



Inaugural National Meeting of China Matters Young Professionals

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Biographies of panellists and moderators

Mr Lloyd Bradbury

Lloyd is an Associate at Greenhill & Co, a corporate advisory firm providing financial advice to corporations, institutions and governments on mergers, acquisitions, restructuring, financing and capital raising. Lloyd completed an undergraduate degree in finance and Chinese at Monash University and also studied in China at Nanjing University and East China Normal University. His experiences in China are extensive and include working with ANZ in Shanghai, undertaking volunteer translation work for the Shanghai Film Festival, performing Chinese opera and travelling widely across China. Lloyd co-founded the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative in December 2010, with the goal of creating a platform for young professionals across Australia and China to engage with the truly important issues of the Sino-Australian relationship.

Ms Helen Dai

Helen is currently a Foreign Investment Specialist in the Foreign Investment and Trade Policy Division of Treasury. In this role Helen advises the government on foreign investment cases before the Foreign Investment Review Board. Prior to joining the Treasury in 2015, Helen held the position of Capital Budget Manager in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 2013 until 2015, and Second Secretary and Consul at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta from 2010 until 2013.

Mr Isaac Huang

Isaac is a Chinese-Australian relationship specialist who manages Government Relations for China at Swisse Wellness. Prior to this role, Isaac was Associate Director at PwC with 8 years' experience specialising in cross border mergers & acquisitions and corporate restructuring. Isaac has advised and assisted a number of Chinese businesses on successfully investing in Australia. Isaac was born and grew up in China. He was educated in China and Australia. Isaac has worked internationally in Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Perth and Melbourne. Over the years, he has developed a deep understanding of Chinese and Australian government policies and initiatives relating to international trade, investment and industry development. Isaac is proficient in English, Mandarin and a number of other Chinese dialects.

Mr Edward Kus

Edward is a solicitor in the major projects and infrastructure team at the global business law firm DLA Piper. Ed's work at DLA Piper focuses on major projects in the road, rail, energy and renewables sectors. Prior to this role Ed completed studies in Chinese and Law with Honours at the ANU, and worked as a part time research associate in the China program at the Lowy Institute for International Policy. Ed is also Executive Director of the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative, and is currently on secondment through DLA Piper to the Australian Football League where he is assisting with the AFL's plans to play an AFL match in Shanghai in 2017.

Ms Mercedes Page

Mercedes is the founder and CEO of Young Australians in International Affairs. She currently works as an analyst at Thales Australia, focusing on defence and security issues in the Asia-Pacific. She is also non-resident WSD-Handa Fellow at the Pacific Forum, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), writing on Sino-Indian relations and China's interests in the Indian Ocean. Her broader research interests focus on strategic and security issues in the Indo-Pacific, with a focus on Chinese foreign policy and the South China Sea. Before joining Thales, Mercedes worked for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI). She is recognised by the World Economic Forum as a Global Shaper, and in 2015 was recognised by the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) as one of Australia's Top 50 Young Social Pioneers. She has interned at ASPI, Wikistrat and the China-Australian Chamber of Commerce in Beijing.

Mr Timothy Robinson

Tim is currently Associate Director at Corview, a boutique infrastructure advisory firm. Previously, Tim was an adviser to the former Assistant Minister to the Treasurer, Alex Hawke. His responsibilities in this role included advising on non-controversial FIRB applications and working with the Treasurer's office to manage the foreign investment framework. Tim has also previously worked for NSW Treasury and PwC's Management Consulting practice in Sydney.

Mr Andrew Kiley

Andrew is Director in the Critical Infrastructure and Protective Security Branch in the Attorney-General's Department. In this role, Andrew manages the development and implementation of critical infrastructure resilience policy for the Australian Government. He is also responsible for overseeing the department's national security assessments on foreign investment applications that relate to critical infrastructure as part of whole-of-government advice to the Foreign Investment Review Board. Andrew has been in the Attorney-General's Department for almost ten years, working across a diverse range of issues including criminal justice, national security and emergency management, disaster recovery, international crime cooperation policy, treaty negotiation as well as criminal and security law policy.

Ms Erny Wah

Erny is an Advisor in the International Division of the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet. Prior to this, she was a trade negotiator at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where she worked on Australia's Free Trade Agreement negotiations with China, India and Indonesia. She has also worked as a foreign policy advisor on Syria, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, and served as a Diplomat with the Australian Embassy in Cairo from 2010 to 2013.

