

Biographies of Moderator and Panellists

Moderator

Natalie Cope



Natalie Cope (BA/LLB (Honours)) is Manager, Partnerships and Development at Asialink Business. In this role Natalie is supporting the delivery of the Australian Federal Government mandate to create an Asia capable workforce through the delivery of world class capability training programs, applied research and advocacy focused on Australia's engagement with Asia.

Natalie was recently named Australia's Top Emerging Leader receiving the 2015 Emerging Leaders MBA Scholarship by the University of Sydney Business School and The Australian Financial Review's BOSS Magazine. Natalie is Ambassador to the Westpac Bi-Centennial Foundation, Asian Exchange Program and is a founding member and current Chair of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue.

Prior to her time with Asialink Business, Natalie practised as a litigation lawyer with DLA Piper, before which she worked in Beijing as a trainee lawyer with one of China's premier law firms. Natalie has lived, travelled and worked in China and the region and is a strong supporter of the benefits of exchange, herself having participated in study programs in Shanghai, Beijing, HK, Malaysia, Italy, Mexico and the U.S.

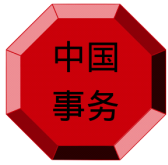
Panellists

Tom Boak



Tom is an advisor with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Tom previously worked with the Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI) as a researcher, where he published an audit of the Australia-China relationship looking at economic, military, cultural and diplomatic ties. He also worked with ACRI Deputy Director James Laurenceson on the institute's contribution to the Australia-China Joint Economic Report, led in Australia by Professor Peter Drysdale of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research at the Australian National University.

Tom has previously held positions with the Committee for Sydney and the Chilean Trade Commission. He holds a Bachelor of International Studies (Hons) from the University of New South Wales.



Hannah Bretherton



Hannah Bretherton is a researcher at the Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI), a think tank at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). In January 2016 Hannah was published in the *Australian Journal of International Affairs* with co-author Professor Kerry Brown of the Lau China Institute, King's College London. In April 2016 Hannah co-authored a paper on Chinese investment in critical infrastructure with ACRI Deputy Director James Laurenceson and the UTS Business School. She has a peer-reviewed journal forthcoming in the *Australian Journal of Politics and History* and has written opinion pieces for the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Diplomat*, *Business Spectator* and *East Asia Forum*. Hannah is a member of the CSIS Pacific Forum Young Leaders Program. In her role at ACRI Hannah contributes research and provides policy briefings to ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr, produces fact sheets on the Australia-China relationship and coordinates publications and events.

Annie Shu



Annie is the Innovation and Strategy manager for Westpac Group where she facilitates the innovation mindset to businesses and individuals, enabling them to think outside the box, tapping into opportunity areas that will differentiate themselves in this fast paced information age. Prior to this role, Annie has worked in the strategic function, investment banking, customer centred design, technology as well as in institutional banking in the expansion of the Asia region into Singapore, China and India.

Annie is the winner of Westpac's Women of Influence, Young Leader for 2014 and the People's choice winner for China Australia Millennial Project in 2015 representing Australia at the Overseas Entrepreneur conference in Beijing as well as an Australian delegate at the One Young World conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.

She holds first class honours degree in Business and IT at the UNSW and has a journal publication in the Americas Conference on Information System.