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Australia-India Roundtable

Wednesday 13 November

From 9.00am	Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston St, Carlton Guests arrive for registration and networking
9.30am	<p>Welcome Introduction of Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador H. K. Singh, Director General, Delhi Policy Group • Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group • Commodore Lalit Kapur, Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group • Ms Aashna John, Research Associate, Delhi Policy Group <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ric Smith AO PSM and Professor Tony Milner, Co-Chairs, AusCSCAP • Ambassador H. K. Singh, Director General, Delhi Policy Group • Professor Craig Jeffrey, Director and CEO, Australia India Institute
9.45am	Session I: India-Australia Bilateral Relations – Overview Discussion
	<p><i>Prospects for security and economic cooperation – progress in civil nuclear cooperation – defence cooperation – cooperation in science technology – education and skills training – trade and investment – energy and minerals – cooperation on global issues.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms Penny Burt, Group Chief Executive Officer, Asialink</p>
11.00am	Tea Break

11.30am	Session II: Recent Developments in the Indo-Pacific
	<p><i>US, China, Japan, Indonesia – regional security architecture – IORA, ASEAN-centric institutions, trilaterals, the Quad and the SCO – economic cooperation – the current and future role of China in the region including the Indian Ocean, Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia and the South Pacific.</i></p> <p><u>Moderators:</u> Mr Ric Smith and Professor Tony Milner</p>
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Session II: Recent Developments in the Indo-Pacific <i>continued</i>
2.30pm	Tea Break
3.00pm	Session III: Foreign and Security Policy Challenges of India and Australia
	<p><i>The foreign and security policy challenges of India and Australia – cooperation in counter terrorism – cyber security – the post-election scenario in India and Australia and implications for foreign and security policy – comparative analysis of how India and Australia engage with China</i></p> <p><u>Moderators:</u> Mr Ric Smith and Professor Tony Milner</p>
4.45pm	Conclusion and Wrap-up
5:30pm	Reception
	<p>Concluding drinks hosted by the Australia India Institute Australia India Institute Seminar Room, 149 Barry St, Carlton</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Craig Jeffrey • Ambassador H. K. Singh
6:30pm	Reception concludes



PARTICIPANT PROFILES

AUSTRALIA-INDIA ROUNDTABLE

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Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston St, Carlton, VIC 3053

INDIAN DELEGATION

Ambassador H. K. Singh

Director General
Delhi Policy Group

Ambassador H. K. Singh served in the Indian Foreign Service from 1974-2010 and is a distinguished former career diplomat with extensive experience of geo-strategic and geo-economic issues as well as multilateral institutions which underpin international law and commerce.

He has been India's longest serving Ambassador to Japan (2006-2010), Ambassador to Indonesia and Timor Leste (2003-2006), Ambassador to Colombia, Ecuador and Costa Rica (1999-2002), and India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN in Geneva (1995-1999). He has held several significant assignments during his career, dealing with the United States, West Europe and the European Union and India's immediate neighbours.

Ambassador Singh has contributed to the forging of the India-Japan strategic and global partnership, the intensification of India's relations with Indonesia and ASEAN, the evolution of India's revitalised Look East Policy and the shaping of India's policy towards key neighbours and strategic partners.

From 2011-2016, Ambassador Singh was Professor for Strategic Studies at ICRIER, a leading think tank in New Delhi. In June 2016, Ambassador Singh assumed responsibilities as Director General, Delhi Policy Group, which is among India's oldest independent think tanks focused on strategic issues of critical national interest. He has been associated with several public policy initiatives and Track II / Track 1.5 strategic dialogues involving major think tanks of India, US, Russia, Japan and Asia. He has written and worked extensively on the ongoing transformation of India's foreign policy and relations with the United States and Japan and their growing convergences in shaping Asia's emerging economic and security architecture.

An alumnus of St. Stephen's College, Delhi, where he studied (1967-72) and later taught (1972-74), Ambassador Singh holds an M.A. degree from the University of Delhi. His varied interests include civilisation and culture, the natural environment and sports.

Ambassador Biren Nanda

Senior Fellow
Delhi Policy Group

Ambassador Biren Nanda served in the Indian Foreign Service from 1978 to 2015 and is a distinguished former career diplomat with extensive experience of working in East Asia.

He has been India's High Commissioner to Australia (2012-2015); Ambassador to Indonesia, Timor Leste and the ASEAN (2008-12); India's Deputy Chief of Mission in Tokyo (2000-2004) and Consul General in Shanghai (1996-2000). Ambassador Nanda has also served in Indian Missions in Beijing, Washington DC and Singapore. He spent a total of ten years in China during his three terms as a diplomat in that country. His entire career as a diplomat was spent in East Asia with the sole exception of his Washington posting.

During 2004-2008 Ambassador Nanda was posted in the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi as Joint Secretary (South) and was responsible for India's relations with Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Ambassador Nanda contributed to the strengthening of the strategic partnership between India and Indonesia, the strengthening and diversification of India's relations with Australia and helped reinvigorate India's Look East Policy and the intensification of India's ties with ASEAN and Pacific countries.

Ambassador Nanda retired from the Indian Foreign Service in January 2015. He has since participated in a number of Track 2 dialogues involving major Think Tanks of Japan, Australia and China. In July 2016, he joined the Delhi Policy Group as a Senior Fellow. The Delhi Policy Group is amongst India's oldest independent think tanks focused on strategic issues of critical national interest.

He is currently the co-Chair of the India Indonesia Eminent Persons Group which is to draw up a Vision Statement 2025 for the Strategic Partnership between the two countries. An alumnus of the St Stephen's College, New Delhi, (1971-74) Ambassador Nanda holds an MA degree from the Delhi School of Economics (1974-76). His interests include travel, listening to Indian Classical Music and reading

He is currently the co-Chair of the India Indonesia Eminent Person's Group which is to draw up a Vision Statement 2025 for the Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

Commodore Lalit Kapur

Senior Fellow

Delhi Policy Group

An alumnus of the Doon School, Dehradun and the National Defence Academy, Cmde Lalit Kapur is a veteran with over 35 years of commissioned service in the Indian Navy. He has served on a wide variety of Western and Russian origin ships, been a member of the Fifth Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (during which he pioneered a technique for survey of the Ice Shelf in the vicinity of Dakshin Gangotri); been India Defence Attaché at Muscat 1999-2002 and held a wide variety of seagoing assignments. He has served in the Defence Intelligence Agency as its first Deputy Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Defence Protocol and Foreign Liaison), where he was responsible for overseeing all foreign defence representatives in India, all Indian defence representatives abroad and military intelligence cooperation with friendly foreign countries; the Strategic Forces Command where he was responsible for strategic communications and the sea vector, and at Headquarters Offshore Defence Advisory Group, Mumbai, where he was responsible for all its operations. He has over 12 years of tri-service experience, 8 years of diplomatic experience and has achieved a 'Distinguished' grading in every course he has attended since 1980. The Commodore holds a bachelor's Degree in science from Jawaharlal Nehru University as well as two master's Degrees (both with Distinction); one in Defence Studies from Madras University and the other in Management Studies from Osmania University. He also holds an M Phil degree from Mumbai University. A prolific reader, his interests include International Relations, human resource development and military history. He writes professionally and has numerous published articles to his credit.

Ms. Aashna John

Research Associate

Delhi Policy Group

Aashna John is a graduate of the Symbiosis Law School where she earned her BBA LLB Degree in Business and Law in May 2018. She has previously interned at the Delhi Policy Group on the BBIN, BIMSTEC and India-Japan Track 1.5 Programs from December 2016 -February 2017 and again from July-October 2018.

AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPANTS

Prof. Nick Bisley

Head of School of
Humanities and Social
Sciences and Professor
of International Relations

La Trobe University

Nick Bisley is the Head of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations. His research and teaching expertise is in Asia's international relations, great power politics and Australian foreign and defence policy. Nick recently completed his tenure as the Editor-in-Chief of *The Australian Journal of International Affairs*, the country's oldest scholarly journal in the field of International Relations. Nick is a member of the advisory board of China Matters and a member of the Council for Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. He has been a Senior Research Associate of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and a Visiting Fellow at the East West-Center in Washington DC.

Nick is the author of many works on international relations, including *Issues in 21st Century World Politics*, 3rd Edition (Palgrave, 2017), *Great Powers in the Changing International Order* (Lynne Rienner, 2012), and *Building Asia's Security* (IISS/Routledge, 2009, Adelphi No. 408). He regularly contributes to and is quoted in national and international media including *The Guardian*, *The Wall Street Journal*, CNN and *Time Magazine*.

Dr. David Brewster

Senior Research Fellow,
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Dr David Brewster is a Senior Research Fellow with the National Security College, The Australian National University where he works on Indian Ocean and Indo Pacific maritime security. He also holds appointments as Fellow with the Royal Australian Navy Sea Power Centre and Distinguished Research Fellow with the Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne.

Dr Brewster's books include *India as an Asia Pacific power* and *India's Ocean: the story of India's bid for regional leadership*. His latest edited volume is *India and China at Sea: Competition for Naval Dominance in the Indian Ocean*. Dr Brewster is also the author of a major new report, *Australia's Second Sea: Facing our Multipolar Future in the Indian Ocean*, which proposes a new roadmap for Australia's strategic engagement in the Indian Ocean.

Ms. Penny Burtt

Group CEO

Asialink, The University
of Melbourne

Penny is the Group CEO of Asialink, Australia's leading centre for the promotion of public understanding of the countries of Asia and of Australia's role in the region. She joined Asialink from global payments company Visa, where she served as Vice President, Government Affairs, Asia Pacific. Prior to Visa, Penny led External Relations and Client Service Risk for the Asia Pacific with McKinsey&Company.

Penny is a former diplomat and represented Australia at a senior level in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and at the United Nations in Geneva and New York. She previously served as an Adviser to the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

In the course of her career, Penny has participated in key regional economic and trade initiatives, including bilateral FTA negotiations, APEC, the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations and served as a business delegate to regional economic ministers' meetings. She has served on the Board of the U.S. National Center for APEC and the Singapore Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

Dr. Priya Chacko

Senior Lecturer
University of Adelaide

Dr Priya Chacko is a Senior Lecturer in International Politics in the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Adelaide where she teaches courses and supervises research on foreign policy and South Asian politics. She previously held positions at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa and Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

Her current research projects focus on the impact of market reform on India's foreign policy and social policy and the intersection of Hindu nationalism, populism and neoliberalism in Indian politics and policy making.

Ms. Melissa Conley Tyler

Director, Diplomacy
Asialink, The University of Melbourne

Melissa comes to Asialink after 13 years as National Executive Director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA). Under her leadership, the AIIA was recognised as the Top Think Tank in Southeast and the Pacific and one of the top 50 think tanks worldwide in the University of Pennsylvania's Global Go To Think Tanks Index for three years running. She has delivered more than 40 dialogues involving academics, government officials, media and business. She is also a regular commentator on Australian international relations.

Melissa is a lawyer and specialist in conflict resolution, including negotiation, mediation and peace education. She was Program Manager of the International Conflict Resolution Centre at the University of Melbourne and Senior Fellow of Melbourne Law School.

In 2017, she co-authored Think Tank Diplomacy, the first-ever book length discussion of the role of think tanks in modern diplomacy.

Dr. Surjeet Dogra Dhanji

Honorary Fellow
Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne

Dr. Surjeet Dogra Dhanji is an Honorary Fellow at the Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne.

Her specialties and research areas of interest include migration acculturation and integration, ethnicity, immigration policies, ethnic minority groups, human and social capital; community development and cultural diversity programs; leadership development programs; social networking; mentoring and teaching.

Mr. James Edwards

Regional Specialist, India and South Asia
Global Victoria

James is the Manager of Global Engagement for South Asia and the Middle East at Global Victoria. He leads the coordination of Victoria's economic engagement with India from Melbourne, working directly with the Victorian Government Trade and Investment offices in Bengaluru and Mumbai. He led the development of Victoria's India Strategy – a ten year plan, released in 2018.

He has been working with the Victorian State Govt since Feb 2014, including roles in the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Regional Development Victoria and Global Victoria. James is passionate about creating global connections for Victoria through innovative economic outcomes, youth leadership and cultural understanding. He is also a board member of the Australia India Youth Dialogue.

Mr. Luke Gosling OAM MP

*Federal Member for
Solomon, Northern
Territory*

Luke Gosling started his working life with Defence, spending 13 years in the Army including leadership roles in Parachute Infantry, Commandos, Defence Cooperation Programs, the Territory's own Norforce, as well as overseas service in Malaysia and Timor-Leste. After Defence, Luke worked overseas in countries such as Afghanistan, Cambodia, Albania and Timor-Leste and co-founded Life, Love and Health, an Australian volunteer charity in Timor-Leste. LL&H fundraised to build schools, ensure running water to remote villages, and deliver maternal health care. For this work Luke was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2006.

He was awarded the Timor-Leste Presidential Medal of Merit for relief work during the 2006 humanitarian crisis and for his work for the Office of the President.

Dr. Don Greenlees

*Senior Advisor
Asialink, The University
of Melbourne*

Donald Greenlees is an award-winning journalist, author, and advisor on international political and business affairs. He has spent more than 20 years working in East Asia for international media, business consultancies and conducting academic and book research. As a political journalist in Canberra in the 1980s and 1990s, Greenlees covered the Hawke, Keating and Howard governments for several newspapers and television networks, including *The Australian* and ABC's Lateline program.

He also has extensive experience in the international media. He was a correspondent for the UK's Independent Television News and SBS's Dateline in South America in 1990-1991. His Asian assignments include staff correspondent in Jakarta for *The Australian*, in Seoul for the *Far Eastern Economic Review* and *Wall Street Journal*, and in Hong Kong as regional correspondent for *The New York Times*.

Dr. Meg Gurry

*Academic Fellow
Australia India Institute*

Dr Meg Gurry is an academic researcher who is updating and revising her earlier work on the history of Australia-India government and diplomatic relations. She is a former lecturer in Australian foreign policy at La Trobe University where she currently serves as an honorary research associate. Her area of scholarship and academic publications focus on Australia's engagement with Asia since 1945, with particular attention to India, and her research is principally archive-based, working out of the National Australian Archives in Canberra.

Dr Gurry has also taught history and politics in a number of humanities subjects at secondary school and university level and worked in the area of aid and community development. She has a BA and DipEd from Monash University, and a PhD in politics from La Trobe.

Prof. Robin Jeffrey

*Emeritus Professor,
College of Asia and the
Pacific
The Australian National
University*

Prof. Jeffrey took up a position as a research fellow at the Australian National University upon completion of his doctorate. He has taught at that institution in Canberra during two different periods. He taught politics at La Trobe University between 1979 and 2005, where he became a professor. In 2002, he was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences, having been previously elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities in 1994.

As of 2018, Jeffrey is an Emeritus Professor of La Trobe University and the Australian National University. He chairs an advisory panel of the Australia India Institute within the University of Melbourne. He was a visiting research professor at the Institute of South Asian Studies, based at the National University of Singapore, since 2009.

Prof. Craig Jeffrey

Group CEO & Director
Australia India Institute

Craig Jeffrey is Director and CEO of the Australia India Institute, Australia's premier centre for the study of India.

A leading authority on South Asian youth, Craig has spent over two decades working in western Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. He also writes on Indian democracy, educational transformation, and globalisation and has authored six books, including *Timepass: Youth, Class and the Politics of Waiting in India*, *Keywords for Modern India*, and *A Very Short Introduction to Modern India*. Professor Jeffrey's work has informed the policy of governments and global organisations including the United Nations, World Bank, UK Department of International Development, and the Australian Government.

In 2015, Craig launched the New Generation Network, a ground-breaking network of postdoctoral fellows researching aspects of contemporary India across Australia.

Mr. Robert Johanson

Board Member
Australia India Institute

Robert Johanson is the Chair of Australia India Institute Board; Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, MBD Energy, and Australian Friends of Asha; as well as Director of Neoclone Ltd and Robert Salzer Foundation.

He was the Deputy Chancellor of University of Melbourne (2007-2017) and member of Takeovers Panel. He worked at corporate advisory firm Grant Samuel and since 1993 was responsible for its Melbourne office. Robert has 30 years' experience in corporate finance and investment banking, including the corporate division of Macquarie Bank, and has been involved in a wide variety of capital markets transactions for leading corporations. Previously he worked as a solicitor, a law lecturer and as a consultant to mining and finance businesses. He is also a sheep farmer.

Mr. Raj Kumar

Consul-General
Consulate-General of
India in Melbourne

During the span of over 33 years of service in the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Mr. Raj Kumar served in different capacities at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi as well as in Indian diplomatic missions in Libya, Malaysia, Kenya, United Kingdom, Nigeria, Panama, Sri Lanka and Jalalabad.

His diplomatic assignments include administrative and diplomatic work covering Political, Commercial, Consular and Cultural desks in Indian Missions. He also worked as Head of Office at the Office of the High Commission of India, Lagos (Nigeria), Charge d'Affairs in Embassy of India, Panama and Consul General at Consulate General of India, Hambantota (Sri Lanka) and Consulate General of India Jalalabad (Afghanistan).

Dr. Amrita Malhi

Visiting Fellow, Coral Bell
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University

Dr Amrita Malhi is a Visiting Fellow in the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at The Australian National University. Amrita is a Historian of Southeast Asia, with a primary interest in Islam, shifting identities and identity conflict in colonial Malaya and contemporary Malaysia. Amrita is working on a book on the allure of the Caliphate in Southeast Asia and some of her work on this topic has been published in the *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *The Muslim World*, and an edited volume published by the British Academy. Amrita is also a regular public commentator on Malaysian politics, and her work appears on *New Mandala*, *East Asia Forum*, *Inside Story* and *The Conversation*.

In 2015, Amrita convened a public policy outreach and development workshop called InterculturAdelaide with the support of the Government of South Australia and in association with the Ninth International Convention of Asia Scholars (ICAS9). She has recently developed a set of contemporary intercultural principles for an Australia that is increasingly enmeshed with Asia and searching for a new place in a multipolar world.

Mr. John McCarthy AO FAIA

*Former High
Commissioner of
Australia to India (2004-
2009)*

John McCarthy has served as Australian Ambassador to Vietnam (1981-1983); Mexico (1985-1987); Thailand (1992-1994); the United States (1995-1997); Indonesia (1997-2000) Japan (2001-2004) and High Commissioner to India (2004-2009).

He has previously served as Chair of the Australia-India Council, Deputy Chair of the Australia-India Institute, Chair of the Advisory Board of the Griffith Asia Institute and Co-Convenor of the Australia-Indonesia Dialogue.

He currently serves as the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Griffith Institute and as a Visiting Fellow for The Australian National University's School of Asia and the Pacific, along with several roles in the private sector.

Dr. Dave McRae

*Senior Research Fellow
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University of Melbourne*

Dave McRae is a Senior Research Fellow, Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne. He was previously a Research Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy and a Visiting Fellow at the Department of Political and Social Change, Australian National University. Dave McRae has researched conflict, politics, democratisation and human rights issues in Indonesia for over a decade. He wrote his Ph.D. at the Australian National University on post-authoritarian inter-religious violence in Indonesia. As Lead Researcher for the World Bank's Conflict and Development Team in Indonesia between 2008 and 2010 he led a research program on interventions to prevent conflict and address its impacts. Prior to this, he worked for the Jakarta office of the International Crisis Group between 2004 and 2006, researching and writing reports on most of Indonesia's major conflict areas.

Dave holds a Bachelor of Asian Studies (Specialist-Indonesian) degree with honours and university medal from the Australian National University, as well as a Ph.D. in Southeast Asian Studies. He speaks fluent Indonesian. His book, *A Few Poorly Organized Men: Interreligious Violence in Poso, Indonesia* was published by Brill in 2013.

Prof. Derek McDougall

*Principal Fellow, School
of Social and Political
Sciences*

Derek McDougall is a Professorial Fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences, The University of Melbourne. His main field of interest is Asia-Pacific international politics, with particular reference to Australian engagement in the region. His most recent book in this field is *Asia Pacific in World Politics*, 2nd edition (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2016). Professor McDougall is an active member of the International Advisory Board for *Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, contributing many articles to this journal.

A recent and ongoing project (with Pradeep Taneja) is a study of the agency of four Indian Ocean island states (Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles) in relation to Sino-Indian competition. Another current project is a study of Australian involvement in

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humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in the South Pacific (through the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore).

Prof. Tony Milner AM FASSA

Co-Chair
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*International Director and
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Tony Milner is Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Melbourne and Visiting Professor at the University of Malaya. He was Basham Professor of Asian History and Dean of Asian Studies at the Australian National University. Tony has written widely on Southeast Asian history – particularly the history of the Malay world – and also on Australia-Asia relations.

In the 1990s he was Director of the Australia-Asia Perceptions Project of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, which brought together more than a hundred researchers from a wide range of fields. He is Co-Chair of the Australian Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific. Tony is co-author (with Sally Percival-Wood) of *Our Place in the Asian Century: Southeast Asia as the Third Way* (Melbourne: Asialink Commission, 2012).

He has been a member of a range of Australian Government committees and councils, and is a frequent commentator in the media. He is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia.

Ms. Ali Moore

*Former Vice-Chancellor's
Fellow*
The University of
Melbourne

Ali Moore has more than 25 years of experience as a journalist and broadcaster, working for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Australia's Nine Network, and for the BBC's global news network, based in Singapore. She has covered major news and current affairs events across the region, reporting from Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Indonesia, and China.

She is now a freelance broadcaster and journalist and recently finished a term as a Vice Chancellor's Fellow at The University of Melbourne, working with Asialink.

In her more than two decades as a broadcaster Ali has interviewed key decision makers from a range of companies, industries and political theatres. Her previous roles include ABC China Correspondent, host of Australia's premier late night TV current affairs program *Lateline*, and anchor of some of the country's key business news programs (*Business Sunday*, *Lateline Business*).

Mr. Sid Myer AM

Chairman

Myer Family Investments

Former Chairman

Asialink, The University
of Melbourne

Sid Myer is the Chairman of Myer Family Investments Pty Ltd, and Chairman of the Estate of Sidney Myer.

After 20 years as the CEO of The Yulgilbar Group of Companies, Mr Myer retired in 2016 and remains a non-executive director of the Group. The Yulgilbar Group of Companies manages local and international investment portfolios, agricultural interests in Australia, and the property and business interests. He is also a Director of boutique fund manager, Copia Investment Partners.

Mr Myer has built diverse global networks across business, government, academia and the arts. He has particular strong associations with Asia, having lived and worked in Malaysia for over four years in the early 1990s.

Mr Myer is an active contributor to, and supporter of, many charitable projects. He recently retired as Chairman of Asialink after 12 years in the role. In 2015 he joined the Board of the National Portrait Gallery Australia, and became President of the National Portrait Gallery Foundation. Mr Myer is also a Trustee of The Sidney Myer Fund, which funds initiatives across a wide range of social and community projects in Australia.

Ms. Rebecca Perkins

Policy Officer

Department of Defence

Rebecca joined the Department of Defence in November 2016, and is the Policy Officer for Australia's defence relationship with India in International Policy Division. In this role she is responsible for managing a diverse and growing defence relationship as part of the broader bilateral Australia-India agenda. Prior to this, Rebecca worked on Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, delivering Australia's Defence Cooperation Program across a spectrum from ministerial dialogue to in-country training programs and practical initiatives. Rebecca has also worked on the Australia-US Ministerial Consultations and delivered the inaugural Sub-Regional Defence Ministers' Meeting on Counter-Terrorism.

Before joining International Policy Division, Rebecca worked in Defence Export Controls, advising Australian defence industry on export regulations and licensing. Rebecca also has private sector experience as a consultant for EY's Canberra Advisory practice – focused on program management and innovation with public sector clients including the Departments of Defence, Human Services, Education, and Health.

Rebecca has a Masters of Strategic Studies (2014) and a Bachelor of Asia Pacific Studies (Hons, 2011) with majors in Indonesian language and security studies, from the Australian National University.

Ms. Merinda Petersen

Asialink, The University
of Melbourne

Merinda Petersen is currently working at Asialink on secondment from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Merinda joined DFAT in February 2016 after undertaking a graduate program with the Victorian Public Service where she trained as a government lawyer. In 2018, she was chosen to be Australia's Fellow for the United Nations Disarmament Fellowship Programme. This involved engaging with foreign ministries, international organisations, think tanks and academics in countries across Asia, Europe and North America. She completed a Bachelor of Arts/Law (Honours) at the University of Melbourne.

At DFAT, she received a Secretary's team award for the third review of the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement. She has worked across most areas in the International Security Division, and has also worked in areas covering strategic policy, legal, trade and bilateral relations. She has served on many delegations, and first did so in 2012 when she was Australia's Disarmament Intern at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva. This year, she has focused on assisting with the implementation of

recommendations to businesses and governments in the region to address modern slavery risks in their operations and supply chains.

Assoc. Prof. Haripriya Rangan

Associate Professor
Australia India Institute

Haripriya Rangan trained in architecture and urban planning in India, and holds a doctoral degree from the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA) in urban and regional development. Haripriya has over 20 years of research and teaching experience in universities in the USA and Australia. She has lectured at the University of California Berkeley, University of Kentucky, RMIT University and Monash University.

Haripriya has an excellent international research reputation in the field of political ecology and a strong record in research funding and publication. Her research on forestry and regional development in the Indian Himalayas is considered highly influential and widely cited by political ecologists and scholars working on environmental movements in South Asia. She has won several national competitive research grants. Haripriya's current research centres on natural resource and landscape management in South Africa, India and Australia, and environmental history of the Indian Ocean World.

Assoc. Prof. Maria Rost Rublee

School of Social
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University

Maria Rost Rublee is a senior lecturer (associate professor) at the School of Social Sciences at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Her work uses social constructivism and social psychology to understand how material and normative factors interact to shape elite and civil society conceptions of "security."

Her book, *Nonproliferation Norms: Why States Choose Nuclear Restraint* (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2009), received the Alexander George Book Award for best book in political psychology, awarded by the International Society for Political Psychology.

Mr. Jay Sangani

Director, India Political
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Jay Sangani is Director of the India Political Section in the South and West Asia Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. From 2016 to 2019 he was Economic Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Seoul. Before his posting to Korea, Jay was Director of the Investment, Trade Finance and OECD Section in DFAT's Economic Division.

Prior to joining DFAT, Jay worked as a strategic policy adviser in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and in the private sector. Jay holds a B.Sc. (Hons) in Economics and Philosophy from the London School of Economics, and an M.A. in International Relations from Warwick University, England.

Mr. Sean Singh

Administrator
AusCSCAP

Sean Singh, Administrator AusCSCAP, served with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for over 30 years. In that time, he worked on South East Asia bilateral, the Middle East, international law and security, diplomatic training, central and southern Europe, and multilateral policy with a focus on human rights and gender. He has undertaken postings in the Middle East (Cairo, Riyadh, Beirut), Dublin and most recently served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in The Hague.

Mr. Ric Smith AO PSM

Co-Chair
AusCSCAP

Richard Campbell (Ric) Smith AO PSM joined the Department of External Affairs in 1969. He served in Australia's diplomatic missions in India, Israel, The Philippines and Hawaii. He was a Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 1992 to 1994, and Deputy Secretary of the Department of Defence in 1994-95. He served as Ambassador to China and Mongolia from 1996 to 2000, and as Ambassador to Indonesia in 2001-02. He was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence in 2002, and retired from the Public Service in 2006.

In 2008 Mr Smith led a review of Australia's Homeland and Border Security; in 2011 he co-led a review of the ADF's force posture; in 2013 he was a member of the Defence Minister's White Paper advisory panel; and in 2016 he served as the Independent Review Leader for the Functional and Efficiency Review of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. From 2009 to 2013 he was Australia's Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Dr. Christopher Snedden

*Director, Strategic and
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Asia Calling

Christopher is a politico-strategic analyst, author, academic, and media analyst and commentator who has specialised in India and South Asia since 1981. He uses his skills and background to inform people about these diverse areas and to untangle some of their curious complexities. Chris harbours a strong desire to see India-Pakistan relations improve.

Dr. Pradeep Taneja

Academic Fellow
Australia India Institute

Dr Pradeep Taneja lectures in Chinese politics, political economy and international relations at The University of Melbourne, where he is also an Associate of the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies and a Fellow of the Australia India Institute.

Born and raised in India, he has been in Australia since 1985. He was a graduate student at Peking University in the 1980s and has worked in various parts of China for a number of years.

His current research interests focus on the rise of China as a regional and global power, Sino-Indian and Sino-Australian relations and the international political implications of China's energy security policy. He is also working on a project examining the relationship between China's business elite and the Communist Party of China. Pradeep earned his PhD in Chinese political economy at Griffith University, Brisbane.

Prof. Richard Tanter

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