



Second China Matters Study Tour
Monday 23 Sept to Thursday 24 Sept 2019

Participant biographies

Ms Linda Jakobson

Linda Jakobson is founding director and Deputy Chair of China Matters. Ms Jakobson has been a student of Chinese politics, and China's foreign and security policy for the past three decades. She is internationally known for her publications about China's foreign policy, and has served as a policy advisor on China-related issues to the president, prime minister, or foreign minister of seven countries.

The Hon Richard Marles MP

Richard Marles has served as the Member for Corio, Victoria since 2007, and is currently Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and Shadow Minister for Defence. His previous appointments include Shadow Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Minister of Trade. Mr Marles has also held several Parliamentary Secretary positions, including for Foreign Affairs, for Pacific Island Affairs, and for Innovation and Industry.

Mr Kevin McCann AM

Kevin McCann is Chair of China Matters, and Chairman of Citadel Group, Telix Pharmaceuticals, the Menzies Research Centre and the Smith Family Centenary Council. Formerly also Chairman of Macquarie Group and Macquarie Bank, Mr McCann practiced in commercial law as a Partner of Allens from 1970 to 2004, and was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the Law, Business and the Community in 2005.

Mr Ted O'Brien MP

Ted O'Brien was elected to the House of Representatives in 2016 as the Member for Fairfax in Queensland, and is Chair of the Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy. Previously, Mr O'Brien spent several years as Taiwan manager for his family business, Defiance Mills, later joining Accenture with a final posting in Beijing as Director of Growth & Strategy for the Asia Pacific and Emerging Markets.

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP

Tanya Plibersek has represented Sydney in the House of Representatives since 1998, and is Shadow Minister for Education and Training. She was Deputy Leader of the Opposition from 2013 to 2019, and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development in the 44th Parliament. Ms Plibersek has also held various ministerial appointments, including Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women.



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Mr Brian Pontifex

Brian Pontifex is Chief Advisor for Government Relations, Australia at Rio Tinto. Previously, Mr Pontifex served as Australia's Ambassador to the OECD in Paris, having also been Legal Advisor to the organisation's Anti-Corruption Division. Before his ambassadorial posting, his roles included Chief of Staff to the Premier of Western Australia, and General Manager for Corporate Affairs and Sustainability with Woodside Energy.

Ms Fiona Simson

Fiona Simson is president of the National Farmers' Federation, a not-for-profit representing farmers and the agricultural sector in Australia. She was elected as the Federation's first female president in 2016, having served as its vice president for two years and as a director since 2011. Previously, Ms Simson was also the first female president of NSW Farmers, and she runs a farming enterprise in NSW with her husband and family.

Meeting participant and interlocutor biographies

Professor CHU Shulong

Chu Shulong is Professor of Political Science and International Relations, and Director of the Institute of International Development and Global Governance Studies at Tsinghua University. He also teaches at the PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Party School, and advises China Central Television's international reporting. Professor Chu was previously senior visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution and the East-West Center. His areas of research are PRC-US relations, and the PRC's foreign policy and relations.

Professor Hamish COATES

Hamish Coates is a Tenured Professor at Tsinghua University's Institute of Education and Deputy Director of the Tsinghua University Global Research Centre for the Assessment of College and Student Development. He was the Founding Director of the Higher Education Research at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), and is focused on improving the quality and productivity of higher education. He holds a PhD from the University of Melbourne, and his areas of expertise include tertiary education policy, and learner engagement and success.

Professor DA Wei

Da Wei is Assistant President and Professor at the University of International Relations in Beijing. He also serves as the Director of the Department of International Politics, and Director of the Center for International Strategy and Security Studies. Previously, he was the Director of the Institute of American Studies at the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, where he earned his PhD. Prof Da's research areas are PRC-US relations, and US foreign and security policy.

Ambassador HE Mr Graham FLETCHER

Graham Fletcher is the new Australian Ambassador to the PRC and a member of China Matters' Advisory Council. He was most recently First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division, DFAT. He has previously served overseas as Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian embassies in Washington DC and Beijing, and as counsellor at the embassy in Beijing. Ambassador Fletcher holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Sydney, and is fluent in Mandarin.



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Madame FU Ying

Madame Fu, a former diplomat, is the Director of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress. She served as the PRC Ambassador to Australia from 2003 to 2006, and Ambassador to the United Kingdom from 2006 to 2009. She then became the first woman to serve as Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs in three decades, and was in charge of Europe. Madame Fu is also the Chairwoman of the Center for International Strategy and Security at Tsinghua University.

Professor GAO Xudong

Gao Xudong is Professor of Economics and Management at Tsinghua University's department of innovation, entrepreneurship and strategy at the school of economics and management. He also serves on the PRC Ministry of Industry and Information Technology's Telecom Economy Expert Committee. His main research focuses are in technology strategy and strategic management. He has also published on managing indigenous innovation in China.

Professor JIN Canrong

Jin Canrong is Professor and Associate Dean of the School of International Studies at Renmin University, and Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan's Gerald Ford School of Public Policy. His expertise is in American politics, American foreign policy, PRC-US relations, and the PRC's foreign policy. He has authored over 100 papers, articles, and 7 books, and in addition translated *Diplomacy* by Henry Kissinger, Louis Hartz's *The Liberal Tradition in America*, and *Between Hope and History* by Bill Clinton. He holds a PhD in international politics from Peking University.

Ambassador HE Mr Vikram MISRI

Vikram Misri is the Indian Ambassador to the PRC. He is a career diplomat whose previous appointments include Myanmar. He has also served in various capacities at the headquarters of India's Ministry of External Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office, and with various Indian missions in Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America. Ambassador Misri earned his degree in history from the University of Delhi, and an MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur.

Mr Calvin QUEK

Calvin Quek is Senior Stakeholder Specialist at the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and Visiting Research Fellow at Tsinghua University. He was previously Head of the Sustainable Finance Program at Greenpeace East Asia, leading their engagement with the financial community, a member of the China Carbon Forum Board, and has also held various roles at Citigroup.

Mr TAO Jingzhou

Tao Jingzhou is a Managing Partner at Dechert LLP, responsible for developing the Asia Practice of the firm. He has advised many Fortune 500 companies on international mergers and acquisitions, arbitration, and corporate matters involving the PRC for more than 30 years. Mr Tao has also represented American, European, and Japanese companies in transactions in the PRC involving joint ventures, tax planning, strategic alliances, and intellectual property protection. In 2018, he was appointed by the PRC Supreme Court as a member of the International Commercial Expert Committee.



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Dr WANG Huiyao (Henry)

Wang Huiyao is the Founder and President of the Center for China and Globalization (CCG), which identifies itself as a “non-government think tank”. His official bio notes that he has expertise on China and globalisation, Chinese global migration and talent flows, Chinese overseas students and returnees, and Chinese firms going global. He is also a Counselor for the PRC State Council; a Vice Chairman of the China Talent Society, and is a member of various other returned scholar associations. He has previously been a Senior Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School.

Ms Galina WUTTKE

Galina Wuttke is the Deputy Chief Representative at the Rosneft Oil Company, Asia-Pacific Region Representative Office. She studied foreign affairs and political science at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, and has previously worked as a correspondent for the Interfax in Beijing.

Mr Jörg WUTTKE

Jörg Wuttke is Vice President and Chief Representative of BASF China, and President of the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China. BASF, a German chemical company with significant investments in China, is the largest chemical producer in the world. Mr Wuttke has also served as the Chairman of the German Chamber of Commerce in China, Chairman of the China Task Force of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee to the OECD, and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Mercator Institute for China Studies.

Professor XUE Lan

Xue Lan is a Cheung Kong Chair Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Management and Dean of the Schwarzman College at Tsinghua University. His teaching and research interests include science, technology and innovation policy, crisis management, and global governance. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Carnegie Mellon University, and as a Non-Resident Senior Fellow of the Brookings Institution. He is a member of the National Committee for Strategic Consultation and Comprehensive Review, the United Nations University Council, and is a Co-Chair of the UN Sustainable Development Solution Network’s Leadership Council.

Dr YUAN Yue (Victor)

Yuan Yue is the Founder and Chairman of Dataway Horizon, the PRC’s leading public opinion and policy polling organisation. Having founded Horizon in 1992, he has over 20 years of professional experience in social research and policy analysis. He also founded Pegasus VC in 2011, committing to incubating and accelerating entrepreneurial and innovative companies. Dr Yuan received his PhD in sociology from Peking University, and holds a Master’s in public administration from Harvard University’s JFK School of Government.

Professor ZHA Daojiong

Zha Daojiong is a Professor of International Political Economy at the School of International Studies, Peking University. He specialises in non-traditional security issues such as energy, food, and water security, as well as public health and development aid. Professor Zha is also active in consultations with a wide range of government, business, and academic bodies. He holds a PhD in political science from the University of Hawaii, has held teaching and research positions in Japan, the United States, Hong Kong, and Singapore, and was the inaugural Rio Tinto China Fellow at the Lowy Institute.



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Dr ZHANG Longmei

Zhang Longmei is a senior economist who serves as the International Monetary Fund's Deputy Resident Representative for China. Previously, she was the China Economist in the Asia and Pacific Department of the IMF, based in Washington DC and focused on macroeconomic forecasting, broader China rebalancing, and issues on high savings. She received her PhD in economics from Goethe University Frankfurt.

Dr ZHAO Hai

Zhao Hai is a research fellow at the Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (IWEPCASS). Dr. Zhao worked at various think tanks in China and the United States. Before joining the IWEPCASS, he was a research fellow at the National Strategy Institute at Tsinghua University (NSI). His main research interests are Sino-US strategic relations, geopolitics in East Asia and the development of the Belt and Road Initiative. Zhao Hai holds a PhD in international history from the University of Chicago and a MA in Asia-Pacific Studies from Peking University.

Professor ZHU Ning

Zhu Ning is Deputy Dean and Professor of Finance at the Shanghai Advanced Institute of Finance, as well as a Faculty Fellow at Yale University and General Secretariat at the International Finance Forum. His research areas are the global financial system, Asian financial markets, investments and behavioral finance. He is advisor to the People's Bank of China, the PRC Ministry of Finance, and the National Development and Reform Commission, among others.



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