

Seventh National Meeting of China Matters

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Biographies of panellists, moderators and speakers

Mr Michael Cannon-Brookes Sr

Michael Cannon-Brookes retired from IBM in July 2012 after 15 years with the company, and currently runs his own consulting company in Sydney. Mr Cannon-Brookes was Vice President leading Global Strategy for IBM Growth Markets for 8 years, which had its Global Headquarters for 149 emerging markets in Shanghai, and Vice President of IBM Business Consulting Services with responsibility for IBM's worldwide strategy, marketing and operations. Before IBM Mr Cannon-Brookes was based in Sydney as the Managing Director of Freehills. Prior to that he spent 25 years as a banker, mainly with Citibank, where he served in a variety of leadership positions across four continents, including establishing Citibank's Australian operations.

Ms Natalie Cope

Natalie Cope is the Chief Executive Officer of the Australia China Business Council (NSW) where she is responsible for supporting member companies in their trade, investment and business engagement with China. Ms Cope is a member of the China Matters Advisory Council. Prior to her role with ACBC, Ms Cope was the Manager of Partnerships and Development at Asialink Business. Ms Cope was Australia's 2015 Top Emerging Leader and MBA Scholar, receiving the 2015 Emerging Leaders MBA Scholarship from the University of Sydney Business School and The Australian Financial Review's BOSS Magazine. Ms Cope is an ambassador of the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation's Asian Exchange Program and is a founding member and current Chair of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue.

The Hon Steven Ciobo MP

Steven Ciobo is Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment. Since becoming the Minister for Trade in February 2016 he has concluded four trade agreements that cover 19 countries. As the Minister for Investment, Minister Ciobo engages with the international investment community to promote and facilitate foreign investment into Australia. In his previous role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, Minister Ciobo assessed more than 800 applications for business investment under Australia's foreign investment framework. Before entering the Australian Parliament as the Federal Member for Moncrieff in 2001, Minister Ciobo built a professional career as an executive in the economic reform unit at Coopers & Lybrand and PwC. Minister Ciobo holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws from Bond University, as well as a Master of Laws from the Queensland University of Technology.

Mr Geoff Culbert

Geoff Culbert is the Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Airport. Mr Culbert is passionate about the growth in the tourism and aviation industries in both NSW and Australia and has a strong commitment to the social and economic development of Sydney. Mr Culbert's focus is on combining innovation and technology to enhance customer experience, as well as to deliver efficiencies and capacity improvements across the business. Prior to joining Sydney Airport, Mr Culbert spent 15 years with General Electric (GE) in several senior global and Australian roles, most recently as the President and Chief Executive of GE Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. Mr Culbert was also previously Chair of the Energy and Climate Change Committee of the Business Council of Australia and on the Board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia.

Mr Nicholas Curtis AM

Nicholas Curtis is the Executive Director and Founder of BBI Group, a private company focused on building a large scale integrated iron ore system in Western Australia, and also the Co-founder and Director of E-Nome, a start-up based on blockchain technology for management of health data. Mr Curtis is currently Chairman of the St Vincent's Precinct Research Executive Council. Previously Mr Curtis was the Director and Chairman of the Board of St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney Limited from 2004 to 2009 and the founder of Sino Gold Mining Limited. In 2011 Mr Curtis received a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for his services to the community through executive roles supporting medical research and healthcare organisations and for his work in fostering Australia-China relations

Professor Benjamin Eggleton

Benjamin Eggleton is Director of the University of Sydney Nano Institute and the Co-director of the NSW Smart Sensing Network. Prof Eggleton founded the Institute of Photonics and Optical Science at the University of Sydney, of which he was Director from 2009-2018, and also founded the ARC Centre of Excellence for Ultrahigh bandwidth Devices for Optical Systems, of which he was Director from 2003-2017. Prof Eggleton was previously Research Director within the Specialty Fiber Business Division of Bell Laboratories, where he was engaged in forward-looking research, supporting parent company Lucent Technologies' business in optical fibre devices. Prof Eggleton is the author or co-author of more than 480 journal publications and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering, the Optical Society of America, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Prof Eggleton holds a PhD in Physics from the University of Sydney.

Professor Allan Gyngell AO

Allan Gyngell is a Board Director of China Matters, the National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, and an Honorary Professor at the Australian National University. His career in the Australian foreign and national security policy establishment included appointments as Director-General of the Office of National Assessments, as the inaugural Executive Director of the Lowy Institute in Sydney, and to senior positions in the Prime Minister's Office, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He is the author of *Fear of Abandonment: Australia in the World Since 1942*, (La Trobe University Press, 2017) and, with Michael Wesley, *Making Australian Foreign Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2007). He is an Officer in the Order of Australia.

Dr Chaibong Hahm

Chaibong Hahm is President of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul. Previously Dr Hahm was a senior political scientist at RAND Corporation, as well as a Professor in the School of International Relations, and Director of the Korean Studies Institute, at the University of Southern California. Prior to this, Dr Hahm was the Director of the Social Sciences Research & Policy Division at UNESCO Paris, and a Professor in the Department of Political Science at Yonsei University. Dr Hahm is the author of many books and articles including *Hanguk Saram Mandeulgi* (Becoming Korean) (Asan Academy, 2017) and "Keeping Northeast Asia 'Abnormal': Origins of the Liberal International Order in Northeast Asia and the New Cold War," *Asan Forum* (Sep., 2017). He holds a PhD in political science from Johns Hopkins University.

Professor Tim Harcourt

Tim Harcourt is the J.W. Nevile Fellow in Economics at the University of New South Wales Business School and 'The Airport Economist'. For over a decade, Prof Harcourt was chief economist of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade). Prof Harcourt has been an international adviser to three Australian Cabinet Ministers and two Australian Premiers. Prof Harcourt teaches International Business in Asia and Latin America for the University of New South Wales Business School's AGSM MBA program and is the author of six books on the international economy. His book, *The Airport Economist* (Allen & Unwin 2008), is a business bestseller and has been translated into several Asian languages.

Ms Linda Jakobson

Linda Jakobson is the CEO and Founding Director of China Matters, an independent Australian public policy initiative that aims to advance sound China policy and stimulate a nuanced public discourse in Australia about the rise of the People's Republic of China. From 2011 to 2013, Ms Jakobson served as the Lowy Institute's East Asia Program Director. Before moving to Sydney in 2011, Ms Jakobson lived and worked in China for 22 years and published six books on Chinese and East Asian society. A Mandarin speaker, Ms Jakobson is internationally known for her

publications about PRC foreign policy. Over the past three decades Ms Jakobson has served as a policy adviser to the governments of seven countries. Her most recent book, written with Dr Bates Gill, is *China Matters: Getting It Right for Australia* (La Trobe University Press / Black Inc., 2017).

Mr Allan McKinnon

Allan McKinnon is the Deputy Secretary of the National Security and International Policy Group within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Prior to this position, Mr McKinnon worked for many years in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra and overseas. In Canberra his assignments included Senior Trade Negotiator, First Assistant Secretary, Corporate Management Division (2004-2005) and First Assistant Secretary, Diplomatic Security (2005-2006). His overseas postings have included assignments at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo as Counsellor (Minerals and Energy) (1994-1998) and Deputy Head of Mission (2006-2010). Mr McKinnon holds a Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) and Bachelor of Economics from the Australian National University, and Diploma in Law from the NSW Legal Practitioners Admission Board. He speaks Japanese and Thai.

Mr Andrew Parker

Andrew Parker is a Board Director of China Matters and a Partner at PwC where he leads the firm's Asia Practice. Mr Parker is also a Board Director of the Australia-Indonesia Centre at Monash University, an Executive Committee Member of the Australia Japan Business Cooperation Committee and a member of the Advisory Board of the Asia Society. Mr Parker first joined Price Waterhouse in 1985, became a partner in 1999, and spent 12 years in PwC's London, Moscow and Jakarta offices. Mr Parker has had a long association with Asia, spending 10 years leading PwC's Asian telecoms industry team. Mr Parker was the lead author of PwC's landmark report on Australia's lack of business investment in Asia, *Passing us by*, and is a regular commentator in the media and presenter at forums on Asia-Australia trade and investment.

Mr Tony Shepherd AO

Tony Shepherd is Chairman of Macquarie Specialised Management, the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust, and the AFL Greater Western Sydney Giants. From 2011 to 2014, Mr Shepherd was the President of the Business Council of Australia. Mr Shepherd is also a Director of the Menzies Research Centre, Virgin Australia International Holdings and Racing New South Wales. Mr Shepherd is an adviser to Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ, a member of the ASIC External Advisory Panel and the Pacific Leadership & Governance Precinct Executive Advisory Board. Mr Shepherd pioneered private infrastructure with projects such as the Sydney Harbour Tunnel, Melbourne City Link and East Link. He was the inaugural Chairman of WestConnex and oversaw the listing of Transurban, Transfield Services and Connect East.

Dr Heather Smith PSM

Heather Smith is the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. Dr Smith has had 17 years' experience in the Australian Public Service at senior levels, with responsibility for a number of significant government programs covering economic and public policy areas. Dr Smith was previously Secretary of the Department of Communications and the Arts (2016-2017), Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (2013-2016) and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2010-2013). Prior to working in the APS, Dr Smith worked as an academic on North Asia at the Australian National University from 1994 to 2000. Dr Smith was awarded a Public Service Medal in 2015 for her outstanding public service as Australia's G20 Sherpa. Ms Smith holds a Bachelor of Economics (First Class Honours) from the University of Queensland and a Masters and PhD in Economics from the Australian National University.

Professor Michael Wesley

Michael Wesley is Professor of International Affairs and Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University, and a Board Director of China Matters. Previously he was the Director of the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at ANU from 2014 to 2016, the Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy from 2009 to 2012, Director of the Griffith Asia Institute at Griffith University from 2004 to 2009, and Assistant Director-General for Transnational Issues at the Office of National Assessments from 2003-2004. Prof Wesley's 2011 book, *There Goes the Neighbourhood: Australia and the Rise of Asia* (UNSW Press, 2011), was awarded the John Button Prize for the best writing on Australian politics and public policy. Prof Wesley holds a PhD from the University of St Andrews and an BA (Honours) from the University of Queensland.

Dinner keynote speaker

The Honourable Christopher Pyne MP

Christopher Pyne is Australia's Minister for Defence Industry. Mr Pyne is also the Leader of the House of Representatives and has been the Member for the Sturt since 1993. Mr Pyne has held a variety of portfolios throughout his parliamentary career, most recently as Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and Minister for Education and Training. Before entering parliament, Mr Pyne practiced as a solicitor. Mr Pyne is the author of *A Letter to My Children* (Melbourne University Press, 2015),