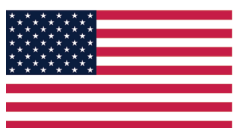


NEXT GENERATION LEADERS U.S.–AUSTRALIA ALLIANCE

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA PERTH
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WELCOME

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS WORKSHOP ON THE U.S.-AUSTRALIA ALLIANCE FOR NEXT GENERATION LEADERS IN PERTH.

This workshop is part of a two-year program that involves three regional workshops to be 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 about 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 two 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 would like to acknowledge the funding provided by the United States Government that underpins these Regional Workshops.



PROFESSOR PETER J. DEAN

Chair of Defence Studies
Director, UWA Defence
and Security Program

PROGRAM

DAY 1: MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
0830 - 0845	TEA AND COFFEE	FAY GALE STUDIO
0845 - 0915	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS Consul General David J. Gainer, U.S. Consulate General Perth ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COUNTRY Professor Peter J. Dean, Director, UWA Defence and Security Program	
0915 - 1030	SESSION 1 SHARED VALUES AND DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING U.S.-AUSTRALIA RELATIONS Professor Gordon Flake, CEO, Perth USAsia Centre	
1030 - 1045	MORNING TEA BREAK	
1045 - 1145	SESSION 2 THE EVOLUTION OF ANZUS IN THE CONTEXT OF AUSTRALIAN STRATEGY Professor Peter J. Dean	
1200 - 1330	SESSION 3 ROUNDTABLE LUNCH DISCUSSION The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, Governor of Western Australia	SENATE ROOM WINTHROP HALL
1340 - 1500	SESSION 4 THE EMERGING INDO-PACIFIC: NARRATIVES AND PERSPECTIVES Professor Stephen Smith, Chair, UWA Defence and Security Program	FAY GALE STUDIO
1500 - 1515	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK	
1515 - 1630	SESSION 5 TRADE AND ECONOMICS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION Dr Jeffrey Wilson, Research Director, Perth USAsia Centre	
1630 - 1645	WRAP UP AND OVERVIEW OF DISCUSSION Professor Peter J. Dean	
1645 - 1800	FREE TIME	
1800 - 2030	SESSION 6 WELCOME DINNER - INNOVATION DIPLOMACY: SILICON VALLEY, CHINA & PACIFIC NORTHWEST Ms Bonnie Lin, Managing Director, Rainmakers Global NETWORKING DRINKS: 1800 - 1830 DINNER: 1830 - 2030	THE WINE ROOM, MATILDA BAY RESTAURANT

DAY 2: TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
0830 – 0900	TEA AND COFFEE	FAY GALE STUDIO
0900 – 0915	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS Professor Peter J. Dean	
0915 – 1030	SESSION 7 U.S.-AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA ECONOMICS & INFRASTRUCTURE Mr Kyle Springer, Senior Analyst, Perth USAsia Centre	
1030 – 1045	MORNING TEA BREAK	
1045 – 1200	SESSION 8 U.S.-AUSTRALIA-INDONESIA SECURITY Ms Natalie Sambhi, Executive Director and Founder, Verve Research	
1200 – 1220	BREAK	
1220 – 1400	SESSION 9 WORKING LUNCH - IN CONVERSATION The Honourable David Johnston, Australian Defence Export Advocate	
1400 – 1415	BREAK	
1415 – 1515	SESSION 10 MILITARY TO MILITARY RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.-AUSTRALIAN ALLIANCE Air Commodore Fiona Dowse AM CSC, Senior Military Officer in Western Australia, Australian Defence Force	
1515 – 1530	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK	
1530 – 1645	SESSION 11 DEFENCE INDUSTRY, STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE U.S. ALLIANCE Mr Matt Moran, Executive Director, Defence West Ms Michele Clement, Director, Defence Science Centre	

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
0830 – 0900	TEA AND COFFEE	FAY GALE STUDIO
0900 – 0915	SESSION 12 INTRODUCTION TO JOINT STATEMENT Ms Erin Watson-Lynn, Consultant	
0915 – 1030	SESSION 13 DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT	
1030 – 1045	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK	
1045 – 1200	SESSION 14 REFINE AND FINALISE JOINT STATEMENT	
1200 – 1245	TRAVEL TO HENDERSON – LUNCH ON-BOARD	HENDERSON
1245 – 1600	SITE TOUR: Overview and tour of the ANZAC class sustainment program facilitated by the Warship Asset Management Agreement (WAMA) and hosted by Naval Ship Management (NSM)	
1600 – 1700	TRAVEL BACK TO UWA	

SPEAKER LIST

1. **THE HONOURABLE KIM BEAZLEY AC**, Governor of Western Australia
2. **MS MICHELE CLEMENT**, Director, Defence Science Centre
3. **PROFESSOR PETER J. DEAN**, Director, UWA Defence and Security Program, The University of Western Australia
4. **AIR COMMODORE FIONA DOWSE AM CSC**, Senior Military Officer in Western Australia, Australian Defence Force
5. **PROFESSOR GORDON FLAKE**, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre, The University of Western Australia
6. **CONSUL GENERAL DAVID GAINER**, U.S. Consulate General, Perth
7. **THE HONOURABLE DAVID JOHNSTON**, Australian Defence Export Advocate, Australian Defence
8. **MS BONNIE LIN**, Managing Director, Rainmakers Global
9. **MR MATT MORAN**, Executive Director, Defence West
10. **MS NATALIE SAMBHI**, Executive Director and Founder, Verve Research
11. **MR KYLE SPRINGER**, Senior Analyst, Perth USAsia Centre, The University of Western Australia
12. **PROFESSOR STEPHEN SMITH**, Chair, UWA Defence and Security Program, The University of Western Australia
13. **DR JEFFREY WILSON**, Research Director, Perth USAsia Centre, The University of Western Australia
14. **MS ERIN WATSON-LYNN**, Consultant

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



THE HONOURABLE KIM BEAZLEY AC GOVERNOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Honourable Kim Beazley AC was installed as the 33rd Governor of Western Australia. Mr Beazley was born in Subiaco, educated at Hollywood Senior High School and completed two degrees at The University of Western Australia. He served for nearly three decades in the Australian Federal Parliament and for a period of six years as Ambassador to the United States of America. Before becoming Governor, Mr Beazley had a distinguished record of service to the public, leadership and representation of Australia.

In 2009, Mr Beazley was awarded the Companion of the Order of Australia for service to the Parliament of Australia through contributions to the development of government policies in relation to defence and international relations, as an advocate for Indigenous people and for service to the community.

Mr Beazley was elected to the Federal Parliament in 1980 and represented the electorates of Swan (1980–96) and Brand (1996–2007). In the Hawke and Keating Labor Governments (1983–1996) Mr Beazley held, at various times, the portfolios of Defence; Finance; Transport and Communications; Employment, Education and Training; Aviation; and Special Minister of State.

From 1995 to 1996, Mr Beazley served as Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Australian Labor Party, and was Leader of the Opposition from 1996 to 2001, and 2005 to 2006. Mr Beazley served on parliamentary committees, including the Joint Intelligence Committee and the Joint Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee.

MS MICHELE CLEMENT DIRECTOR, DEFENCE SCIENCE CENTRE

Michele Clement is the Director of the Western Australian Defence Science Centre (DSC) within the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation. The DSC aims to build strong collaborations across defence, universities and industry, facilitating defence-relevant research and technology connections that support defence and national security outcomes. It will support the commercialisation of defence-related research outcomes and cultivate an internationally engaged and competitive local defence industry.

Before this, Michele was the Director Innovative Science in the Department of Commerce, where she supported research and innovation, and promoted science and technology as major drivers of Western Australia's economic, social and environmental growth. Michele spent nine years working for the Commonwealth in the then Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Territory Education, undertaking both program delivery and policy roles. She also managed the Department's budget process, involving the securing of federal funding for a number of new programs and initiatives.

Michele has a background in banking and finance, particularly investment in small technology and biotechnology businesses. Michele holds a Master of Business Administration.





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

Professor Peter J. Dean is Chair of Defence Studies, Director of the UWA Defence and Security Program, 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).

AIR COMMODORE FIONA DOWSE AM CSC
SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA,
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Air Commodore Fiona Dowse joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1976. As a junior officer Air Commodore Dowse held various unit appointments managing civilian contractors providing aviation maintenance services to the Royal Australian Air Force and cargo and passenger air movements, working on large, complex exercise deployments supporting joint exercises.

Air Commodore Dowse has served as Staff Officer and was the Chief of Staff at Joint Movements Group, Headquarters Australian Theatre (now Joint Operations Centre). She has held a number of positions in logistics management and international engagement in Australia, United States and the United Kingdom, including a deployment to the Middle East as part of an investigation team.

Air Commodore Dowse was chosen as the inaugural Director of International Engagement – Air Force. On promotion to Air Commodore in November 2019, Air Commodore Dowse took up her current position as Senior Officer Western Australia.

Air Commodore Dowse was awarded a Conspicuous Service Cross in recognition of her work during the deployment of forces to East Timor, an United States Meritorious Service Medal for her work on the deployment of Implantation Forces to Bosnia, and was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (Military Division) for advancing the Royal Australian Air Force's standing among its allies through international engagement.





PROFESSOR GORDON FLAKE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PERTH USASIA CENTRE,
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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. Before 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.

Professor Flake is one of Australia’s leading authorities on the Indo-Pacific, with a particular specialisation on Korea, having spent nearly three decades focused on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia. He has edited several volumes and authored numerous chapters on developments in the region.

CONSUL GENERAL DAVID J. GAINER
U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL PERTH

David J. Gainer began his career as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He subsequently led Public Affairs endeavors at the U.S. Consulate in Chennai, India and the U.S. embassies in Prague, Czech Republic and Ankara, Turkey, where he was Spokesperson. He has focused on Australia twice in his career already – first as the Visas Chief at the U.S. Consulate in Melbourne, and more recently as the Deputy Director of the State Department’s Office of Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Island Affairs.

Before joining the Foreign Service, David taught budget and appropriation law classes for the U.S. Department of Treasury. He earned master’s degrees in American History, African History, and Liberal Studies from the University of Maryland, University of Cape Town, and Georgetown University, respectively, and holds a BA in History from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. He taught secondary school as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malawi.





THE HONOURABLE DAVID JOHNSTON
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE EXPORT ADVOCATE,
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE

The Honourable David Johnston was educated in Perth in Western Australia, David attended Wesley College from 1967-1973 and then graduated from The University of Western Australia in 1981 with the law degrees B.Juris and LLB. David was elected to the Australian Parliament as a Senator for Western Australia in 2001 and served in that role for 15 years.

Before that, he was a Barrister and Solicitor in Western Australia practicing in the areas of Mining and Crime, and lived and worked on the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia for 12 years before returning to Perth to continue in the law and as a Barrister and In-House Counsel providing advice and representation mainly pertaining to mining matters in Western Australia.

In Parliament David was, inter alia, chair of the Senate Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Committee, appointed by Prime Minister Howard as Minister for Justice and Customs in 2007, Opposition spokesperson as Shadow Minister on Minerals Energy and Tourism, and then Defence, from 2009 to 2013, and then Minister for Defence 2013 and 2014.

David has a strong commitment to the Australian defence industry and the current Australian Government's budgetary support of the Defence portfolio particularly focusing upon Australian naval ship and submarine building.

David is currently sitting on the Board of SAAB Technologies Australia, MCB Ltd (mining), International SOS (advisory board), The Centre for Defence Industry Capability (advisory board), The Australian Strategic Policy Institute (Council), Pelican Clean Energy Pty Ltd (LNG wholesaler) and is the Commonwealth's Advocate for Australian Defence Industry Exports.

MS BONNIE LIN
MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE RAINMAKERS GLOBAL
AND A GENERAL PARTNER OF IDNEXT CAPITAL

Bonnie Lin is an independent advisor, investor and speaker with more than 20 years of international experience in commercial innovation, business development, strategic alliances and change leadership. Her background includes marketing for Silicon Valley dot coms, lean manufacturing in China and cross-border M&A and R&D grants under the Obama Administration during the Great Recession. Bonnie has worked with more than 70 entrepreneurs and business leaders to scale their organisations and transform their people in seven countries through three economic recessions. In addition to Fortune 500 projects and coaching Shark Tank startups, she has founded four businesses including a tech startup and real estate investment brokerage.

A Vancouver 40 Under 40 winner, Bonnie was a regular media contributor on entrepreneurship and innovation in the U.S.. She has served on the boards of the U.S. District Export Council and Pacific Northwest Defence Coalition, and was a member of Keiretsu Forum angel investors in Seattle. Bonnie is the managing director of strategic advisory firm The Rainmakers Global and a general partner in iDNext Capital, a \$200-million Asia-backed venture capital fund in Silicon Valley. An advocate for entrepreneurship, social innovation, and women in leadership, she is a Board Trustee for the Fogarty Foundation and an Indo-Pacific Fellow for Perth U.S.Asia think-tank at UWA.

Bonnie is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and holds a BA from the University of California, Berkeley, an MBA from the University of Phoenix, and certificates in International Business from National Taiwan University, Venture Finance and Economics from UC Berkeley School of Law, and Value Investing from Columbia Business School.





MR MATT MORAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DEFENCE WEST

Matt is the inaugural Executive Director of Defence West.

He is a Walkley Award winner and an Australian Army Afghanistan veteran.

Matt has extensive knowledge of Defence, having experience as a senior adviser to the Minister for Defence Industry and Minister for Defence. He has worked on Defence's most complex and expensive projects over the past few years.

Matt was also a media adviser to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. He deployed to Afghanistan as a public affairs officer in 2009 and East Timor in 2007. In a previous life, he was a journalist with the ABC and Network Ten.

MS NATALIE SAMBHI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER, VERVE RESEARCH

Natalie is Founder and Executive Director of Verve Research, an independent research collective focused on the relationship between militaries and societies. Natalie is a PhD scholar at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, the Australian National University, focusing on Indonesian military history. In 2018, the Royal United Services Institute awarded her the Leo Mahony bursary to support her doctoral research.

From 2016 to 2020, Natalie was a Research Fellow at the Perth USAsia Centre. From 2012 to 2016, she also worked at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) as an Analyst and Managing Editor of ASPI's blog, *The Strategist*. She has previously worked at the Department of Defence, University of Canberra and for the academic journal *Asian-Pacific Economic Literature*. In May 2014 and in January 2016, Natalie was a Visiting Fellow at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) in Washington, DC.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) (Hons) from The University of Western Australia and a Master of Arts (International Relations) and Master of Diplomacy from the Australian National University. Natalie has been a guest lecturer and presenter at the Australian National University, Australian National Security College, Australian War College, Indonesian National Resilience Institute (LEMHANNAS), Indonesian Defense University, Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canadian Department of National Defence and several international think tanks and universities. Her writing has appeared in *Security Challenges journal*, *South China Morning Post*, *War On The Rocks*, *The Diplomat*, *The Interpreter* and *The National Interest*.





PROFESSOR STEPHEN SMITH
CHAIR, UWA DEFENCE AND SECURITY PROGRAM,
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 Chairman of the UWA Defence and Security Program, Chairman of archTIS, Chairman 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.

MR KYLE SPRINGER
SENIOR ANALYST, PERTH USASIA CENTRE,
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kyle Springer is Senior Analyst at the Perth USAsia Centre. He provides high-level program assistance and develops the think-tank and external outreach programs of the Centre. In addition to planning and coordinating a range of program and research initiatives, Kyle directs the Centre's Indonesia programs and convenes policy workshops focused on Australia-Indonesia relations.

Kyle was previously a researcher with the defence and foreign policy think tank, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC, and was a program assistant with Austrade at the Australian Embassy in Washington. While at CSIS he supported the research and programs of the Sumitro Chair for Southeast Asia Studies, working on a variety of subjects including economic reform in Vietnam, political developments in Cambodia, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the 2013 APEC meetings. He has written for blogs and e-newsletters like *cogitAsia*, *Southeast Asia from Scott Circle*, *The Strategist* and *Australian Outlook*.

In 2018, Kyle co-authored a chapter with Dr Jeffrey Wilson on Australia-Indonesia economic ties in *Expanding Horizons: Indonesia's Regional Engagement in the Indo-Pacific Era*. Kyle also authored "Vietnam as a G20 country: towards an Australia-Vietnam economic partnership," part of Perth USAsia Centre's Indo-Pacific 'Insights' Series. He has a Master in International Relations from The University of Western Australia (2012) and a Bachelor of Science from the California State University (2008).





DR JEFFREY WILSON
RESEARCH DIRECTOR, PERTH USASIA CENTRE,
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Dr Jeffrey Wilson is the Research Director at the Perth USAsia Centre. He provides leadership and strategic direction in developing the Centre's research program across its publications, policy and dialogue activities. Dr Wilson specialises in the regional economic integration of the Indo-Pacific. He has particular expertise in the politics of trade agreements, regional economic institutions, and Australia's economic ties with Asia. He has been featured in local and international media outlets, contributed to a range of track-two dialogues between Australia and key regional partners, and supported policy development through consultancy, publication and advisory work.

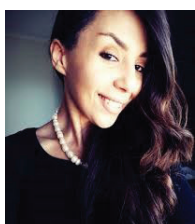
A political scientist by training, Dr Wilson's research has been recognised as a recipient of the University of Sydney Medal (2006) and the Vice-Chancellor's Excellence in Research Award (Murdoch, 2015). He was the inaugural winner of the Australian Institute of International Affairs' Boyer Prize (2012) for his work on the politics of China-Australia mining investment. He holds a Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences (Honours) from the University of Sydney, and a PhD in International Relations from the Australian National University.

MS ERIN WATSON-LYNN
CONSULTANT

Erin Watson-Lynn is an international relations consultant who focuses on Australia's engagement with the world and works with Australian and foreign governments, universities and think-tanks. Erin is currently Australia's Head Delegate for the G20 Women Summit in Saudi Arabia and has represented Australia at G20 meetings in Turkey, China, Argentina and Japan. Prior to establishing her own consultancy, Erin was a Senior Fellow at the Perth USAsia Centre and Director of Asialink Diplomacy at the University of Melbourne. Erin is a foreign affairs commentator and appears regularly on the ABC and Sky News.



PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES



SUZIE ELHAFEZ

Suzie is a near-completion doctoral researcher at the University of Melbourne. She has more than five years of academic research/teaching experience, spanning disciplines, regions and institutions. Her research is concerned with democratising the Arab polity and examines the impact of law/policy, governance and education to create platforms for sustainable socio-political Arab futurism. She has eight years of experience across Australian-Arab relations advisory, creating effective international professional networks.

Suzie has worked with seminal institutions in Australia and the Middle East, including advisory to members of Egyptian Cabinet, the Ministry of Emigration, Higher Education, the American University in Cairo, the British University in Egypt, and The University of Western Australia. Further, she has engaged with members of Australian Federal Parliament and Victorian State Parliament to advise on commercialisation and political risk, and has been recognised by the Egyptian Embassy in Canberra. Suzie founded the Institute for Advanced Policy to enable research to inform policy reform in the Arab region.



THOMAS R. ADOLPH

Thomas is the principal adviser on government and media for Western Australia's peak business group, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Thomas is a keen follower of politics, having lived in Canberra for years and worked as an adviser in several roles to prime ministers Scott Morrison and Malcolm Turnbull.

He previously worked in the office of the Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, at the Perth bureau of *The Australian* newspaper and at a litigation law practice. Thomas obtained a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts (Politics and International Relations) from The University of Western Australia. He is currently interested in further developing expertise and insight into international trade, economics and the business community.



CHARIS CAMPBELL

Charis is a driven senior manager with more than eight years of experience in the finance industry across financial advice, business development, strategy and financial technology. Starting her career in financial planning, Charis saw the freedom and opportunity that quality financial education and advice can provide to families and business owners. With an interest in strategy, Charis moved to Macquarie Group, providing business coaching and consulting to financial service intermediaries. With a passion for technology and innovation, she shifted into the Platform and Technology division, working on a digital transformation project.

Today her focus is on digital connectivity strategy (API and open banking), data analytics and a machine learning reporting project, and enhancing Macquarie Group's international trading capabilities. Charis believes as our global economies become further intertwined, it is important that we find the 'best of breed' in technology, regulation, and strategy to empower fintech companies. Charis holds an undergraduate degree in finance and economics, a diploma in financial planning and is a recent MBA graduate. She also received the 2019 Money Management 'Young Achiever of the Year' award.



JET-RIK VALERIO BERNAL

Jet-Rik is a postgraduate student completing a degree in international relations at The University of Western Australia. Being a first-generation immigrant born of Filipino parents, Jet-Rik comes from a background where he has been exposed to different walks of life. His experience in identifying both as a Filipino and an Australian allows him to appreciate the interaction and connection between different cultures, and how cultural understanding influences the establishment of intercountry diplomacy.

Jet-Rik's keen interest in international relations, as well as the interaction of Australia in various foreign affairs in diplomacy saw him switch from his undergraduate degree of biomedical science. In completing his postgraduate degree, Jet-Rik would like to focus on key issues, including children's rights in war-torn countries, specifically their health and welfare.



MARCEL BORGES

Having worked in the public sector for more than two years, Marcel Borges takes great pride in being part of our State's mission to further WA's economic development and exceptional way of life. His professional experiences with the Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation international engagement team and Defence West complement his studies at university. He believes he is building a unique appreciation of the factors that will shape Australia's strategic global positioning over the next decade.

Marcel has also had the privilege of being exposed to diverse cultures and markets, reinforcing his view on the importance of global cooperation. Specifically, he grew up in the Middle East, has family in the U.S. and has gained exposure to the strong Australian-U.S. bond through Defence West projects, such as analysing joint alliance operations. He is keen to learn more about our U.S. connection and potentially provide input into strengthening our ties.



JESSICA GARCIA

Jessica is a senior project officer with Defence West, which assists the WA Government to support and grow the defence industry. A key focus of her current role is advancing education, training and skilling, an objective of the Western Australian Defence and Defence Industries Strategic Plan. She has more than nine years of experience in the public sector in policy development, project management and industry development roles. She has completed bachelor's degrees in law and arts (Politics and International Studies) and a Graduate Certificate in Migration Law and Practice in Australia.

Jessica migrated to Australia in 1990 from Central America and has kept close ties with her native country. She is particularly interested in the U.S.-Australia alliance as the U.S. influences Central America and the Asia-Pacific region, and she has extended family who reside in the U.S.. In her spare time, Jessica enjoys trying international cuisines and watching political documentaries.



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ALLAN DENNIS

Lieutenant Commander Dennis joined the Royal Australian Navy in January 2011 as a maritime warfare officer. After completing his initial employment training in 2013, he commenced submarine training and achieved his submarine qualification in 2014. He has conducted five operational deployments to the Indo-Pacific region. His posting highlights include Navigating Officer of HMAS Rankin in 2015/16 during the longest deployment of a Collins Class Submarine, and Operations Officer of HMAS Dechaineux in 2019/20 – a period in which Dechaineux deployed twice.

LCDR Dennis is now the Fleet Submarine Warfare Officer at Submarine Sea Training Group, where his duties include at-sea training, assessment and standards monitoring of submarine navigation and warfare. Due to complete that posting in mid-2022, he hopes to then commence duties as the executive officer of a submarine. LCDR Dennis was awarded the Admiral Nelson Sword of Excellence in 2020 for his outstanding leadership as the Operations Officer of HMAS Dechaineux.



RACHEL GEDDES

Rachel is the Manager for Industry Development at Defence West, responsible for supporting and leveraging opportunities for industry to increase WA's engagement with defence programs. A keen networker with six years of experience working across the defence sector, Rachel enjoys assisting industry in advancing their capabilities, while supporting national defence interests.

Rachel's achievements include managing a national business development team in the administering of a \$28.2m Federal Government program to increase research-industry collaborations, and establishing a social enterprise in Cambodia that continues operating today. When not fostering business partnerships, you will find Rachel outdoors on the netball courts or cheering for her AFL team, the mighty Hawks.



BENN HALL

Benn is studying a master's degree in international relations at The University of Western Australia with the aim of writing a dissertation. He previously graduated from Curtin University with a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Business Law and International Relations.

Benn's professional background includes more than five years in the private security industry in Perth, working in a variety of roles within the industry. He has an active interest in U.S. political affairs, in particular in trying to understand how politics affects U.S. culture and society and then trying to understand how that affects the U.S.-Australian relationship and potentially even cultural issues within Australia.



LIAM TAY KEARNEY

Liam is the 2020 Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholar in Public Policy, pursuing a Master of International Affairs (International Finance and Economic Policy) at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. He has a particular interest in examining international trade, investment and development policy using data science and other empirical tools.

Liam holds a Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) in Economics and Finance from The University of Western Australia, and received the Economic Society of Australia (WA) Honours Prize and Best Thesis. He also maintains active involvement in Sino-Australia relations as Partnerships Manager for the Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD), and holds a Diploma in Mandarin Chinese and a Diploma of Interpreting.



MARA PAPAVALASSILIOU

Mara is a project officer at the Defence Science Centre where she has helped administer grants that grow WA's defence science capability since February. In 2019, Mara commenced a graduate program with the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation. While undertaking the program, she worked on a variety of projects across WA government, including helping to develop an agency narrative for WA's space industry, researching the North West Interconnected System at the Department of Premier and Cabinet, and helping develop mining regulation compliance policy at the Department of Mines.

Previously, Mara worked with a social impact branding agency as a brand strategist and volunteered with the Environmental Defenders Office WA. She has a Bachelor of Arts (Communications) degree and a postgraduate Juris Doctor law degree from The University of Western Australia. Mara is passionate about doing diverse work that has positive impact, and is interested in how technological developments affect Australia's international relationships.



MICHELLE JIA XIN LAM

Michelle is a recent graduate of The University of Western Australia, holding a Bachelor of Arts majoring in International Relations, and Law and Society. She is fully engaged with Australian politics at national and regional levels. Michelle is a project officer with the ASEAN-Australian Strategic Youth Partnership, working to bring together young leaders in the region to collaborate on issues of modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour. Michelle also interns at the Department of Premier and Cabinet, working on WA's Blueprint on Digital Inclusion. She is extremely passionate about international affairs and is pursuing her Juris Doctor in 2021.



TOM LAMOND

Tom is an industry-facing policy professional with broad experience ranging from regionally focused not-for-profits and government agencies to peak business bodies. Tom holds a master's degree in public policy and management, where he focused on best practice policy approaches to highly complex and politicised policy problems, ranging from drought reform to workforce development policy.

Tom has a firsthand understanding of the challenges facing Western Australia's business and agricultural communities, with special expertise in the current and future nature of WA's workforce and the strategies required for business to access the right people with the right skills at the right time. Tom combines an understanding of business needs and best practice public policy approaches to develop practical industry-led solutions to businesses' most pressing challenges.



ALESSANDRO SILVESTRI

Alessandro is a second-year PhD candidate at The University of Western Australia. His thesis looks at the field of international humanitarian law (IHL) and focuses on the role of civilians in modern trends of warfare and the concept of 'direct participation in hostilities'. Its goal is to provide guidelines on the legal status of civilians and organised armed groups.

Alessandro is also a tutor in international law and criminology at UWA, and serves as the Community Speakers' Network Convener for the Australian Red Cross, which allows him to sit in the WA IHL Committee. His educational career includes two master's degrees from UWA, one in international law and the other in international relations, both awarded with distinction, and a bachelor's degree in international relations and diplomatic affairs at the University of Bologna (Italy) and Maastricht University (Netherlands).



BRIANNA STANWAY

Brianna is a lawyer in the Business Law WA team and joined the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in 2019, having previously worked in the areas of employee relations and industrial relations for five years. Brianna commenced her legal career in insurance law, where she assisted with a range of litigation and dispute resolution involving international clients.

Brianna has a keen interest in mediation and dispute resolution, and has successfully negotiated more than 150 claims in various jurisdictions, having represented clients in the Federal Court, Fair Work Commission, WA Industrial Relations Commission and the Equal Opportunity Commission. Brianna has a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Psychology) from The University of Western Australia and was admitted to practise as a lawyer in 2016.



LOUISE THOMAS

Louise is a senior policy adviser for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA. Louise's background in regulatory reform and state development policy has provided her with the ability to traverse the private/government divide and influence government policy development on behalf of the business community.

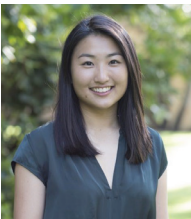
With an open and consultative communication style, Louise thrives in delivering projects in cross-functional teams with the ability to ensure everybody is pulling in unison towards a common goal. Louise is a strong writer and has been praised for her ability to write, edit and collate works in a clear and concise manner. Louise excels as a project manager and possesses a can-do mentality that has proven effective time and time again.



ANDREW THOMSON

Andrew is a law clerk with Lavan Legal and specialises in researching publicly-listed companies and the mining sector. He has previously worked as a research analyst at Consult-Myanmar in Yangon and as an administrative assistant at JBC Corporate. Andrew holds a Master of International Development and a Bachelor of Commerce from UWA. While studying, he received several scholarships to study overseas and spent a semester abroad at the University of Toronto, and received a Mannkal Scholarship to intern at the Lion Rock Institute, a public policy think-tank in Hong Kong.

Andrew is an avid writer and has published feature articles on foreign affairs and international business in Frontier Myanmar, Tea Circle Oxford and ANU's Asia and the Pacific Policy Forum. In 2018, he represented Australia at the Harvard Project for Asian and International Affairs in Malaysia, and currently participates in the ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership's Indo-Pacific Future Leaders Programme.



HELENA TRANG

Helena is a penultimate-year Juris Doctor student at The University of Western Australia. She also holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Political Science, and French Studies from UWA. Helena has an interest in international affairs and foreign policy having completed an internship at the Australian Mission to the UN, WTO and WIPO in Geneva in 2018 with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

In addition to this, Helena is a delegate of the Indo-Pacific Young Leaders Program run by the ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership. Helena hopes to pursue a career in international law and international relations after graduation.



MELANYE WAWRIK

Melanye is currently undertaking a Master of International Law at The University of Western Australia, and recently graduated with a Juris Doctor in 2019. She is academically inclined but has recently found herself more politically active. Her background is in both law and politics from the U.S. and Australia through studies in Australian domestic law and international law studies, but also due to the fact she is Californian. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Melanye attended UC Santa Cruz for five years, where she graduated with three bachelor's degrees, one being in Latin American/Latino literature. As a multicultural and multidisciplinary woman and first in her family to attend university and graduate school, she is extremely passionate about political relations between nations.

Melanye comes from various generations of migrants, from Europe after WWII and then Argentina after the military dictatorship, and now lives in Australia by choice rather than necessity. Through this distinctive history, she is particularly passionate about international affairs in general, but also specifically with U.S.-Australia relations. She is an active dual citizen with friends and family in both places and holds loyalty to both nations equally.

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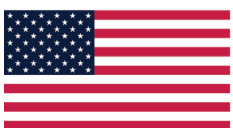
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