

A decade of change in Australia diplomacy

11:00 – 11:20am Welcome
Melissa Conley Tyler FAIA, Executive Director, Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy & Defence Dialogue (AP4D)
Remarks
Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Setting the context: diplomacy in a time of geopolitical competition

Chair: Susannah Patton, Director of the Southeast Asia Program, Lowy Institute

11:20am – 12:50pm Strategic messaging for deterrence
Jane Hardy, Non-Resident Senior Fellow, United States Studies Centre
Australia's China diplomacy
Associate Professor Marina Zhang, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney
Australia's Pacific diplomacy
Priestley Habru, School of Social Sciences, The University of Adelaide
Australia's maritime diplomacy
Professor Bec Strating, La Trobe Asia
Multilateral diplomacy
Professor Susan Harris Rimmer FAIA, Griffith Law School, Griffith University

12:50 – 1:30pm **Lunch**

Building diplomatic capability: DFAT adaptation and change

Chair: Bridi Rice, CEO, Development Intelligence Lab

1:30 – 3:00pm Australian diplomacy in a post rules-based international order
Peter Varghese AO, Chancellor of the University of Queensland and former Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Diplomatic capacity
Ian Kemish AM, Distinguished Advisor, ANU National Security College and Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Queensland
Development aid within DFAT
Jess Mackenzie, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
First Nations foreign policy
James Blackwell, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University
Diversity and diplomacy
Dr Elise Stephenson, Global Institute for Women's Leadership, Australian National University

3:00 –
3:30pm

Afternoon tea

Diplomacy outside DFAT

Chair: Dr Julie Ballangarry, School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University

3:30 –
4:45pm

Defence Diplomacy

Dr Shannon Zimmerman, Center for Future Defence and National Security, Deakin University

International Education

Professor Caitlin Byrne FAIA, Pro Vice Chancellor (Business), Griffith University

Economic Statecraft

Helen Mitchell, Sir Roland Wilson Scholar, Australian National University

Private Sector

Dr William Stoltz, ANU National Security College and CyberCX

Discussant

Nicola Rosenblum, Executive Director, Australian Civil-Military Centre (ACMC)

Looking ahead and closing remarks

Chair: Dr Kate O'Shaughnessy, Perth USAsia Centre

4:45 –
5:30pm

Intergenerational diplomacy

Thenu Herath, former CEO of The Oaktree Foundation

Climate diplomacy and COP31

Dr Wesley Morgan, Griffith Asia Institute

Making the right investments

Will Leben, Development Intelligence Lab

- Aaron Kearney OAM, ABC International Development
- Dr Abdul Rahman Yaacob, Lowy Institute
- Adi Salote Koronuku Jade Tagivakatini, University of Adelaide
- Aedan Whyatt, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Alan Hewson, Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
- Amy Williams, ASEAN-Australia Centre
- CMD Andrea Quinn APM, Australian Federal Police
- Dr Andreas Radtke, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Australia & New Zealand
- Associate Professor Andrew Carr, ANU Strategic & Defence Studies Centre
- Anna Naupa, Australian National University
- Dr Annemarie Devereux, Griffith Law School
- HE Arjaree Sriratanaban, Ambassador, Royal Thai Embassy
- Brett Chant, Development Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Dr Bryce Wakefield, Australian Institute of International Affairs National Office
- Dr Cameron Hill, Development Policy Centre, Australian National University
- Catherine Gill, Development Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Charles Adamson, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Chris Gardiner, The Institute for Regional Security
- Christopher Anderson, Director Policy and International, Australian Academy of Science
- Claire Scott, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Dr Claire Yorke, Australian War College and Deakin University
- GPCAPT Dan Drinan, Australian Civil-Military Centre (ACMC)
- Derya Koc-Macdonald, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Doris Voorbraak, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Dr Fitriani, Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Fiona Hoggart, ASEAN-Australia Centre
- Gemma Williams, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Glenn Elson, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Grace Stanhope, Lowy Institute
- Heath McMichael, Australian Institute of International Affairs ACT Branch
- Helen Stratton, Department of Defence International Policy Division
- Dr Huong Le Thu, International Crisis Group
- Jack Hayes, Australian National University
- James Batley PSM, ANU Department of Pacific Affairs

- John McCarthy, University of Melbourne Vice-Chancellor's Fellow
- Jules Frost, Australian Civil-Military Centre (ACMC)
- Luke Arnold, Office of Southeast Asia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Professor Meg Keen, ANU Department of Pacific Affairs
- Mary Hunt, British High Commission
- Matthew Maury (AP4D Co-Chair), Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
- Melissa Hitchman, Australian National University
- Professor Michael Wesley FAIIA (AP4D Co-Chair), University of Melbourne
- Natalie McLean, Australian Civil-Military Centre (ACMC)
- Nathan Hansford, International Development Contractors Community (IDCC)
- HE Nikolas Stürchler, Ambassador of Switzerland
- Nigel Stanier, Policy Planning Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (likely)
- Peerapong Phimonwachayakit, Royal Thai Embassy
- Ridvan Kilic, Deakin University
- Professor Shirley Scott FAIIA, UNSW Canberra
- Dr Sophie Lewis, ACT Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment
- Steph Gorecki Natik, International Economics and Security Division, The Treasury
- Susan Dietz, ANU National Security College
- Sonya Neufeld, Development Policy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
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