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Biographies of panellists and moderators

Ms Elena Collinson

Elena is a Senior Project and Research Officer at the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney. Her research focuses on Australia's China policy, the US-China-Australia relationship, the South China Sea, and the Belt and Road Initiative. Her work has been published in the Sydney Morning Herald, the South China Morning Post and the Diplomat, amongst other outlets, and she has contributed chapters to edited volumes. Previously, Elena was a policy researcher for a NSW state minister, a project officer at the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, and a researcher for a federal senator.

Ms Natalie Cope

Natalie is the CEO of the Australia China Business Council (NSW) where she is responsible for supporting member companies in their trade, investment and business engagement with China. Prior to this, Natalie was the Manager of Partnerships and Development at Asialink Business. Natalie was Australia's 2015 Top Emerging Leader and MBA Scholar, receiving the 2015 Emerging Leaders MBA Scholarship by the University of Sydney Business School and The Australian Financial Review's BOSS Magazine. She is the Ambassador of the Westpac Bi-Centennial Foundation, Asian Exchange Program, a founding member and current Chair of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue. Natalie also sits on the advisory council of China Matters, as well as the Undergraduate Curriculum Advisory Board for the University of Sydney Business School. Natalie has been invited to participate in the Government's High Level Dialogue with China in 2016 and 2017. She holds a BA/LLB (Hons), GDLP, and MBA.

Mr Ryan Ettridge

Ryan has over 13 years' experience in information technology with the last 9 years focussed on IT risk and cyber security. Ryan has defined, managed and embedded transformation programmes across all industry sectors and capability maturities, focusing on cultural change and adoption. These have included proportionate blends of people, processes and technologies, aligned to industry better practice to meet compliance, regulatory and business objectives. Ryan has led a security services business in Queensland, helping clients improve their capability maturity by leveraging a team of experts that cover the full spectrum of IT risk and security services. This puts Ryan in a position to make recommendations that allow clients to take advantage of the opportunities that effective security can provide.

Ms Judy Jiang

Judy is acting Relationship Director at Westpac, where she supports institutions, businesses and high net-worth individuals to grow their Commercial Property portfolios. Judy knows the future is not a simple supply and demand game with next-door neighbours, but depends on foreseeing the desires of the broader market by deep-diving into future needs. Judy has assisted a number of Chinese businesses to successfully invest in the Australian property market. Prior to this, her career spanned SME/Franchise Finance, Insurance, and Hospitality. She has years of financial sales, business development, high-value client relations and account management experience. As a Chinese-born Australian, Judy holds a double-major degree in Accounting and Finance and has developed strong cross-border corporate and start-up networks.

Mr Andrew Kwon

Andrew is a Policy Officer at the Department of Defence. Most recently, he was a management consultant at PwC. Before joining Defence and PwC, Andrew was a Program Associate at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney, a James A. Kelly Fellow in Korea Studies at the Pacific Forum at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and a Michael and Deborah Thawley Scholar in International Security at the Lowy Institute for International Policy. He has worked for the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Center for a New American Security, and the Korea Economic Institute of America. Andrew holds a Master of International Security from the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Arts in Politics and International Relations from the University of New South Wales.

Mr Jieh-Yung Lo (罗介雍)

Jieh-Yung is a writer and policy adviser. As a Chinese-Australian, Jieh-Yung has advocated on behalf of Chinese-Australian communities and has served as a leading voice on social and political issues facing Chinese-Australians. One of his career highlights was facilitating the friendship/sister city relationship between the cities of Xi'an and Hobart. Jieh-Yung writes on China-Australia relations and issues concerning Chinese-Australians. His writing has been published in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *The Guardian Australia*, *Australian Financial Review*, *SBS News*, *South China Morning Post* and *Australian Foreign Affairs*. Jieh-Yung's passion for both Australia and China stems from his family heritage and legacy and has influenced him to work towards strengthening the Australia-China relationship.

Ms Lucy Lv

Born and raised in China, Lucy obtained her bachelor's degree in Linguistics and taught Mandarin at the Porsche headquarters in Shanghai. Following this, she completed a Master of Teaching at the University of Melbourne. She recently finished working as a cross platform digital content producer at SBS Mandarin. In 2016, she worked in multicultural affairs and Asia engagement with the State Parliament of Victoria, where she organised events with Victoria's multicultural communities and managed relationships with stakeholders at international, federal and state levels. She is also a marketer, translator, interpreter, actress and MC. She is currently the co-director of ACYPI. She was a delegate for the 2017 China Australia Millennial Project. Lucy is looking forward to the next stage of her career in Beijing.

Mr Sam Mugford

Sam is an Advisor with the C|T Group, a world leading political and corporate advisory firm. He works in the firm's international and corporate advisory division advising clients on political risk involved with investments in highly regulated industries as well as coordinating the team's business development. Previously, he worked for C|T as a policy analyst focusing on global energy policy where he also pitched a government relations/community engagement offering for foreign investors in Australia. Prior to this, Sam worked for the South Australian Minister for Trade and Investment on China-specific trade and investment policy. Sam is a qualified lawyer and has a Bachelor of Laws/International Studies along with a Diploma in Mandarin from the University of Adelaide. He has lived, studied and worked in Beijing, Shanghai and Jinan and has conversational Mandarin.