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Biographies of panellists and moderators

Joshua Armstrong

Joshua is a research assistant to the Former Prime Minister The Hon John Howard OM AC. He recently travelled with Mr Howard to Beijing for the China-Australia High-Level Dialogue in support of Mr Howard's role as chairman. Prior to joining Mr Howard's office, Joshua was a Maritime Warfare Officer with the Royal Australian Navy for nearly six years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Government & International Relations from the University of Sydney, a Masters of Strategic Studies from the Australian National University and is currently completing a Diploma of Languages (Chinese) at the University of Sydney, having attended Peking University's intensive program last year.

Natalia Beghin

Natalia Beghin is an adviser with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's International Economy Unit. Here, she is responsible for providing advice to the Prime Minister on issues that crosscut Australia's economic and strategic interests, including infrastructure, development, and trade. Prior to this, Natalia worked for the Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government, the Institute for Economics and Peace, and Nous Group. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (International Relations) and a Master of International Affairs from the Australian National University, having also studied at Fudan University, Yale University, and the University of Manchester.

Hannah Caldwell

Hannah is a management consultant with experience working with clients in education, government, and financial services sectors, both in Australia and the UK. After graduating from Oxford University with a first class degree in History and French, she worked in education in Hong Kong and China, which sparked her passion for the region. She has since continued to learn Mandarin and has worked on China-focused initiatives including launching a platform to connect Chinese and China-focused clients in the UK, founding the London and Australia chapters of the Fung Scholars network of graduates interested in China, and taking part in the Confucius Institute Young Leaders Programme at Tsinghua University. She is also currently a member of the Australia China Young Professionals Initiative committee in Melbourne.



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Amy Hallam

Amy has over ten years' experience working for multinational professional services firms, government and the not-for-profit sector. Amy was based in China for six years and during this time attained professional fluency in spoken and written Mandarin. Amy previously worked as a consultant managing environmental social impact assessments in Australia, China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia and Liberia. In 2009 Amy was based in Sichuan as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (AYAD) initiating environmental education and training programs. Since returning to Australia Amy has dedicated her time and energy to economic development, international engagement and high level strategy development initiatives at the City of Perth and Perth Convention Bureau. Amy sits on the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA WA) committee, Australia China Business Council (ACBC WA) sub-committees and the Curtin University Humanities Faculty Advisory Council.

Chelsea Jacka

Chelsea is a Project Support Officer in the International Engagement Team of Queensland Health, Health Innovation, Investment and Research Office. In this role she supports the building of commercial and non-commercial relationships between Queensland's health sector and the health sector of other countries, with a focus on China. Prior to joining Queensland Health, Chelsea held positions with Trade and Investment Queensland, Austrade (Chengdu Office), Geoff Raby & Associates, Peking University Australian Studies Centre and Australian Institute of International Affairs. Chelsea holds a Bachelor of Arts and Law, a Master of Law from the Renmin University.

James Scullin

James is the National Project Manager for the Australia China Business Council (ACBC). In this role James has run ACBC's ChAFTA outreach program, training businesses on utilising the China Australia Free Trade Agreement, and additionally managed projects on the impact of Sister Cities and Aus-China people-people links. He currently produces and hosts ACBC China Path Podcast. James is also conducting research on an Asia Development Bank project on integrating the Belt and Road Initiative within South Asia. He has extensive experience teaching Chinese students, as well as conducting environmental impact field research in regional China. Previously James worked in Beijing as an environmental consultant. He holds a Master of Environmental Policy from the University of Melbourne.





Jasminah Woodhouse

Jasminah is a Senior Manager in PwC's Economics and Policy team. She works with clients in government and the private sector, providing analysis and advice on economic and public policy issues to support their strategies and investment decisions. She also supports PwC's Asia Practice, assisting with economic research and business engagement activities. Jasminah began her career at PwC in its financial services division, and in total has around 10 years of consulting and professional services experience. During this time she was also seconded to the finance team of the Adara Foundation, working on their health and education projects in Uganda and Nepal.

Jeff Yu

Jeff Yu is a business professional specialising in Australia-China trade and investment relations. Currently he is employed at Bank of China (Australia) in the capacity of Macroeconomic Analyst, where he is responsible for analysing macroeconomic developments and banking sector in Australia and China, and undertaking research projects at country or region wide level. Prior to this, he has worked at Yatsen Associates - a boutique Australian business consultancy firm advising cross-border M&As between China and Australia, and as an Analyst in China's largest Private Equity firm - JD Capital in its International Investors Relations. His cross-discipline research skills in Australia-China relations were initially developed through an internship program at Australian Studies Centre, Peking University. Jeff holds a Master of Economics (Finance) from Renmin University of China and a Master of Business (International Business) from University of Newcastle respectively.



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