

## Third National Meeting of China Matters Young Professionals

In partnership with China Australia Millennial Project

Tank Stream Labs, Level 7, 11-17 York St, Wynyard

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The objective of the meeting is to improve Australia's policy toward China on two specific issues. The meeting will formulate two policy recommendations, and is conducted under Chatham House rules.

The 'jazz club style' format of the meeting is designed to create a conversation between peers. Each session has three panellists and a moderator. While panellists are expected to initiate the conversation, their initial remarks must be brief (6 minutes), so that the majority of the session is an open back-and-forth among all of the participants. Each participant is expected to actively participate in the discussion, with remarks no longer than 3 minutes.

1315	Arrivals and registration
1325	Participants move to meeting area to take their seats
1330-1345	Welcome Ms Andrea Myles, CEO, China Australia Millennial Project; Ms Linda Jakobson, CEO and Founding Director, China Matters; Ms Sophia Sun Zou, Project Coordinator, China Matters
1345-1500	<b>Session I How can Australia build a realistic and credible China narrative in our public debate?</b>  Panellists: Mr Jieh-Yung Lo, Writer and Policy Adviser Ms Lucy Lv, Media Professional; Former Digital Content Producer, SBS Mandarin Mr Sam Mugford, Adviser, Crosby Textor International & Corporate Advisory  Moderator: Ms Elena Collinson, Senior Project and Research Officer, Australia-China Relations Institute

Panellists and participants should discuss the 'China narrative' in the Australian public debate, and its impact on the Australia-China relationship. Is this debate accurate or sufficiently nuanced? If not, how can we rectify this? Participants should discuss the roles of policy-makers, business, media, politicians, and the general public. Participants are also asked to consider this question in light of instances when public debate on the Australia-China relationship has been particularly polarising. This may include issues to do with the South China Sea, the Belt and Road Initiative, PRC influence in Australian society, or foreign donations.

### Key questions:

- Has Australia's China narrative contributed to the alleged souring of Australia-China relations?
- Should the Australian government be responsible for addressing the China narrative when the bilateral relationship is tense?
- Do politicians need to reconsider the way they communicate Australia's China policy? If so, what mechanisms can aid this?

- Should Australia promote a diversification of media reporting on China?

1500-1530 **Session I What Should Australia Do? Policy Formulation**

1530-1540 Session I wrap-up

1540-1600 Afternoon tea

1600-1715 **Session II Are there risks for Australia in engaging with PRC tech and innovation?**

Panellists: Mr Andrew Kwon, Policy Officer, Department of Defence  
Mr Ryan Ettridge, Partner (Digital Trust), PwC  
Ms Judy Jiang, Acting Relationship Director (Commercial Property Finance), Westpac

Moderator: Ms Natalie Cope, CEO, Australia China Business Council NSW

Panellists and participants should discuss the implications of Australian tech and innovation collaboration with the PRC. This can refer to e-commerce, creative industries, education, agribusiness, entrepreneurship, etc. Participants should highlight potential risks in respect to national security, as well as opportunity costs to economic stability and growth. How can the Australian government work to mitigate potential security risks? What is the responsibility of business in alleviating these risks? Participants should also address how best to balance the need for cooperation with the respective and overlapping concerns of both government and business.

**Key questions:**

- Are there instances of tech and innovation collaboration with the PRC where risk outweighs potential benefit for Australia?
- Is there a need for stronger regulation and oversight in projects which include sensitive technology with potential military application, such as the Torch Innovation Precinct collaboration between the University of New South Wales and the PRC government?
- Are there trends in tech and innovation growth where Australian inaction now significantly limits opportunity later?
- Is the issue of sharing intellectual property a cause for concern or optimism for Australian businesses in the PRC?

1715-1750 **Session II What Should Australia Do? Policy Formulation**

1750-1800 Wrap-up Ms Sophia Sun Zou, Project Coordinator, China Matters

1800-1850 Networking drinks and canapés