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Biographies of panellists, moderators and speakers

Professor Nick Bisley

Professor Nick Bisley is currently the Executive Director of La Trobe Asia and Professor of International Relations at La Trobe University. His research and teaching expertise is in the international relations of the Asia-Pacific, globalisation and the diplomacy of great powers. Nick is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*; a director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs; and a member of the Council for Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. He has been a Senior Research Associate of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and a Visiting Fellow at the East West-Center in Washington DC. Nick is the author of many works on international relations, including *Issues in 21st Century World Politics*, *Great Powers in the Changing International Order* and *Building Asia's Security*. He regularly contributes to and is quoted in the international media.

Ms Tracy Colgan

Ms Tracy Colgan is President and Beijing-based Managing Director of Kamsky Associates Inc. (KAI), where she is responsible for overall management, strategic direction and client engagements involving China and the Asia-Pacific. She has been named as a "Leading Australian in Asia" and one of Australia's "50 for the Future." She is currently Chair of AustCham Beijing. In addition, Tracy remains heavily involved in strategy formulation and implementation for KAI's clients. Her experience has spanned a range of sectors and she has been actively involved in facilitating investments into and out of China, and within the Asia-Pacific. Tracy is a graduate of Melbourne University with a B. A. (Hons) in Chinese Literature and a B. Commerce with a major in comparative economics. She first came to China on scholarship in 1987, and continued with postgraduate studies in Wuhan and Beijing before joining KAI in 1993.

Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC

Professor the Hon Gareth Evans is Chancellor of the Australian National University. He was a Cabinet Minister in the Hawke and Keating Labor Governments for thirteen years, and Australia's Foreign Minister 1988-1996. From 2000 to 2009 he led the Brussels-based International Crisis Group. He co-chaired the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty (2000-01), which initiated the 'responsibility to protect' concept, and the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (2008-10). Along with innumerable chapters, reports, refereed articles and newspaper columns, he has written or edited, solely or jointly, twelve books, including *Australia's Foreign Relations* (MUP, 1995), *The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and for All* (Brookings Institution, 2008) and *Nuclear Weapons: The State of Play* (ANU, 2015).



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Professor Simon Evans

As Pro Vice-Chancellor (International), Professor Simon Evans is a key member of the small senior team, led by Deputy Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) Professor Susan Elliott, that directs the University of Melbourne's international strategy and international relationships. His work has encompassed a broad range of activities and strategies, including internationalisation of curriculum, student mobility, joint programs and research centres, and online initiatives. His scholarly work is as a comparative public lawyer, with broad interests in constitutional and administrative law, particularly in common law and Commonwealth countries.

Professor John Fitzgerald

Professor John Fitzgerald is President of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and Truby and Florence Williams Charitable Trust Chair in the Asia-Pacific Centre for Social Investment and Philanthropy at Swinburne University of Technology. Before joining Swinburne in 2013 John served five years as Representative of The Ford Foundation in Beijing where he directed the Foundation's China operations. Professor Fitzgerald has served as Chair of the Education Committee of the Australia-China Council of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as co-chair of the Committee for National and International Cooperation of the Australian Research Council, and as International Secretary of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. His research focuses on territorial government and civil society in China and on Australia's Asian diasporas. His publications have won international recognition, including the Joseph Levenson Prize of the US Association for Asian Studies and the Ernest Scott Prize of the Australian Historical Association.

Mr Graham Fletcher

Mr Graham Fletcher is First Assistant Secretary of the North Asia Division in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), with responsibility for Australia's relations with China, Japan, the Korean Peninsula and Mongolia. He has been in this role since March 2015. During 2014 he was First Assistant Secretary of DFAT's Free Trade Agreement Division and concurrently lead negotiator for the China-Australia FTA. During 2011-13 he was assigned to the Australian Embassy in Washington as Deputy Head of Mission (DHOM). Graham's earlier career focused largely on China, with three postings to the Australian Embassy in Beijing (1986-88, 1997-2000, 2004-08).

Dr Bates Gill

Dr Bates Gill is a Board Director of China Matters and Visiting Professor with the University of Sydney. He served as CEO of the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney from 2012 to 2015. Prior to that, he headed the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, consistently recognised as one of the world's top ten research institutes in international affairs. He is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Shanghai Institutes of International Studies. Dr Gill has written more than 150 publications on international and regional security issues, especially with regard to China and Asia. Among his books are *Asia's New Multilateralism*, *Rising Star: China's New Security Diplomacy*, and *China: The Balance Sheet: What the World Needs to Know Now About the Emerging Superpower*. He has lived and worked in China for two years and made more than 50 visits to the country since 1986.

Ms Linda Jakobson

Ms Linda Jakobson is the Founding Director of China Matters. She is also a Visiting Professor at the US Studies Centre at Sydney University. From 2011 to 2013, she 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. Her last position in Beijing was as Director of the China and Global Security Programme at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). Her most recent publications are *China's Unpredictable Maritime Security Actors* (Lowy Institute, 2014) and "The PLA and Maritime Security Actors", in Phillip C. Saunders and Andrew Scobell (eds.), *PLA Influence on China's National Security Policymaking* (Stanford University Press, 2015).

Mr Tim Lane

Mr Tim Lane has been Rio Tinto's Chief Advisor on Australia-China Relations since 2010, following a career in corporate law. He helps coordinate the Rio Tinto Group's extensive business with China, and manages a wide range of external partnerships in both China and Australia. Mr Lane is a member of the Advisory Council of China Matters.

Mr Richard Maude

Mr Richard Maude was appointed Director-General of the Office of National Assessments in 2013. Before this he was the Prime Minister's senior international policy adviser. Mr Maude has an extensive background in national security and foreign policy and has served in Malaysia, Singapore and the United States.

Mr Chris Moraitis PSM

Mr Chris Moraitis was appointed Secretary of the Attorney General's Department in September 2014. Before this, he was a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Over a 25 year career in DFAT, he held several senior positions, including as head of Corporate Management, International Organisations and Legal Divisions and as DFAT's Senior Legal Adviser. He joined DFAT as a graduate in 1989. Chris served as Australia's High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea from 2006 to 2009. He also served in Australian missions in Paris, Madrid and Geneva. Chris was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2014 for outstanding public service to Australia's international affairs. Chris holds Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degrees from the University of Melbourne and a Masters of International Law from the Australian National University. He was admitted to practice in Victoria as a barrister and solicitor in 1988.



Mr Dennis Richardson AO

Mr Dennis Richardson commenced as Secretary of the Department of Defence on 18 October 2012. Mr Richardson graduated from Sydney University with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) 1968 and was awarded an AO in 2003. He served as secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 2010-2012 and Ambassador of Australia to the United States 2005-2009. Previously, he was Director-General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation 1996-2005, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs 1993-1996, Head of the Review of the Intelligence Community post-Cold War 1992 and Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister 1990-1991. Mr Richardson has also had various senior public service roles in the Departments of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Immigration and positions in the then Department of Foreign Affairs, with postings to Nairobi, Port Moresby and Jakarta.

Mr Laurie Smith

Mr Laurie Smith is currently a member of the national board of the Australia China Business Council and a member of the Advisory Council of China Matters. He served as the Executive Director of International at Austrade 2011-2015 and before that lived and worked in China in various government and private sector roles for close to twenty years. Laurie has extensive experience in trade, investment and related policy issues in Asia generally and greater China in particular and has worked across many industry sectors with particular experience in agriculture, food, technology, media, education and training.

Professor Michael Wesley

Michael Wesley is Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at the Australian National University. His career has spanned academia, with previous appointments at the University of New South Wales, Griffith University, the University of Hong Kong, Sun Yat-sen University and the University of Sydney; government, where he worked as Assistant Director General for Transnational Issues at the Office of National Assessments; and think tanks, in which he was Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy and a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. His book, *There Goes the Neighbourhood: Australia and the Rise of Asia*, won the 2011 John Button Prize for the best writing on Australian public policy. His most recent book is *Restless Continent: Wealth, Power and Asia's New Geopolitics*. Professor Wesley is a member of the Advisory Council of China Matters.