20 – 10:05	SESSION 1 GEO-STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT Key speakers: Ashley Townshend, Director, Foreign Policy and Defence, United States Studies Centre Dr Lavina Lee, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Relations, Macquarie University Discussion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What impact is COVID-19 having on the strategic environment?• Can the US recover its credibility in the Indo-Pacific?• How will US-China competition impact the region and the US-Australian relationship?
10:05 – 10:30	MORNING TEA
10:30 – 11:15	SESSION 2 IMPLICATIONS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION Key speakers: Susannah Patton, Research Fellow, Foreign Policy and Defence, United States Studies Centre Hervé Lemahieu, Director, Power and Diplomacy Program, Lowy Institute Discussion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does the Biden administration have the political capital to tackle both COVID-19 and other domestic political issues while also re-engaging globally?• Can the U.S. under a Biden administration recover its leadership in the Indo-Pacific?• What role(s) will the U.S. take in the Indo-Pacific?
11:15 – 11:30	BREAK



TIME	SESSION
11:30 – 12:15	SESSION 3 TRADE, ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS Key speakers: Dr Merriden Varrall, Director, Geopolitics Hub, KPMG Australia Jennifer Jackett, Non-Resident Fellow, Foreign Policy and Defence Program, United States Studies Centre Discussion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What factors will set the trade and investment agenda in the next few years?• Will the U.S. re-engage in multilateral trade pacts in the Indo-Pacific?• What opportunities exist for expanding Australian-U.S. bilateral trade and investment?
12:15 – 12:40	BREAK
12:40 – 1:25	SESSION 4 – WORKING LUNCH AUSTRALIAN DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ANZUS ALLIANCE Key speakers: Professor Simon Jackman, Chief Executive Officer, United States Studies Centre Natasha Kassam, Director, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy Program, Lowy Institute Discussion questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will climate change be an issue of cooperation or tension in the U.S.-Australia relationship?• What role can the U.S. play in Australian strategy in the Indo-Pacific?• How will generational change in Australia shift the public understanding of U.S. Australia relations?
1:25 – 2:00	FORMAL RECAP, CLOSE AND VOTE OF THANKS Professor Peter Dean, Director, UWA Defence & Security Institute Professor Simon Jackman, Chief Executive Officer, United States Studies Centre
2:00 – 2:30	AFTERNOON TEA / NETWORKING

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Tom has been a tutor in Australian Foreign Policy at the University of New South Wales and is a Pacific Forum Young Leader.

Tom holds a BA (Honours) in Asian Studies and International Relations from the University of New South Wales and undertook an exchange at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, South Korea.

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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 Frühling) is *After American Primacy: Imagining the Future of Australia's Defence*, (Melbourne University Press, 2019).



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PROFESSOR SIMON JACKMAN

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Professor Simon Jackman commenced as Chief Executive Officer of the United States Studies Centre in April 2016.

Born and raised in Brisbane, he received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Rochester, and for most of his academic career was Professor of Political Science and Statistics at Stanford University.

A leading scholar of public opinion, election campaigns, political participation, and electoral systems, Jackman's academic work spans both American and Australian politics. A methodological pioneer, Jackman has made important contributions to the rigorous measurement of democracy, the analysis of legislative roll call data, and improving on-line surveys of public opinion.

Jackman's scientific leadership includes serving as a Principal Investigator of the American National Election Studies (the world's longest-running and most authoritative survey of political behaviour and attitudes) and President of the Society for Political Methodology. He is a Fellow of the Society for Political Methodology, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

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Hervé Lemahieu is Director of the Power and Diplomacy Program at the Lowy Institute. His research focusses on the implications of Asia's economic transformation for war, peace and the global balance of power in the twenty-first century.

Among other projects, Hervé directs the annual Asia Power Index, which is a data-driven assessment he developed in 2018 to map the changing distribution of power in the region. He also oversees the Global Diplomacy Index, an interactive tool launched by the Institute in 2016, which maps the most significant diplomatic networks globally.

Hervé's interests include Australian foreign policy, middle powers and geo-economics, global governance and multilateralism, and Southeast Asian politics with a focus on Myanmar. He also co-chairs the track 1.5 Australia-France and Australia-European Union Strategic Dialogues.

Hervé joined Lowy from the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies where he was Research Associate for Political Economy and Security. In an earlier role at Oxford Analytica he consulted on early warning and geopolitical risk for governments and international organisations.

Hervé holds an MSc in Global Governance and Diplomacy from the University of Oxford, and an MA in International Relations and Modern History from the University of St Andrews. He grew up in Myanmar.

DONALD MAYNARD
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Donald Maynard joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 2005 after working for many years for a range of civil society organizations. Prior to arrival in Pakistan, Donald served as the PAO at the U.S. consulate General in Sydney. From 2015 - 2017, he served as the Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Mission to UNESCO.

From 2013 - 2014 Donald served as the Deputy Press Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. He has also served in a number of positions specialising in public diplomacy and public affairs in Brasilia, London, and New Delhi.

He was born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia, and is a graduate of Old Dominion University.



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Previously, Ashley has held research and teaching positions in the Alliance 21 Program at the United States Studies Centre, the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney, the Center for Asia-Pacific Cooperation and Governance at Fudan University, the Warrior-Scholar Project at Yale University, the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University, and Pacific Friends of the Global Fund. He completed his studies at the University of Oxford, Peking University, Sciences Po, Paris, and the University of Sydney where he received the University Medal.



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A former UN diplomat based in China, Merriden is a sought-after commentator on geopolitics, East Asia, China's foreign policy, and Australia's bilateral relationship with China.

From 2014-2018, Merriden was the Director of the Lowy Institute's East Asia Program. Before joining the Institute, Merriden was the Assistant Country Director and Senior Policy Advisor at United Nations Development Programme, China, where she worked on China's role in the world, focusing on its international development cooperation policy. Prior to that she worked for the Australian Government Treasury and the Department of Family and Community Services.

Merriden spent almost eight years living and working in China, including lecturing in foreign policy at the China Foreign Affairs University and conducting fieldwork for her doctoral research.

Merriden has a PhD examining Chinese foreign policy from Macquarie University, Sydney, and the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam. She has a Master's Degree in International Affairs from the Australian National University, and completed her undergraduate studies in international studies at the University of Technology Sydney. Her analyses have appeared in academic journals, as well as publications such as The Quarterly, The New York Times, Nikkei Asian Review, Foreign Policy, The East Asia Forum, and the Lowy Interpreter, among others.



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