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WELCOME

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO CANBERRA FOR THE FINAL AUSTRALIAN WORKSHOP OF THE AUSTRALIAN-UNITED STATES ALLIANCE. CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SELECTED FROM A NUMBER OF TALENTED INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN WORKSHOPS DURING 2020 IN PERTH, 2021 IN BRISBANE AND ADELAIDE AND 2022 ONLINE FROM REGIONAL AUSTRALIA.

This workshop and program is delivered by the UWA Defence and Security Program, The University of Western Australia, and the United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney, in partnership with the Strategic Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University.

You may be aware that the Canberra workshop is the culmination of issues and topics raised at these workshops, highlighting the current perspectives and priorities of future leaders when it comes to the important Alliance between the United States and Australia.

We are fortunate to have so many guest speakers for this workshop, offering their expertise and critical analysis garnered over extensive careers which have primarily focused on geopolitics, international relations and the Alliance.

Some of the key topics which will be covered include:

- Foreign Interference
- Geopolitics & The Indo-Pacific: The Future of Taiwan
- The Pacific Step-Up
- Climate Change

At the end of the program, participants will also have an opportunity to work within small groups to map out a research agenda on key topics identified by the group within the earlier sessions.

As with previous arrangements, this workshop will be held under Chatham House Rule; that is 'participants are free to use the information received; but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed'. With this in mind, we seek to engage participants in a candid and open debate, freely unpacking the depth of engagement between Australia and United States, highlighting contemporary Alliance issues.

The UWA Defence and Security Program, The University of Western Australia, in partnership with the Strategic Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University, would like to acknowledge the funding provided by the United States Government that underpins these Regional Workshops.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the future of the Alliance, during what we hope will be an active and lively discussion.



PROFESSOR PETER J. DEAN

Director, Foreign Policy and Defence,
United States Studies Centre
University of Sydney



PROFESSOR BRENDAN TAYLOR

Head of Strategic and Defence Studies,
Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs,
Australian National University

PROGRAM

MONDAY 8 AUGUST

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
6.30 – 8.30	WELCOME DINNER Mr Greg Moriarty, Secretary of the Department of Defence Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.30PM – 7.00PM: PRE-DINNER NETWORKING • 7.00PM – 8.30PM: DINNER 	OVOLO HOTEL MOSAIC ROOM

DAY 1: TUESDAY 9 AUGUST

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
9.00 – 9.15	ARRIVAL AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	ENID LYONS ALCOVE, PARLIAMENT HOUSE
9.15 – 9.30	ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO COUNTRY, WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS Professor Peter Dean, Director, Foreign Policy and Defence, The University of Sydney	
9.30 – 10.30	OPENING REMARKS Mr Peter Tesch, Deputy Secretary Strategy, Policy, and Industry Australian Department of Defence	
10.30 – 10.45	MORNING TEA	
10.45 – 11.30	Ms Lauren Bain, Assistant Secretary, AUKUS International Coordination Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	
11.30 – 12.30	Senator James Paterson, Shadow Minister for Cyber Security, Shadow Minister for Countering Foreign Interference	
12.30 – 1.15	NETWORKING LUNCH	

DAY 1 Continued...

1.30 – 2.00	Travel to ANU	ANU, CHINA IN THE WORLD SEMINAR ROOM 188 FELLOWS LANE, ACTON
2.30 – 3.30	AFTERNOON SESSION AT ANU	
3.30 – 4.30	THE US-AUSTRALIA ALLIANCE IN THE SOUTHERN OCEAN AND ANTARCTICA Dr Elizabeth Buchanan, Head of Navy Research Royal Australian Navy's Sea Power Centre	
4.30	FREE TIME	
6.30 – 8.30	DINNER WITH JACINTA CARROLL Ms Jacinta Carroll, Senior Security, Defence and Public Policy Advisor and Researcher, Deakin University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.30PM – 7.00PM: PRE-DINNER NETWORKING • 7.00PM – 8.30PM: DINNER 	QT HOTEL LOUNGE, 15TH FLOOR, LONDON CIRCUIT, CANBERRA

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST

8.30 – 9.00	TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	ANU, CHINA IN THE WORLD SEMINAR ROOM 188 FELLOWS LANE, ACTON
9.00 – 9.30	WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Peter Dean, Director, Foreign Policy and Defence, United States Studies Centre, The University of Sydney• Ms. Halima “Bibi” Voyles, Political Counselor, United States Embassy Canberra	
9.30 – 10.30	FOREIGN INTERFERENCE Professor Rory Medcalf AM, Head of National Security College, Australian National University	
10.30 – 11.00	MORNING TEA	
11.00 – 12.00	GEOPOLITICS & THE INDO-PACIFIC: THE FUTURE OF TAIWAN Professor Brendan Taylor, Head of Strategic and Defence Studies, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University	
12.00 – 1.00	THE PACIFIC STEP-UP James Batley PSM, Distinguished Policy Fellow, ANU Department of Pacific Affairs	
1.00 – 2.00	NETWORKING LUNCH	
2.00 – 3.00	CLIMATE CHANGE Dr Albert Palazzo, Adjunct Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, UNSW-Canberra	
3.00 – 3.15	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.15 – 4.15	CYBER SECURITY Professor Lesley Seebeck, Independent Consultant and Honorary Professor, Australian National University	
4.15 – 4.30	WRAP UP AND OVERVIEW	
4.30	CLOSE OF DAY 2 EVENING FREE	

DAY 3: THURSDAY 11 AUGUST

8.30 – 9.00	TEA AND COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	CHINA IN THE WORLD SEMINAR ROOM 188 FELLOWS LANE, ACTON
9.00 – 10.30	WORKING GROUP BRIEFING Joint Policy Paper outline & topic discussion	
10.30 – 10.45	MORNING TEA	
10.45 – 12.45	WORKING GROUP SESSION ONE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Peter Dean, Director, Foreign Policy and Defence, United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney• Dr Troy Lee-Brown, Research Fellow, UWA Defence and Security Institute	
1.00 – 1.45	WORKING LUNCH Ms Mercedes Page, Fellow, The Schmidt Futures International Strategy Forum	
2.00 – 3.30	WORKING GROUP SESSION TWO <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Peter Dean, Director, Foreign Policy and Defence, United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney• Dr Troy Lee-Brown, Research Fellow, UWA Defence and Security Institute	CHINA IN THE WORLD AUDITORIUM
3.30 – 3.45	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.45 – 4.30	JOINT POLICY PAPERS WRAP UP	
4.30 – 4.45	OFFICIAL CLOSING OF THE PROGRAM	
5.30 – 8.00	US EMBASSY NETWORKING AND FAREWELL DINNER RECEPTION	EAST HOTEL 69 CANBERRA AVE, KINGSTON



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PARTICIPANT LIST

THOMAS ADOLPH

Regional Workshop: PERTH

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Regional Workshop: ADELAIDE

RHYS COLLARD

Regional Workshop: ONLINE

RENEE CREMER

Regional Workshop: ONLINE

MONIQUE CURRIE

Regional Workshop: BRISBANE

RACHEL GEDDES

Regional Workshop: PERTH

BEN GOWDIE

Regional Workshop: BRISBANE

BENN HALL

Regional Workshop: PERTH

JACK HAYES

Regional Workshop: BRISBANE

HENRY HERITAGE

Regional Workshop: BRISBANE

JENA JAENSCH

Regional Workshop: ADELAIDE

MICHELLE LAM

Regional Workshop: PERTH

TOM LAMOND

Regional Workshop: PERTH

JAYA PASTOR-ELSEGOOD

Regional Workshop: ONLINE

JANKA REYNDERS

Regional Workshop: ONLINE

CAMERON SMITH

Regional Workshop: ONLINE

MARCUS SCHULTZ

Regional Workshop: ONLINE

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

PROFESSOR PETER DEAN

DIRECTOR, FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENCE, THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Professor Peter J. Dean is the Director of Foreign Policy and Defence at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney. Prior to this he was Chair of Defence Studies, Director of the UWA Defence and Security Institute, and a Senior Fellow at the Perth USAsia Centre and 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).



MR GREG MORIARTY

SECRETARY OF DEFENCE, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

Mr Moriarty commenced as Secretary of the Department of Defence on 4 September 2017. He first worked in Defence from 1986 to 1995, primarily in the Defence Intelligence Organisation. He also served in the Headquarters of the United States Central Command in the Persian Gulf during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Prior to his appointment as the Secretary of Defence, Mr Moriarty held senior roles in the Prime Minister's office, first as the International and National Security Adviser and then as Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. In June 2015 Mr Moriarty was appointed Commonwealth Counter-Terrorism Coordinator in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Mr Moriarty was responsible for coordinating and implementing Australia's counter-terrorism arrangements, in close partnership with the States and Territories.

Mr Moriarty has extensive experience within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and served in a number of senior roles, including as Deputy Secretary (2015), Ambassador to Indonesia (2010–2014), First Assistant Secretary, Consular Public Diplomacy and Parliamentary Affairs Division (2009–2010), Assistant Secretary, Parliamentary and Media Branch (2008–2009), Ambassador to Iran (2005–2008), Assistant Secretary, Maritime South East Asia Branch (2002–2005), and as the Senior Negotiator with the Peace Monitoring Group on Bougainville.

Mr Moriarty holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours from The University of Western Australia and a Masters Degree in Strategic and Defence Studies from the Australian National University. He is married with two children. Mr Moriarty has studied Indonesian and Tok Pisin.



MR PETER TESCH

DEPUTY SECRETARY STRATEGY, POLICY AND INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

Mr Tesch was appointed Deputy Secretary on 1 May 2019. As Head of the Strategy, Policy, and Industry Group he is responsible for:

- devising strategy to give effect to government intent;
- setting the policy frameworks to govern ADF operations and Defence international engagement; and
- working closely with industry to deliver ADF capability and national economic growth.

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

Mr Tesch comes to this role following a 32-year career as a senior officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). He most recently served as Australia's Ambassador to the Russian Federation from March 2016 until April 2019. Prior to this, he held several executive positions in DFAT, including as First Assistant Secretary International Security Division from January 2014 to December 2015. Mr Tesch has also previously served in the Office of the Minister for Trade (1993-1994).

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

Mr Tesch holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours from the University of Queensland. He speaks German and Russian.

DR LAUREN BAIN

ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AUKUS INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT BRANCH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

Dr Lauren Bain was appointed to the role of Assistant Secretary, AUKUS International Engagement Branch at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in November 2021. Before that, as Assistant Secretary of the ASEAN and Regional Architecture Branch, she led Australia's engagement with ASEAN and the Quad.

Dr Bain has served overseas in Berlin (2016-2019), Jakarta (2013-2016) and Kuala Lumpur (2004-2007). In Canberra she has served as an Adviser to the then Minister for Foreign Affairs (2012-13) and as Director of DFAT's Vietnam, Myanmar and Laos Section (2010-12).

Before joining DFAT in 2003, she worked for Asialink at the University of Melbourne and for the Victorian State Government. While completing a doctorate in Indonesian Studies, she taught Southeast Asian Politics at the University of Melbourne.

She speaks professional-level Indonesian and competent German, and lives in Canberra with her husband Andreas Radtke and three children.



MR LEIGH DAWSON

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST, U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL PERTH

Leigh Dawson (Public Engagement Director, U.S. Consulate Perth) serves as the leading strategist for CG Perth's public diplomacy engagement, designing and recommending PD strategies to connect with audiences to promote understanding of and support for U.S. policy. A graduate journalist, Leigh worked as a reporter in Port Hedland (WA), before transitioning to Communications and Public Affairs in higher education at Notre Dame University (WA) and Monash University (VIC). Leigh is currently undertaking his Master's in International Affairs at King's College London. He is also a qualified AFL umpire, a not-so-qualified coffee connoisseur and pizza critic, and loves to travel.



MS BIBI VOYLES

POLITICAL COUNSELOR, UNITED STATES EMBASSY CANBERRA

Bibi Voyles is the Political Counselor at the United States Embassy in Canberra where she leads a team focused on AUKUS and the Quad. She served previously as special assistant to the State Department's top diplomat for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, oversaw global China strategy on the China Desk in Washington, and supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations in Tokyo. During a year-long diplomatic exchange fellowship with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, she advanced cooperation with the Pacific and Southeast Asia, including on climate change and maritime assistance. A consular tour in Chennai opened up temporary duty assignments to Brasilia and Colombo. Before joining the Foreign Service, Bibi consulted in the banking and transportation sectors in Pittsburgh, Seattle, and Chicago. She was raised in Pakistan, Brazil, and the United States, and makes clumsy attempts at speaking Urdu, Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, French, and Chinese. Bibi obtained a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Economics from Georgetown University, an M.B.A. from Northwestern University, and an M.S. in Technical Communication from the University of Washington (with a delightful interlude at the University of Twente in the Netherlands). She is the recipient of multiple individual and group Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards, and in 2022 was selected for the Secretary's Leadership Seminar at Harvard Business School. Married, with two children, she enjoys hiking Canberra's hills and torturing her family with her attempts to master the cello.

MR JAMES BATLEY PSM

DISTINGUISHED POLICY FELLOW, ANU DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AFFAIRS

James Batley PSM has worked at ANU since 2015, teaching and researching on Australia's relations with the Pacific and on governance issues, particularly in Solomon Islands. Before that he had a career in government. He joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1984 and had early career postings in Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. From 1997-1999 he was Australia's High Commissioner to Solomon Islands. From 1999-2002 he was head of Australia's diplomatic mission in Dili, becoming Australia's first Ambassador to East Timor at independence in 2002. From 2004-2006 he led the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) and from 2007-2009 he was Australian High Commissioner to Fiji. In Canberra he worked in a range of senior positions including Deputy Director-General of AusAID (2011-2013) and Deputy Secretary of DFAT (2013-2014).





DR ELIZABETH BUCHANAN

**HEAD OF NAVY RESEARCH,
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY'S SEA POWER CENTRE**

Dr Elizabeth Buchanan is Head of Navy Research at the Royal Australian Navy's Sea Power Centre. She was Lecturer of Strategic Studies at the Australian War College, Canberra, teaching into the Defence and Strategic Studies Course. She holds a PhD in Russian Arctic Strategy under Putin from the Australian National University. Dr Buchanan was recently the Maritime Visiting Fellow at NATO Defense College, Rome and is the co-founder and co-director of the Polar Warfare program at the Modern War Institute at West Point Military Academy. She is a Non-Resident Fellow of the Modern War Institute and a Non-Resident Fellow at the Griffith Asia Centre. Dr Buchanan is a core research member of the Russia Studies Group at the US Defence Department's George Marshall Centre. Her area of research interests include Arctic and Antarctic geopolitics, Russian foreign policy, energy geopolitics and maritime strategy. Dr Buchanan has two published books: *Russian Energy Strategy in Asia* (ANU Press) and *Red Arctic* (The Brookings Institution Press). She has two forthcoming books: *How to Lose a Continent* (Black Inc Press) on Antarctic futures and *Competitive Cooperation at the Ends of Earth* (Yale University Press). She has published in most recently in *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Moscow Times*, *RUSI*, and the *War on the Rocks*. Her academic publications include *Australian Journal of International Affairs* and *International Affairs*. She tweets at @BuchananLiz.

MS MERCEDES PAGE

FELLOW, THE SCHMIDT FUTURES INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FORUM

Mercedes is a Fellow with the Schmidt Futures International Strategy Forum. She is the founder and former CEO of Young Australians in International Affairs. Mercedes previously worked for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where she held a number of roles including as one of the lead authors of Australia's 2021 International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy. Prior to working at DFAT, she held a number of roles in the private and not-for-profit sectors, and at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. She was previously a non-resident WSD-Handa Fellow and a member of the Young Leaders Program at the Pacific Forum.

In 2021 she was presented with an Australian Leadership Award by the ADC Forum, and in 2020 was presented with a medal by H.E. General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. She was a finalist in the 2019 Women's Agenda Leadership Awards and in 2018 was named by the *Financial Review* and Qantas as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence. In 2015 she was recognised by the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) as one of Australia's Top 50 Young Social Pioneers.

She holds a Master of Arts (International Studies), a Graduate Diploma (International Studies), Bachelor of Arts (Politics and Asian Studies) and a Bachelor of International Studies from the University of Adelaide.



DR TROY LEE-BROWN

**RESEARCH FELLOW, UWA DEFENCE AND SECURITY INSTITUTE,
THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Troy Lee-Brown is a political scientist, researcher and sessional academic in security and International Relations. Troy's PhD research was undertaken at the University of Western Australia and his dissertation titled *The Rise and Strategic Significance of the Indo-Pacific* analysed the emergence and significance of the new regional construct.

Before joining UWA, Troy completed an MA in International Affairs at Murdoch University's Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs in 2014, with a thesis examining the Senkaku-Diaoyu Islands dispute between Japan and China. Troy has authored several journal papers with a focus on security issues in the Indo-Pacific, regionalism and maritime security. His research interests include the Indo-Pacific concept, India, Japan, East Asia, regionalism, climate change, maritime and regional security.



PROFESSOR RORY MEDCALF AM

**HEAD OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COLLEGE,
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

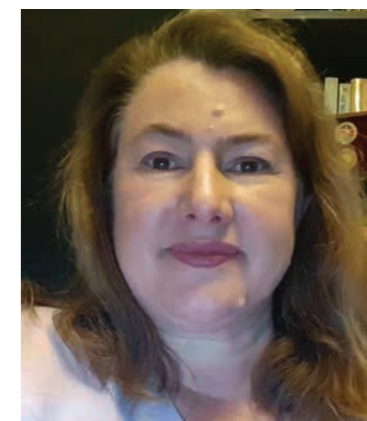
Professor Rory Medcalf AM is Head of the National Security College at the Australian National University. His career spans diplomacy, academia, intelligence analysis, journalism and think tanks, including with the Lowy Institute. Professor Medcalf was a senior strategic analyst with the Office of National Assessments, Australia's peak intelligence agency, and a diplomat with service in India, Japan and Papua New Guinea. He has played a lead role in Australia's informal diplomacy with India and a range of other countries. Professor Medcalf is recognised globally as a thought leader on the Indo-Pacific strategic concept, as articulated in his book *Contest for the Indo-Pacific* (published internationally as *Indo-Pacific Empire*). In June 2022 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to international relations and tertiary education.



MS JACINTA CARROLL

**SENIOR SECURITY, DEFENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY ADVISOR AND RESEARCHER,
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY**

Jacinta Carroll is an internationally recognised security and defence expert, with experience in the Australian government, think tanks and universities. Her expertise is sought for comment and testimony on national security, defence, international security, terrorism and counter-terrorism, intelligence and international relations. Jacinta was the inaugural head of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute's Counter-Terrorism Policy Centre, Senior Fellow at the Australian National University's National Security College and holds Visiting Fellowships. She has been course convenor and lecturer for security professionals in Australia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, the USA, and the Middle East, and a keynote speaker at conferences around the world. She is an experienced board member.





DR ALBERT PALAZZO

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, UNSW-CANBERRA

Dr Albert Palazzo is currently an Adj/Professor at UNSW-Canberra and formally was the long serving Director of War Studies for the Australian Army. He completed his PhD at The Ohio State University in 1996 and his dissertation was published as *Seeking Victory on The Western Front, The British Army and Chemical Warfare in World War I*. His publications include: *The Australian Army: A History of its Organisation, 1901-2001*, *The Australian Army and the War in Iraq*, and *Planning to Not Lose: The Australian Army's New Philosophy of War*. His book *Climate Change and National Security: The Implications for the Military* will be published by the US Army University Press later this year. His current research is the on the utility of the Strategic Defensive as Australia's defence policy.

DR LESLEY SEEBECK

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT AND HONORARY PROFESSOR,
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Dr Lesley Seebeck is an independent consultant and Honorary Professor at the Australian National University. She headed the Cyber Institute at the ANU through to 2020, has held senior executive roles in the Federal Government, and has extensive experience in strategy, policy, defence, intelligence, budget, information technology and research roles in government, industry and academia. In 2017, she was recognised as Federal Government CIO of the Year. Dr Seebeck has a PhD in information technology, an MBA, a Masters in Defence Studies, a Bachelor's in Applied Science (Physics), and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



SENATOR JAMES PATERSON

SHADOW MINISTER FOR CYBER SECURITY, SHADOW MINISTER FOR
COUNTERING FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Senator James Paterson is a Liberal Senator for Victoria. First elected in March 2016 at age 28, Senator Paterson is the youngest Liberal ever elected to the Senate.

During his time in the Senate, he has fought for Australia's prosperity, freedom, democracy and sovereignty.

Senator Paterson was appointed the Shadow Minister for Cyber Security and the Shadow Minister for Countering Foreign Interference by Opposition Leader Peter Dutton. Cyber attacks and foreign interference are two of the most serious contemporary threats to Australia's national security.

He was the Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security from February 2021 until May 2022. During this time, Senator Paterson oversaw a record high workload in response to Australia's changing security environment, handing down 23 reports relating to Australia's national security in just 12 months.

Senator Paterson has also served as the deputy chair of the Senate Select Committee on COVID-19, the chair of the Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services and the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee.

Senator Paterson is also the Australian co-chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China; co-patron of Liberal Friends of Israel; and deputy chair of the Modest Members Society – a group of Coalition MPs committed to championing economic freedom.

Prior to entering the Senate, James was Deputy Executive Director of free market think tank, the Institute of Public Affairs. He previously worked for the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI), and in the office of Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield. He has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne.



PROFESSOR BRENDAN TAYLOR

HEAD OF STRATEGIC AND DEFENCE STUDIES, CORAL BELL SCHOOL OF ASIA
PACIFIC AFFAIRS, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Dr Brendan Taylor is Professor of Strategic Studies at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC), Australian National University. He was Head of SDSC from 2011-2016. He is also Research Chair of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA). He is a specialist on great power strategic relations in the Asia-Pacific, East Asian 'flashpoints', and Asian security architecture. His writings on these subjects have appeared in such leading journals as *Survival*, *The Washington Quarterly*, *Australian Foreign Affairs*, *The Pacific Review*, *International Affairs* and *Review of International Studies*. He is the author or editor of 12 books, including *The Four Flashpoints: How Asia Goes to War* (Black Inc, 2018) and *Dangerous Decade: Taiwan's Security and Crisis Management* (IISS, 2019) He is a regular op-ed contributor to such publications as *The Australian*, *Nikkei Asian Review*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *The Interpreter*, *East Asia Forum* and *The Strategist*.

PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES

THOMAS ADOLPH

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: PERTH

Thomas R. Adolph is the principal adviser on government relations and public advocacy for peak business group Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA. Thomas provides political, strategic and corporate affairs counsel to executives in government and the private sector. He is a former adviser to Prime Ministers the Hon Scott Morrison MP and Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, with expertise in industry relations and campaigns. He previously advised the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, the Hon Julie Bishop MP. Thomas obtained a law degree, and a Bachelor of Politics & International Relations from the University of Western Australia, while reporting for the Australian newspaper on the WA economy and State Parliament. He is currently interested in developing leadership skills and insights on geopolitical and geoeconomic issues.



JAMES BYERS

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ADELAIDE

James is a Manager within Deloitte's Transformation & Operations Consulting team in Adelaide. Currently he is engaged in project and program delivery for state and federal government outcomes in health, public services & Defence future capabilities. A veteran of 14 years service within the Australian Army. James has served in multiple command appointments within Australia and internationally on operational service. Remaining engaged in military and geopolitical affairs as an active Army reservist, James' goal is to help build resilient people and organisations for tomorrow's challenges.

BENJAMIN CHERRY-SMITH

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ADELAIDE

Benjamin is an emerging international relations researcher and commentator undertaking his PhD at the University of Adelaide, focusing on the cultural impact that the U.S.-Australia Alliance has had on Australian foreign policymaking. He has published peer-reviewed article in the Australian Journal of Politics & History and has written for E-International Relations, Young Australians in International Affairs, and Australian Outlook. He has previously served as a member of the Australian Army Reserve and holds a Master of Arts by research from the University of the Sunshine Coast, a Master of International Relations and Bachelor of Government and International Relations from Griffith University, and a Graduate Diploma of Public Policy from the University of Tasmania.



RHYS COLLARD

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ONLINE

Rhys is an accomplished Senior Research Analyst at Scale Facilitation™ based in Geelong. He is responsible for coordinating strategic projects across Australia and the United States with research partners that remove barriers to commercialization allowing them to truly scale their innovations. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce with Distinction from Deakin University and began working for Scale Facilitation™ when it had just a few employees in early 2021, eighteen months later and the workforce has grown nearly tenfold demonstrating how integral his involvement has been to the growth of the company. Rhys has supported the successful rollout of numerous patented technology solutions in Australia and the US making use of his specialised expertise in market research ensuring strategic projects meet compliance and governance regulations. Rhys is looking to pursue an MBA in the future while working in his firm's New York office creating channels to market for novel solutions.

RENEE CREMER

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ONLINE

Originally from the Sunshine Coast, Renee Cremer is a proud Yuin woman. She is currently a stay at home mum, living in outer regional Queensland and is very excited to be the new Chief Executive Officer of Young Australians in International Affairs. Renee is passionate about youth leadership and paving the way for future generations.

In 2021 Renee had the honour of representing Australian youth as Australia's first ever delegate to the G7 Youth Engagement Forum (Y7). She was also a Global Voices Scholar part of the delegation to the 2019 OECD Forum in Paris. During this time, she wrote a policy paper on improving engagement and integration outcomes for unskilled and underemployed female migrants living in regional and rural Australia.

Renee is a 2022 finalist in the 7News Young Achievers Awards First National Real Estate Leadership category. Renee is also a RedxYouth Activator with the Australian Red Cross and received the Jewish Holocaust Museum Wilson Family Scholarship for her commitment to social sciences.

Renee graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Deakin University in 2021, completing a major in politics and policy studies and minors in international relations and criminology. Renee looks forward to developing a career in federal policy and international relations and hopes to inspire other young Indigenous women, and mothers especially, to pursue their passions with tenacity and dedication.





MONIQUE CURRIE

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: BRISBANE

Monique works with the Office for Women in data and women's economic security. She has a degree in Modern History from the University of Queensland and has published on nationalism and historiography. She has an ongoing interest in non-traditional security, particularly relating to gender, climate change, and mis/disinformation.

BENN HALL

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: PERTH

Benn is a student at the University of Western Australia, where he has recently completed his Masters in International Relations. He has also previously attended Curtin University where he completed a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Business Law and International Relations.

His professional career has included over 5 years in the private security industry, working with a variety of alarm, CCTV and access control systems. He also has had experience in the NGO industry, collaborating with a water security focused NGO. Benn has an active interest in U.S-Australian affairs, particularly in understanding the variables that affect the US-Australian bilateral relationship.



RACHEL GEDDES

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: PERTH

Rachel currently works within the Department of Defence at the Defence Science Technology Group, having previously held the position of Acting Director for Defence Industry Development for the Western Australian Government.

With over a decade of experience working in industry development, Rachel has a keen focus on stakeholder engagement across Government, industry and academia to advance the Australian defence sector.

Her previous roles have included managing a national business development team in administering a \$28m Commonwealth Government program to increase research-industry collaborations and residing in Cambodia for a year to establish a social enterprise for a local not-for-profit that continues operating today, as part of the Australian Government International Development program. When not fostering business partnerships you'll find Rachel outdoors on the netball court or cheering for her AFL team, the mighty Hawks.



JACK HAYES

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: BRISBANE

Jack developed a passion for international diplomacy and politics in his undergraduate degree at Griffith University. His Honours thesis was the first qualitative study of LGBTI+ representation in Australian domestic politics, and this passion continues in Jack's PhD research on the LGBTI+ experience in international diplomacy. Jack is a PhD candidate in the Australian National University's Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, recognised as the pre-eminent centre in the region and one of the best in the world for research excellence in Asia Pacific affairs.

HENRY HERITAGE

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: BRISBANE

Henry works as a Policy Officer in a Strategic Policy and Legislation team in the Queensland Government. He studied International Relations in his undergraduate degree and is currently studying a Master of Politics and Policy. Henry has a deep interest in US politics and culture, with a particular interest in US multilateralism and partnerships in the South Pacific. He further developed this passion in 2019 when he completed a Congressional internship in the US House of Representatives. Henry also regularly publishes articles on politics and foreign affairs.



BEN GOWDIE

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: BRISBANE

Ben is a Research Officer at the Tech Policy Design Centre, housed at ANU. His work focuses on collaborating with industry and government to design fit-for-purpose tech policy. Ben is currently project lead for the Tech Policy Design Kit - Australia's first comprehensive, best-practice guide to designing tech policy that is endorsed by both the Tech Council of Australia and the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet. Ben studies a Master of National Security Policy at ANU and has a background in public policy. He is an impatient optimist and always has time to talk music.



JENA JAENSCH

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ADELAIDE

Jena Jaensch is a researcher focusing on gender, disarmament, and peace-building. She is currently studying a Graduate Certificate in Gender Mainstreaming Policy and Analysis at Flinders University. Her interest in international security led her to the University of Adelaide where she completed a Bachelor of Politics and International Studies and later to Queens University, Belfast where she received a Master of Arts in Violence, Terrorism and Security.

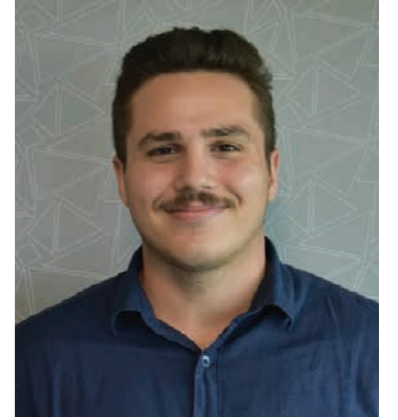
Jena has published a number of articles with think tank SAGE International Australia and has written for the Australian Institute of International Affairs, researching the impact of 'Brexit' on Northern Ireland.

Jena has previous experience as a political and security risk analysis at Riskline and currently works at the Red Cross as part of their Emergency Services team. Jena is also an active volunteer with a number of organisations; she currently sits on the Red Cross Youth Advisory Committee and is an editor with Young Australians in International Affairs.

JAYA PASTOR-ELSEGOOD

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ONLINE

Jaya is a young national security professional who started his career in the Northern Territory, first in the private sector and then in the Northern Territory Public Service, working for DefenceNT within the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet. A Darwin local, Jaya has spent most of his life in the Northern Territory but has lived abroad in Indonesia and Singapore as well. Jaya has just recently obtained a role with CMAX Advisory in Canberra, working as an advisor across the firm's Defence and National Security projects and clients. Jaya studied a Bachelor of International Relations, minoring in Bahasa Indonesia at the ANU, completing his degree in 2020. Jaya has been involved in various branches of the Australia Indonesia Youth Association since 2018 and has participated in a number of national security focused endeavours, including as a delegate in the LaTrobe Asia Emerging Leaders in the Indo-Pacific program and as a co-author of the inaugural Youth National Security Strategy which was released in June 2022. Jaya has a keen interest in international relations and security studies, and Australia's place in the Indo-Pacific region.



MICHELLE LAM

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: PERTH

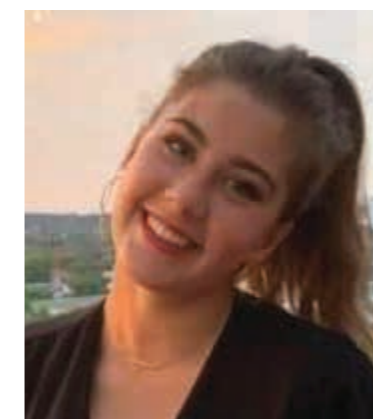
Michelle is the current Co-Chief Executive Officer of the ASEAN-Australia Strategic Youth Partnership, the leading organisation working to create people-to-people connections between young people across Australia and the ASEAN countries. She is a current Juris Doctor candidate at the University of Melbourne and a paralegal at Allens Linklaters Melbourne. She has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Australia majoring in international relations and political affairs. She has a range of work and internship experience with the WA Police, WA Department of Premier and Cabinet, and research groups such as the Centre for Muslim States and Societies. She is passionate about building capacity in young people to tackle regional problems such as counter-trafficking, sustainable development, and regional security.



JANKA REYNDERS

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ONLINE

Janka Reynders is currently in her final year of a Masters of International Relations at the Australian National University. Moving to Canberra from Western Australia's Central Wheatbelt region to pursue a career in International Relations and Foreign Policy, Janka's studies have focused on the Pacific region, a strategic sphere of influence where Australian and US interests converge. Looking toward the Pacific is critical for future foreign policy, as the region has already been identified as a future flashpoint with the encroaching influences vying for a strategic foothold. Janka is looking forward to deepening her understanding of Australia's relationship with the US and how this partnership influences security in the region.



TOM LAMOND

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: PERTH

Tom Lamond is an industry facing policy professional, with broad experience ranging from regionally focused not-for-profits, 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 a 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 combine's an understanding of business needs and best practice public policy approaches to develop practical industry lead solutions to businesses most pressing challenges.

MARCUS SCHULTZ

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ONLINE

Marcus Schultz is a Master of International Relations student at the University of Western Australia. He has a keen interest in US-Australia relations and is currently completing his dissertation on the elevation of deterrence in the modern US-Australia Alliance. This research seeks to highlight what implications this new era of integrated defence and deterrence has for Australian defence policy and strategy going forward.

Marcus has completed several competitive internships and flagship units during his undergraduate and postgraduate studies at UWA, including the 2022 International Relations in the Indian Ocean Rim flagship collaborative course facilitated by Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and the 2020 WA Parliamentary Research Program.

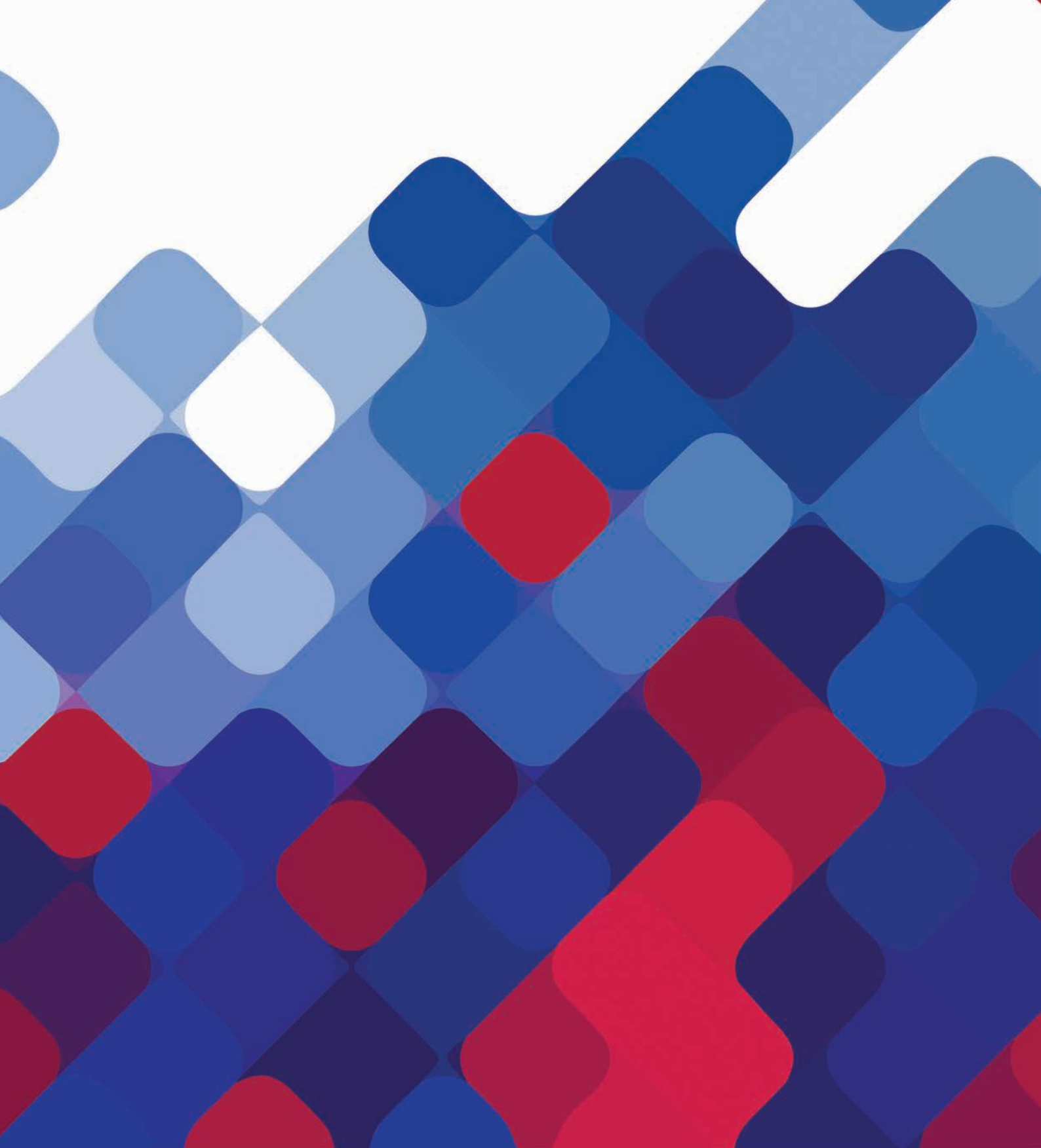


CAMERON SMITH

REGIONAL WORKSHOP: ONLINE

Cameron Smith is a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) graduate, where he majored in History and International Relations from the University of Wollongong. He is a dual US-Australian citizen and contributes to several publications, such as the Journal on World Affairs at UCLA where he is the Managing Editor. Cameron also has previous experience as the North American Regional Correspondent for the Young Diplomats Society and was an intern for the Australian Institute of International Affairs. Currently, he is a co-founder and the Chief Operations Officer for the Australia-Pacific Youth Dialogue, a councilmember of the US Embassy's inaugural Canberra Youth Advisory Council, and is working full-time for the Australian Government. Cameron has a strong interest in US foreign policy, maritime security, and grey-zone operations in the Indo-Pacific. He also has a keen interest in Australia's strategic interests and wider national security policy.





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