



Young Professionals Debate

'Should Australia welcome China's pursuit of a new regional order?'

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Panellist Bios



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Cameron Bruce is an officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He worked on the China desk from January 2016 to January 2017 where he primarily covered human rights and China's foreign relations with South Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. He is currently on long term language training for a posting to the Australian Embassy in South Korea. Cameron has written on foreign policy issues for ABC's 'The Drum' and the 'ASPI Strategist' and in 2013 he received the Institute for Regional Security's 'Rob Chaloner Prize for Future Strategic Leadership'.



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