

NEXT GENERATION LEADERS U.S.-AUSTRALIA ALLIANCE

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ADELAIDE

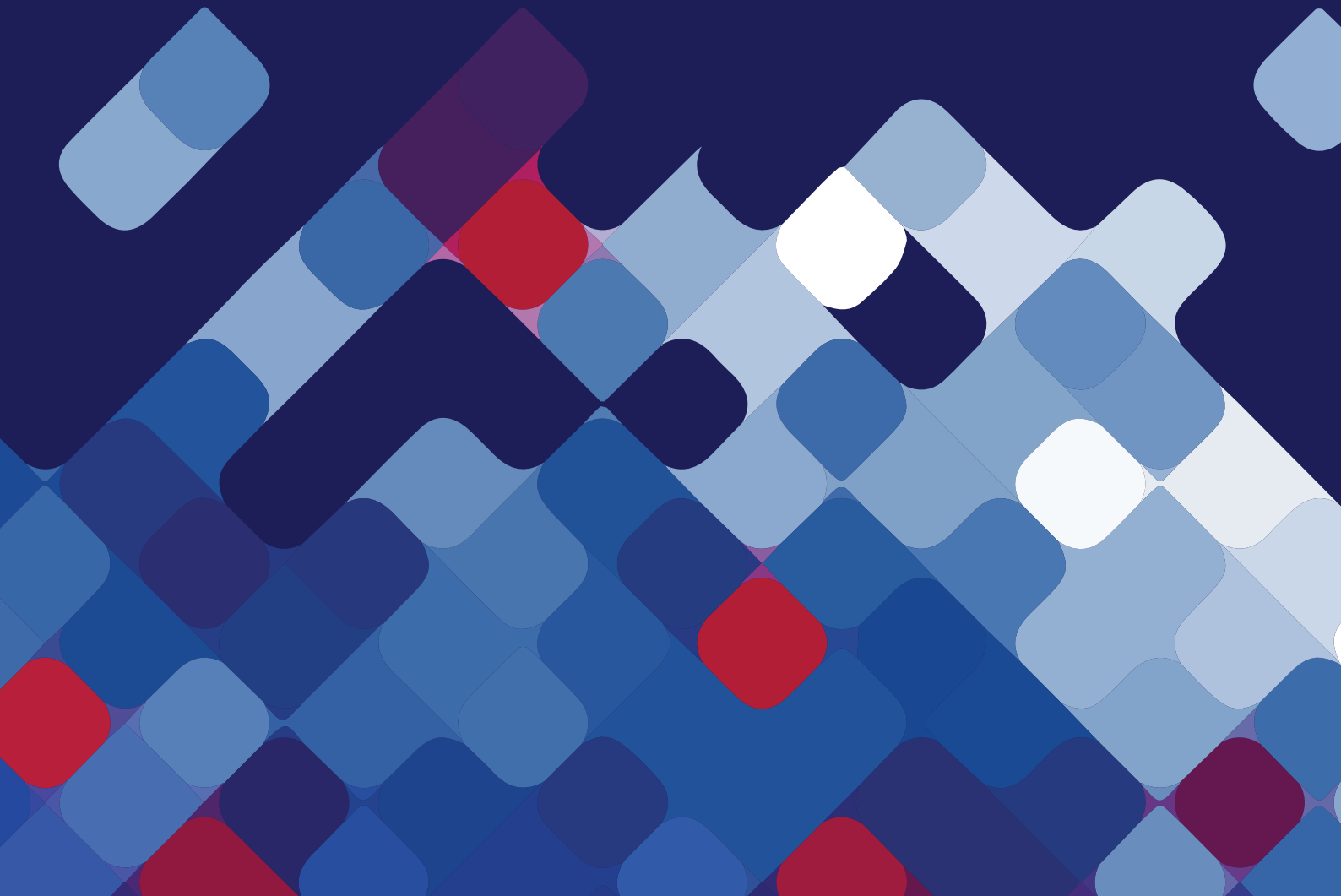
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WELCOME

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO WELCOME NEXT GENERATION LEADERS TO THIS ADELAIDE WORKSHOP ON THE U.S. AUSTRALIA ALLIANCE

This workshop is part of a two-year program that involves three regional workshops held in Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide in 2020–2021. These workshops seek to engage young professionals in Australia with the potential to be the next generation of alliance leaders. We are looking for participants who will help shape the future of U.S.–Australia relations in the Indo-Pacific century. A select group from the regional workshops will have the opportunity to proceed to a national workshop in Canberra in 2021, and from that cohort, a final group will be chosen to attend a capstone workshop in Washington, DC.

The program introduces a group of approximately 55 young professionals to a range of alliance issues through workshop sessions, led by established academics and policymakers. Each workshop involves detailed discussions and presentations on topics such as:

- Shared values and democratic principles
- U.S.–Australia strategic relations
- Regional geopolitical issues and emerging security challenges
- U.S.–Australia cooperation on trade and economics
- Broader bilateral cooperation

The last sessions in each workshop focus on producing a joint statement to be issued by the participants that will focus on current and future issues for U.S.–Australia cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. These statements will help guide and inform the discussion and sessions in the Canberra-based workshop.

These workshops come at an important time for the U.S.–Australia alliance. The depth of cooperation and agreements between the two countries has never been greater, and the Alliance now arcs well beyond the traditional areas of intelligence and security cooperation encompassing: trade and economics, shared values and people to people contacts. We live, though, in challenging geopolitical times. Terrorism persists and conflict in the Middle East is ongoing.

Revisionist powers are challenging the existing international order while ‘the West’ seems beset with its own problems from challenging economic conditions, domestic upheaval and the ongoing implications of COVID-19. In the Indo-Pacific, the rise of China has opened up major economic opportunities, while presenting new challenges to the rules-based international order and U.S. hegemony in the region. Australia has benefited enormously in economic terms from China’s rise, while at the

same time meeting new challenges in the face of shifting regional power. As one recent Australian prime minister noted, Australia’s policies towards China are driven by two emotions: fear and greed.

Many of these issues are playing out in contemporary Australian debates, with a range of major political and industry figures calling for a more ‘independent’ Australian foreign policy, while others are pushing for deeper ties with Australia’s traditional partners and allies. Lowy Institute opinion polling shows the Australian public is highly attuned to international debates and their impact on Australia. This era has raised new questions about the future of the U.S.–Australian alliance in domestic, bilateral and international contexts, highlighting the increasingly complex and multifaceted challenges

both countries face. For these workshops, we have brought together a range of key thinkers on regional security, economic questions and the U.S.–Australian alliance to address these issues and challenges. Held under the Chatham House Rule, we seek to engage participants in a candid and open debate in order to unpack the depth of engagement between Australia and the U.S., and shine light on contemporary challenges. We look forward to your active participation and lively discussion on how you seek to consider and shape the future of the U.S.–Australia alliance.

The University of Western Australia and Stretton Institute, The University of Adelaide would like to acknowledge the funding provided by the United States Government that underpins these Regional Workshops.



PROFESSOR PETER J. DEAN
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Institute, The University of Western
Australia



PROFESSOR JOANNE WALLIS
Professor of International Security,
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Relations, The University of Adelaide

PROGRAM

DAY 1: TUESDAY 1 JUNE

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:30am – 8.45am	TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	Ferguson Room, The National Wine Centre
8:45am – 8:55am	WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY Professor Peter Dean, Director, UWA Defence and Security Institute Lisa Akorli, Political and Economic Officer for the U.S. Consulate General, Melbourne	
8:55am – 9.10am	WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES, EXPECTATIONS AND OVERVIEW Professor Peter Dean, Director, UWA Defence and Security Institute Professor Joanne Wallis, Professor of International Security, Department of Politics and International Relations, The University of Adelaide	
9:10am – 10:15am	SESSION 1 ANZUS, AUSTRALIAN STRATEGY & AUSTRALIAN DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS Speaker: Professor Peter Dean, Director, UWA Defence and Security Institute	
10:15am – 10:30am	MORNING TEA	
10:30 – 11:45pm	SESSION 2 THE U.S., JAPAN, INDIA, CHINA AND THE INDO-PACIFIC POWER SHIFT Speaker: Emeritus Professor Purnendra Jain, Department of Asian Studies, The University of Adelaide	
11:45pm – 12:45pm	NETWORKING LUNCH	
12:45pm – 2:00pm	SESSION 3 THE EMERGING INDO-PACIFIC: THE STRATEGIC SYSTEM Speaker: Professor Stephen Smith, Chair, UWA Defence and Security Institute – Online	
2:00pm – 2:15pm	BREAK	



TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
2:15pm – 3:30pm	SESSION 4 TRADE AND ECONOMICS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION Speaker: Professor Peter Draper, Executive Director, Institute for International Trade, The University of Adelaide	
3:30PM – 3:45PM	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK	
3:45PM – 5:00PM	SESSION 5 AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS: STRATEGY, ALLIANCES AND FUTURE CHALLENGES Speaker: Professor Joanne Wallis, Professor of International Security, Department of Politics and International Relations, The University of Adelaide	
5:00pm – 6:00pm	FREE TIME	
6:00PM – 8:30PM	SESSION 6 WELCOME DINNER U.S.-AUSTRALIA ALLIANCE FROM A PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE Speaker: Wing Commander Marija Jovanovich Commanding Officer 10 Squadron, Test Pilot, Royal Australian Air Force Networking drinks: 6:00pm – 6:30pm Dinner: 6:30pm – 8:45pm	Ong Restaurant 287 Rundle Street, Adelaide

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:30am – 9:00am	TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	Ferguson Room, The National Wine Centre
9:00am – 9:15am	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Professor Peter Dean, Director, UWA Defence and Security Institute	
9:15am – 10:30am	SESSION 7 THE WOOMERA MANUAL AND INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW Speaker: Professor Melissa de Zwart, Dean of Law, The University of Adelaide	
10:30am – 10:45am	MORNING TEA BREAK	
10:45am – 12:00pm	SESSION 8 DEMOCRACY'S DIGITAL DEMISE: COULD THE CYBER INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION HAPPEN IN AUSTRALIA? Speakers: Dr Melissa-Ellen Dowling, Research Fellow, The University of Adelaide Associate Professor Tim Legrand, Department of Politics and International Relations, The University of Adelaide	
12:00pm – 1:00pm	NETWORKING LUNCH	
1:00pm – 2:15pm	SESSION 9 THE U.S. AND AUSTRALIA: DEEPENING TIES AND SECURITISING CYBERSPACE? Speaker: Dr Zac Rogers, Research Lead, Centre for the US Alliance in Digital Technology, Security, and Governance, Flinders University	
2:15pm – 2:30pm	BREAK	
2:30pm – 3:30pm	SESSION 10 INTRODUCTION TO JOINT STATEMENT Joint Statement discussion, expectations and possible outcomes. Speaker: Professor Adam Graycar, Director, Stretton Institute, The University of Adelaide	
3:30pm – 3:45pm	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK	
3:45pm – 5:00pm	SESSION 11 AT THE COALFACE: MANAGING AUSTRALIA'S ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS Speaker: The Honourable Alexander Downer AC, Executive Chair, International School for Government, King's College London - Online	

DAY 3: THURSDAY 3 JUNE

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
8:30am – 9:00am	TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	Ferguson Room, The National Wine Centre
9:00am – 9:15am	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Professor Peter Dean, Director, UWA Defence and Security Institute	
9:15am – 10:30am	DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT WORKSHOP All Participants to break into groups to scope out key issues, thoughts and ideas from the sessions and their knowledge of international affairs. Professor Joanne Wallis Professor Peter Dean	
10:30am – 10:45am	MORNING TEA BREAK	
10:45am – 1:00pm	REFINE AND FINALISE JOINT STATEMENT	
1:15pm – 2:30pm	FAREWELL LUNCH	Betty's Burgers & Concrete Co. 211/215 Rundle Street, Adelaide

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



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).



THE HON. ALEXANDER DOWNER AC

**EXECUTIVE CHAIR, INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
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KING'S COLLEGE LONDON**

Alexander is Executive Chair of the International School for Government at King's College London. From 2014 to 2018, Alexander was Australian High Commissioner to the UK. Prior to this, he was Australia's longest-serving Minister for Foreign Affairs, a role he held from 1996 to 2007. Alexander also served as Opposition Leader and leader of the Australian Liberal Party from 1994 to 1995 and was Member of the Australian Parliament for Mayo for over 20 years.

In addition to a range of other political and diplomatic roles, he was Executive Director of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and the United Nations Secretary General's Special Adviser on Cyprus, in which he worked on peace talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. He is currently Chairman of the UK think tank Policy Exchange, a trustee of the International Crisis Group, and an Academic Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple.



PROFESSOR JOANNE WALLIS

PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Joanne Wallis is Professor of International Security in the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Adelaide. She is the author or editor of seven books, including *Constitution making during State building* (CUP 2014) and *Pacific Power? Australia's Strategy in the Pacific Islands* (MUP 2017). Joanne is the chief investigator on two Australian Research Council Discovery Projects, analysing Australian interventions in the Pacific Islands and the operation of the Australia-New Zealand alliance. She is also the chief investigator on a Defence Strategic Policy Grant analysing the potential of a networked security architecture in the Pacific Islands.

Joanne completed her PhD at the University of Cambridge as a Poynton Cambridge Australia scholar. She then spent more than eight years in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University. Before her PhD, Joanne completed Masters degrees in Arts and Law at the University of Melbourne and prior to that was a lawyer at Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens Linklaters). Joanne has been a Fulbright Scholar at the Walker Institute of International and Area Studies at the University of South Carolina and a visiting scholar the East-West Center in Honolulu. She has also been a visiting scholar at the Australian Civil Military Centre and regularly briefs government agencies, appears before parliamentary committees, participates in international strategic dialogues, and delivers professional education programs.



PROFESSOR STEPHEN SMITH

CHAIR, UWA DEFENCE AND SECURITY INSTITUTE THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Professor Stephen Smith has been a Professor of Public International Law at The University of Western Australia since 2014. He is currently the Chair of the UWA Defence and Security Institute, Chair of archTIS, Chair of Sapien Cyber, Chair of the Advisory Board of the UWA Public Policy Institute, a member of the Board of the Perth USAsia Centre, and a Member of the Board of the LNG Marine Fuel Institute.

Professor Smith was the federal member for Perth for the Australian Labor Party from March 1993 until September 2013. In a distinguished career spanning 20 years in the Australian Federal Parliament, Professor Smith served as the Minister for Defence, and prior to that, as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Trade. Following his retirement from the Australian Parliament in 2013, Professor Smith was a member of the EY (Ernst and Young) Oceania Government and Public Sector Advisory Board (2014–2017), Chair of the Asia Desk and a member of the Advisory Board of Perth Law firm Lavan (2014–2017), and a member of the Board of Hockey Australia (2013–2016).

Professor Smith completed his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at The University of Western Australia, and has practised as a barrister and solicitor in Perth. He completed a Master of Laws in Public International Law at London University, and subsequently lectured and tutored in Law in London.



PROFESSOR MELISSA DE ZWART FAAL

**DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW IN THE ADELAIDE LAW SCHOOL
THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE**

Professor Melissa de Zwart FAAL is Dean and Professor of Law in the Adelaide Law School. She is an expert in legal issues arising from the use of cutting edge technology, particularly the internet and outer space. She is Deputy Chair of the Space Industry Association of Australia, Chair of the Council of Australian Law Deans, and a Board Member of the Australian Academy of Law. Melissa is also a Legal Officer in the Royal Australian Navy (Reserve). Prior to joining academia, she was the Manager, Corporate Legal Services, CSIRO, where she advised on intellectual property, trade secrets, commercialisation and contract. She has researched and taught in areas including internet law, commercial space law, international space law, social media, whistleblowing, surveillance, privacy, Big Data and technology and national security. Her most recent publications examine the implications of the Artemis Accords for Australian space activities and the commercial impacts of dual use space technology.



WING COMMANDER MARIJA JOVANOVIĆ

**COMMANDING OFFICER 10 SQUADRON,
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Wing Commander Marija “Maz” Jovanovich is a military test pilot, commanding officer and the RAAF’s most senior female pilot. As an operational pilot on the P3 Orion, she flew on operations and exercises all over the world, including the Middle East, southwest Pacific, southeast Asia – and of course the United States. In 2014, she was the first Australian in 25 years to graduate from USAF Test Pilot School. She is also a graduate of USAF War College. She holds multiple degrees in STEM and the humanities and has 3500 hours of flight experience, on over 30 different aircraft types.



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Purnendra Jain is Emeritus Professor in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Adelaide. Recipient of the Japanese Emperor’s Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon in 2020, his main research focus has been on Japanese politics and foreign policy. Author, co-author and editor of 14 books and numerous research papers and articles, he has also researched and written extensively on the international relations in the Asia-Pacific/Indo-Pacific region. He is a frequent commentator on Asian current affairs in newspapers, online platforms, radio and television in Australia, Japan, India, Singapore and China.



DR MELISSA-ELLEN DOWLING

**RESEARCH FELLOW
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Dr Melissa-Elle Dowling is a Research Fellow at the University of Adelaide. Her research interests centre around democratic resilience, foreign interference, digital information operations, and national security policy. Currently, Dr Dowling is engaged in projects exploring cyber information operations and their impact on Australian democracy. She is Co-Investigator on a Defence-sponsored project, Countering Foreign Interference, which models democratic resilience to counter foreign interference in Australia and is also conducting research on the use of digital information warfare techniques by non-state actors. Dr Dowling is the author of *Writing Russia* (Routledge, 2021), and has published commentary on digital disinformation with *British Politics and Policy* (London School of Economics), *The Stretton Institute* (The University of Adelaide), and the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*.



PROFESSOR ADAM GRAYCAR

**PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AND DIRECTOR OF THE STRETTON INSTITUTE
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Adam Graycar is Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Stretton Institute at the University of Adelaide (Australia). He has had careers in both academia and government. He has worked in universities in Australia, Europe, USA and Asia. While Professor at the Australian National University he was the founder of the Transnational Research Institute on Corruption.

He acquired extensive policy experience over 22 years in the various senior level posts he has held in both in the Commonwealth and the South Australian Governments. He has two doctorates from the University of NSW, is the author of some 300 scholarly publications, and is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. In 2020 he was the co-winner of the International Anti- Corruption Excellence Award (Academic Research and Education).



DR ZAC ROGERS

RESEARCH LEAD

**JEFF BLEICH CENTRE FOR THE US ALLIANCE IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, SECURITY, AND GOVERNANCE,
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Dr Zac Rogers PhD is Research Lead at the Jeff Bleich Centre for the US Alliance in Digital Technology, Security, and Governance at Flinders University of South Australia. His research combines a traditional grounding in national security, intelligence, and defence with emerging fields of social cybersecurity, digital anthropology, and democratic resilience. Currently lead researcher in a fully funded three year defence/academic collaborative project exploring the impact of digital transformation from infrastructure to the human/computer interface on Australia's internal and external security, national interests, defence planning, and strategy.



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Associate Professor Tim LeGrand joined the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Adelaide in July 2018. His research is concerned with national and international dimensions of global security decision-making, particularly in transnational networks and institutions. His work traverses a range of security themes, principally in global blacklisting and sanctions, cyber security and critical infrastructure, terrorism, political violence and political exclusion. This research is oriented around a cross-pollination of public administration (law, sociology and public policy) literatures and International Relations (critical security studies, global governance) perspectives to navigate the complex terrain of security in domestic and international spaces.

Tim is the author or editor of five books, including *Banning Them*, *Securing Us? Terrorism, Parliament and the Ritual of Security* (with Lee Jarvis, Manchester Uni Press, 2020) and *The Architecture of Policy Transfer* (Palgrave, 2021) as well as more than forty journal articles and book chapters. He has previously held research and lecturing positions in the National Security College at the Australian National University, the ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security at Griffith University, and visiting research fellowships at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Johns Hopkins University, the University of East Anglia and the University of Stockholm.



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Peter is a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Chamber of Commerce’s Research Foundation; non-resident senior fellow of the Brussels-based European Centre for International Political Economy; Associated Researcher at the German Development Institute (DIE); and a Board member of the Australian Services Roundtable.

In 2020 he was co-chair of the Saudi Arabia-led Think 20’s Task Force 1 on Trade and Investment. For ten years he was, respectively, member, chair, vice chair, and co-chair of the World Economic Forum’s Global Future Council on the Global Trade and FDI system. He was also Senior Research Fellow at the South African Institute of International Affairs. Previously, in South Africa’s national Department of Trade and Industry he was head of bilateral economic relations East Asia then Mercosur), and head of the economic analysis and research unit in the Department’s International Trade and Economic Development Division. Prior to that he was an academic teaching economic history and political economy, and headed the Department of Economics and Economic History at the then University of Durban-Westville (now University of KwaZulu-Natal). He is a recipient of an honorary Doctorate degree from the Friedrich-Schiller-University in Jena, Germany.



GABRIELLE CONNELLAN

**HEAD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
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Gabrielle is the Head of Public Affairs at the U.S. Consulate General in Melbourne, overseeing the U.S. Government’s work in areas including cultural, media, education, sport, community, youth and alumni outreach in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory. Prior to this role, Gabrielle worked in arts philanthropy and publishing. She enjoys travel, reading, films and AFL.



LISA AKORLI

**POLITICAL, ECONOMIC OFFICER
U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL, MELBOURNE**

Lisa is the newly arrived Political and Economic Officer for the U.S. Consulate General in Melbourne. She is passionate about social justice and public policy. Lisa’s previous assignment was in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, where she worked in the U.S. citizen services section of the consular office. Before joining the Diplomatic Corps, she raised funds for a New York City nonprofit that provided outside-of-school arts programs to working-class, minority adolescents. And prior to that she was in The Netherlands – she holds dual U.S.-Netherlands citizenship – where she researched public-private partnerships for an international law NGO in The Hague. Lisa earned a Master of Public Policy and a B.A. in political science from Harvard University. She loves performing improvisational comedy, dancing, and reading.

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Edward Cavanaugh is an Australian researcher and journalist. He has written for The Washington Post, Foreign Policy, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Nation, NBC News, The South China Morning Post, The Australian, ABC News and more, and has reported from Afghanistan, China, Mongolia, Malaysia, Indonesia, Timor Leste, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Cuba.

He is Director of Policy at the McKell Institute, an Australian think-tank, and the Institute's Executive Director, South Australia. He is founder of the Savo Solar Initiative, a community solar project in Solomon Islands, funded by a US non-profit.

An avid traveller & adventurer, Edward completed a 23,000 kilometer overland journey in 2018 between Adelaide & London.

Edward holds a Masters in International Relations from the University of Sydney, a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Adelaide, and is a PhD candidate at the University of Adelaide, where his research examines the impact of China's emergence in the South Pacific.



THOMAS BALCK

OFFICER, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Thomas is an officer in the Royal Australian Air Force with experience flying transport aircraft in various roles ranging from VIP operations, tactical transport as well as conducting maritime patrol operations throughout the South West Pacific Region.

He is currently assigned to fly the P-8A Poseidon which is a long-range multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft developed for anti-submarine warfare, search and rescue as well as intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. The Australian P-8A capability is part of a Cooperative Program with the US Navy, which allows Australia to share the benefits of their technical expertise and continue to develop the advanced sensor technology throughout the life of the capability.

Thomas has completed training in electronic warfare and hold qualifications as an aviation safety officer and aviation incident investigator.

He has a Bachelor's degree in Science and is currently enrolled in a Master of Business Program through the University of New South Wales.



SHADRACH BLIK

OFFICER, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Shadrach is currently a RAAF Officer supporting the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft from RAAF Edinburgh. His work has involved joint exercises and operations with the U.S. military both domestically and on deployment in the Asia Pacific. Shadrach have seen from a military and intelligence perspective the benefit of the Five Eyes partnership and the AUS/US Alliance.

His educational background is in economics and intelligence studies. I have a keen interest in politics, foreign affairs and Asia Pacific relations.



JACK BUTCHER

MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDENT THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Jack is currently studying a Master of International Security at the University of Adelaide. His expertise lies in China, North Korea and the Indo-Pacific with his main academic focus on security studies theories (mainly constructivism and securitisation), strategic culture, misinformation and cyberwarfare. Jack enjoys analysing new security developments in the region and understanding different powers' roles, particularly China and the US. Outside academia. He is a father and amateur chef, recreating the numerous dishes tried while living, working and studying in China. He is fluent Mandarin speaker and previously worked in Chinese state-run media. Jack was also an exchange student in North Korea, spent brief periods in Japan, South Korea and Singapore, and has had extensive experience working in culturally and linguistically diverse environments. Jack is currently working towards gaining admission for a PhD in 2022.



JAMES BYERS

INFANTRY OFFICER (MAJOR), DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Major Byers has served in the Australian Army since 2008. From 2012 – 2013 he served as a mechanised platoon commander within the 7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (7 RAR) where he deployed on Operation ASTUTE (East Timor) and Operation SLIPPER (Afghanistan) with the Provincial Reconstruction Team - Uruzgan. In 2014 he served as an instructor at the School of Infantry. Promoted to Captain in 2015 he posted to the Adelaide Universities Regiment (AUR) where he fulfilled positions as the Adjutant and Recruitment Officer for S.A, TAS and the N.T. In 2017 he posted to Special Operations Headquarters as the SO2 Certification, where he supported the achievement of the certification of key Joint Task Force and Special Operations Task Force elements. In 2018 he attended the Defence School of Languages where he completed the French Operational Engagement course. In 2019 he returned to 7 RAR as an Operations Officer where he was responsible for preparing and executing the certification of a mechanised battlegroup as part of an Amphibious Ready Group. In 2020 Major Byers remained at 7 RAR and was promoted to Major in the appointment of Officer Commanding Bravo Company. At short notice he took command of Charlie Company 5 RAR where he certified, deployed and commanded Force Protection Element – 13 on Operation HIGHROAD (Afghanistan). Upon return to Australia Major Byers returned to the appointment of Officer Commanding Bravo Company within 7 RAR. Major Byers has worked with US forces both on operations and domestically throughout numerous training exercises. These experiences give Major Byers a great insight into the military application of the US-Australian strategic relationship.



ELISE CHAMPION

AIR COMBAT OFFICER, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Elise is a 24 year old Air Combat Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force on the P-8A Poseidon aircraft based at RAAF Edinburgh. Elise joined the RAAF in 2019, seeking a challenging, dynamic career that would provide unique opportunities. Elise considers herself to be ambitious and highly focused and is often the first to ask questions, to be curious, open- minded and interested. Elise is both driven and insatiably curious in matters that relate to the world around me. Elise hold a Bachelor of Science from The University of Adelaide, graduating in 2017. Elise has lived in New-Zealand, Belgium, Scotland and Hawaii which has given her a global perspective and a vested interest in international relations. When she's not flying, she enjoy's running, mountain biking and playing guitar. A highlight of my RAAF career was a deployment to the US to conduct tactical and operational level exercises, that has left her eager to gain strategic level insight into Australia's most important security alliance with the US.



BEN CHERRY-SMITH

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY) STUDENT

Benjamin Cherry-Smith is a PhD student at the University of Adelaide, where he focuses on ontological security, Australian Foreign Policy, information capabilities, and influence. He has previously earned a Master of Arts from the University of the Sunshine Coast, a Master of International Relations and Bachelor of Government and Public Policy from Griffith University, and a Graduate Diploma of Public Policy from the University of Tasmania.



DAVID CLOTHIER

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING OFFICER, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

David Clothier is currently an Aerospace Engineering Officer – Armament (or Armament Officer Specialist) in the Royal Australian Air Force. He holds the rank of Flight Lieutenant (FLTLT) and currently posted to 11 Squadron, RAAF Base Edinburgh as the Armament Officer and Officer in Charge Maintenance Crew A. Previously David worked at the Surveillance and Response Systems Program Office, as Officer in Charge Armament and Life Support, supporting the retiring AP-3C Orion aircraft and introduction of the P-8A Poseidon aircraft under the P-8A Cooperative Program with the United States Navy.



MAX DOUGLASS

HONOURS DEGREE STUDENT IN ECONOMICS 2021 NEW COLOMBO PLAN SCHOLAR

Max is currently completing his honours degree in economics, with his main research interests being in the intersection of development studies, institutional economics and foreign policy. He recently graduated as valedictorian of his Bachelor of Economics (Advanced) cohort, having attained top marks for both the economics and politics and international relations capstone courses. Last year Max was awarded the Department of Foreign Affairs' New Colombo Plan scholarship and will be using the scholarship to intern with Deloitte Economics Advisory in Singapore from November 2021.

Max is an aspiring diplomat, and he would love the opportunity to provide input into the future direction of the US-Australia alliance. The alliance is of the utmost importance as Australia navigates its position in the Indo-Pacific. While the economic element is typically overlooked in comparison to the alliance's strategic components, he believes that Australia and the United States' economic relationship, particularly in the high-technology and defence industries, will be of the paramount importance going forward – and he is very excited at the prospect of contributing to its continuing development.



RINALDO GAGIANO

GRADUATE INDUSTRY PLACEMENT (GIP) PROGRAM DEFENCE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY GROUP (DSTG)

Rinaldo currently in pursuit of my Master of Data Science at RMIT and is also working at DST in Edinburgh, in a Graduate Industry Placement.

Rinaldo was born in Pretoria, South Africa in 1997. He moved to England when he was 3 then he moved to Sydney, Australia when he was 10. I completed high school in Australia then attended an American College for four year on an athletic scholarship for American football as a running-back. He obtained his bachelors from McPherson College, Kansas. Once Covid hit he moved back to Australia in April 2020 and graduated over zoom that following May.

Rinaldo an avid learner of anything data aspire's to be a data scientist and hopefully one day to become a CDO (Chief Data Officer). Rinaldo found data analytics, fell in love and hasn't looked back since.



RHETT HULL

RESEARCH ENGINEER DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP (DSTG)

Rhett is a full-time research engineer at the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) within the Department of Defence. In addition, he is a full-time PhD student with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), exploring novel techniques to enable collaborative robots to perform at higher operational speeds. Rhett graduated from a Bachelor of Mechatronic Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Adelaide earlier this year.

Ha has a passion for undertaking and translating research to capability to meet the war fighter's ever-growing needs. Central to achieving this goal is working with our allied partners, in particular the U.S. Understanding the nature of our relationship and the perspectives of our U.S. counterparts in Government and Industry is critical to current and future collaborations which supports and protects our national interests.



ADRIARNE LAVER

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES SPECIALIST DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Adriarne Laver is a research analyst in the Influence and Conflict Analysis group at Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG), focusing on themes of resilience and counter-influence. Adriarne obtained a Bachelor of International Relations and a Bachelor of Science (Psychology) (Honours) from the Australian National University. While completing her degree, Adriarne joined DSTG as a cadet where she contributed to research in support of the the Applied Security Science Partnership, which brings together policing and security practitioners with academics to collaboratively build robust evidence on behavioural indicators of violent extremism. Currently, Adriarne leads her team's engagement in the areas of disinformation, extremism and social cohesion, and is collaborating with academic partners from various Australian universities as well as security industry stakeholders.



JENA JAENSCH

VOLUNTEER EDITOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Jena graduated from the University of Adelaide with a Bachelor of Politics and International Studies and a Diploma in Languages (German). She also has a Master of Arts in Violence, Terrorism and Security from Queen's University, Belfast. Jena currently volunteers as an editor with Young Australians in International Affairs, editing and publishing articles relating to foreign affairs on the Insights blog and also completing an internship with SAGE International Australia, a think tank focusing on security issues. She previously worked at Riskline as a political and security risk analysis, researching global political and security developments using open source intelligence. Jena also interned with the Australian Institute of International Affairs, researching the impact of 'Brexit' on Northern Ireland and presenting this research to my peers and academics.



REBECCA RAFFERTY

COMPUTER THEORY AND PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST - INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS, DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Rebecca started working as a Computational Theory Researcher with the Defence Science and Technology Group in 2020. Her work focuses on cognitive computing, a branch of Artificial Intelligence. Rebeccas's research into autonomous reasoning and knowledge sharing between information systems aims to enable decision superiority through enhanced situational awareness. This work is done in collaboration with the team at DSTG and their international partners from the FVEY R&D community. Recently, she has led meetings with their international partners to discuss the interoperability of information systems.

Rebecca is passionate about information sharing and interoperability as it contributes to collaborative environments within the international research community. As such, understanding the policies that mediate the relationship between Australia and the U.S. would enhance her ability to engage with U.S. counterparts.

When Rebecca is not at work you can find her skydiving, scuba diving, or exploring the world (pandemic permitting).





HARRISON PAGE

MARITIME PATROL AND RESPONSE OFFICER, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Harrison was born and raised in Clifton Springs, Victoria, and joined the Royal Australian Air Force on completion of high school in 2009. After completing a Bachelor of Arts (Indonesian) at the Australian Defence Force Academy, he was posted to Tamworth, NSW, to complete Basic Pilots Course, and then Pearce, WA, for Advanced Pilots Course.

Unfortunately Harrison was unsuccessful at Pearce, and after a subsequent posting in East Sale, VIC as a squadron operations officer, he successfully completed Air Combat Officer course in 2016 and posted to Adelaide, SA, as a Navigator and Communications Officer (NAVCOMM) on the AP-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft. During his time on the Orion he was deployed throughout Australia, Asia, and the South Pacific on operations against Islamic State, enforcing UN sanction against North Korea, and maritime surveillance contributing to regional security.

At home, he enjoys surfing, motorcycle riding, and spending time with his dog Sasha.



ATITAYA (ANGELA) SURIYASENEE

MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Atitaya Suriyasenee (MINSE), BIRBA International Development major and Spanish minor, University of Adelaide. Atitaya graduated from her Bachelor of Arts and International Relations at the University of Adelaide in 2019. Her undergraduate capstone research focused on potential of alternative prefigurative structures and counter-institutions, primarily exploring Elinor Ostrom's Collective Governance of the Commons and Rudolf Rocker's Anarcho-syndicalism. Now in her Masters of International Security Program, Atitaya is particularly interested in understanding non-traditional security threats and unconventional conflict, and the growing national security threat of white supremacy and right-wing violent extremism. During her time on campus, Atitaya has been active in several social justice and environment related associations including: Amnesty International, Effective Altruism, Australian Youth Climate Coalition and the Fossil Free divestment movement. In her spare time, Atitaya enjoys watching and discussing films and tv shows, practicing Muay Thai (Thai Boxing) and keeping up to date with world news.



JAMES RITCHIE

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

James Ritchie is an Adelaide based Research Assistant to the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade in the Federal Parliament. In this role James provides analysis and advice to inform the Chair's committee work. James previously worked as an adviser to a Minister in the Tasmanian Government and prior to that was a New Colombo Plan Scholar based in Indonesia. During his time in Indonesia James studied Indonesian language, Islam and International Relations. He also undertook a number of internships including with a Member of the Indonesian House of Representatives and in the office of the Mayor of Bandung. James was awarded 'Cultural Diplomat' by the Mayor for his service. James holds a Bachelor of Arts (Professional Honours) in Asian Studies and a Bachelor of Business from the University of Tasmania.



DOUGLAS SEEDHOUSE

MASTER'S OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY STUDENT THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Douglas is a master's student at the University of Adelaide studying International Security with a particular interest in the Asia-Pacific regarding influence and strategy. Having worked as a clerk for local government, he was acknowledged for his effort and commitment by the mayor and the council. Additionally, he was placed in the Ministry of Defence's work experience programme and awarded for his innovation in problem solving. These experiences led Douglas to acknowledge his ambition to work in defence and government industries. Graduating in 2020 with a BA (Hons) in History at the University of Portsmouth, he wrote his dissertation specialising on the historical justification and geopolitical stability of the controversial Nine-Dash Line document, examining three different theoretical approaches. This dissertation inspired him to learn Mandarin in early 2020 for future academia. Realising a need to further his experience in International Relations to follow the ambition to work in defence, Douglas applied to study International Security at Adelaide honing his skills in theoretical knowledge. Institutions and alliances (such as the US-Australia Alliance) are fundamental to his research, providing a great opportunity to exercise his academic rhetoric.



CHRISTOPHER WATSON

OFFICER, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Christopher has a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Politics and International Relations from Murdoch University, Western Australia.

Christopher is currently employed as an Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force. This position has allowed him to experience the U.S.-Australian alliance from a military and strategic perspective and he is extremely keen to develop his knowledge of this alliance regarding trade and business and how this may impact or strengthen relations in the future.

Christopher has a passion for experiencing and understanding other cultures and took multiple opportunities to study abroad during his time at University. He studied Political Science at Whitewater University in Wisconsin, USA, for a semester which included units such as American Foreign Policy, American Political Thought. He also studied at the UN in Switzerland which included units such as Refugee Law and International Human Rights Organisations.



BAYAN YAZDANI

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (EMERGING LEADERS) STUDENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Bayan is a young leader passionate about international relations, education, and multicultural affairs. As a quick learner who is organised, inquisitive, diligent and multilingual, he has sound communication and interpersonal capabilities, as well as strong intercultural understanding and research skills, attributed to his prior occupations and diverse co-curricular involvement. These experiences, along with his extensive leadership across many countries and organisations, has made him very well-rounded, adaptive, and curious about other cultures.



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