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Biographies of panellists, moderators and speakers

Mr Grame Barty

Mr Grame Barty is Acting CEO and Executive Director of International Operations at AusTrade. He has over 30 years of international business and government experience in innovation commercialisation, marketing, trade and investment encompassing multinationals, foreign companies and government agencies. Previously he served as Regional Director, Americas based in Los Angeles from 2008 to 2011. As AusTrade's General Manager of Growth and Emerging Markets he has been heavily engaged in developing the Indian, Middle East and Latin American markets for Australia's exporters, education and research institutions. Mr Barty founded and grew the company Harvest Road Ltd securing funding through venture capital and an IPO on the Australian Stock Exchange.

The Hon Kim Beazley AC

The Hon Kim Beazley is National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. He is a Senior Fellow at the Perth USAsia Centre, a Distinguished Fellow at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute and a member of the board of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue and of Lockheed Martin. Elected to the Federal Parliament in 1980, Mr Beazley held a number of ministerial positions in the Hawke and Keating governments. He was Deputy Prime Minister from 1995-96 and Leader of the Australian Labor Party as Leader of the Opposition from 1996-2001 and 2005-2006 before retiring from politics in 2007. In July 2008 he was appointed Chancellor of the Australian National University, a position he held until December 2009. Mr Beazley served as Ambassador to the United States of America from February 2010 to January 2016.

Mr Peter Cai

Mr Peter Cai is a Research Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy. He is also a journalist with *Business Spectator* and *The Australian*, focusing on China's political economy. Previously he was at *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, covering Asian affairs and telecommunications. Prior to becoming a journalist, Mr Cai worked at the Foreign Investment Review Board secretariat of the Australian Treasury, focusing largely on state-owned enterprises and sovereign wealth fund investment and trade policy issues. Mr Cai has a Master's Degree from Oxford University and holds undergraduate degrees in international studies and Asian history from Adelaide University.



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Professor Gordon Flake

Professor Gordon Flake is the Founding CEO of Perth USAsia Centre. He was previously Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation; Senior Fellow and Associate Director of the Program on Conflict Resolution at The Atlantic Council of the US and Director for Research and Academic Affairs at the Korea Economic Institute of America. He is editor of *One Step Back? Reassessing an Ideal Security State for Northeast Asia 2025* and *Toward an Ideal Security State for Northeast Asia 2025* and has co-edited two books and authored several book chapters. He serves on the board of the US Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific, as Co-Vice Chair of the Board of the US Committee for Human Rights in North Korea, Advisory Council of the Korea Economic Institute of America, and on the International Advisory Board of the David M. Kennedy Center at Brigham Young University.

Mr Graham Fletcher

Mr Graham Fletcher is First Assistant Secretary of the Free Trade Agreement Division in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). One of his principal responsibilities was Chief Negotiator for the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement. His previous assignment was Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Washington (2011-2013). Mr Fletcher's earlier career focused on China. From 2008-2010 he headed up the North Asia Division in DFAT, managing relations with China, Japan and Korea. He was posted to the Australian Embassy in Beijing 1986-1988, 1997-2000 and 2004-2008. Mr Fletcher has also worked on the South Pacific. From 2001-2003 he was Assistant Secretary for South Pacific issues and coordinated the intervention in Solomon Islands known as the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI). He is a China Matters Advisory Council Member. Graham was born in Sydney in 1961, and studied history at the University of Sydney.

Professor Bates Gill

Professor Bates Gill (PhD Virginia) is Board Director of China Matters and Professor of Asia-Pacific Strategic Studies at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Australian National University (ANU). He recently completed a fellowship as the Sir Howard Kippenberger Chair in Strategic Studies at the Centre for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington. He is an internationally recognised China expert with 30 years of experience as a scholar and policy advisor focusing on the country's political scene, socioeconomic development, and foreign relations. The Chinese Diplomatic Academy recently ranked him as one of the top 10 American China-watchers. He has headed the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and held the prestigious Freeman Chair in China Studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC. Professor Gill has authored seven China and Asia-related books and more than 100 other China-related publications.



Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO CSC RAN

Vice Admiral Ray Griggs is the Vice Chief of the Defence Force Group, a position he has held since 2014. He joined the Adelaide Port Division of the Royal Australian Navy Reserve in 1978 as a radio operator and entered the Royal Australian Naval College at HMAS Creswell on a short service commission in 1979. Vice Admiral Griggs was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross in 1997, a Commendation for Distinguished Service in 2003 for his work in the Persian Gulf, and appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia in 2009. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2012. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the National Graduate School of Management at the Australian National University and a Master of Science (National Security Strategy) from the National Defense University in Washington DC.

Mr Adam Handley

Mr Adam Handley is the Managing Partner of Minter Ellison in Western Australia. He is a senior partner specialising in North Asian mergers and acquisitions and project development in the energy, resources and agricultural sectors. He also has a significant track record in advising federal and state governments on major regulatory and commercial projects. He has been a partner at Minter Ellison for more than 15 years and is widely regarded as one of the leading legal advisers to major foreign government and non-government investors to Australia. He serves as the inaugural Honorary Legal Counsel to the Japan Chamber of Commerce in Perth. Mr Handley is the current President of the Australia China Business Council (ACBC) in Western Australia and also sits on the national board of the ACBC.

Mr Andrew Hastie

Mr Andrew Hastie is the Federal Member for Canning, Western Australia, elected in 2015. Prior to entering Parliament, Mr Hastie studied philosophy and history at the University of New South Wales. In 2003 he joined the Australian Defence Force where he rose to the rank of Troop Commander in the Special Air Service Regiment from 2010-2015. Mr Hastie has served in Papua New Guinea, Bougainville, Afghanistan, the Asia Pacific and the Middle East while working closely with Special Operations Forces from the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand. He is a member of a number of committees including the House of Representatives Standing Committees on Tax and Revenue and is also a voting member of the Coalition Backbench Committee on Agriculture. He recently became a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade as well as Chair of the Australia-US Parliamentary Friendship Group.



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 the University of Sydney. From 2011 to 2013, she served as the Lowy Institute's East Asia Program Director. Before moving to Sydney in 2011, she 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). Over the past three decades she has served as a policy advisor to the governments of seven countries. Her most recent publications are *The US & China: A Mature and Interdependent Relationship* (United States Studies Centre, 2016) and "The PLA and Maritime Security Actors", in Saunders and Scobell (eds.), *PLA Influence on China's National Security Policymaking* (Stanford University Press, 2015).

Mr Allan McKinnon

Mr Allan McKinnon is Deputy Secretary of the National Security Group at 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 positions in Canberra and overseas. His overseas postings included assignments at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo as Counsellor (Minerals and Energy) (1994-1998) and Deputy Head of Mission (2006-2010). Mr McKinnon is a board member for the National Security College, Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University. He has a Bachelor of Arts (Asian Studies) and Bachelor of Economics from the Australian National University (ANU), and Diploma (Law) from the NSW Legal Practitioners Admission Board. He speaks Japanese and Thai.

Mr Dennis Richardson AO

Mr Dennis Richardson commenced as Secretary of the Department of Defence on 18 October 2012. Mr Richardson graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in 1968. He was awarded an Order of Australia in 2003. He served as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade 2010-2012 and Australian Ambassador to the United States of America 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 and Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister 1990-1991. Mr Richardson has also held various senior public service roles in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Department of Immigration and positions in the former Department of Foreign Affairs, with postings to Nairobi, Port Moresby and Jakarta.



The Hon Stephen Smith

The Hon Stephen Smith is a Professor of International Law at the University of Western Australia and Board Director of the Perth USAsia Centre. He was Federal Member for Perth from March 1993 until September 2013. In a distinguished career spanning 20 years in parliament, Professor Smith served as the Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs. He also held a range of shadow ministerial positions while in opposition. Professor Smith previously worked as Principal Private Secretary to the Attorney-General of WA and State Secretary of the WA Branch of the Australian Labor Party. During 1991 and 1992, Professor Smith was Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Australia, Paul Keating and Senior Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer. He is Chair of the Asia Desk of Perth Law firm Lavan Legal and a member of the Government and Public Sector Advisory Board for Ernst and Young Australia. He is also on the board of Hockey Australia.

Mr Mike Smith OBE

Mr Mike Smith was CEO of ANZ Banking Group from 2007-2015 and is now an Advisor to the Board. He is also Senior Advisor at PwC Australia's Asia Practice. Previously he was President and CEO of HSBC Limited; Chairman, Hang Seng Bank Limited; Global Head of Commercial Banking for the HSBC Group and Chairman, HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad. In 2013, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Monash University, Melbourne. He is a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia, member of the Chongqing Mayor's International Economic Advisory Council and Fellow of the Hong Kong Management Association. He is a former Chairman of the Australian Bankers' Association, immediate past member of the Business Council of Australia, Asia Business Council, Director of Institute of International Finance, member of International Monetary Conference and Shanghai Mayor's International Financial Advisory Council. Mr Smith was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 2000.

Professor Michael Wesley

Professor Michael Wesley is incoming Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific and was previously Director of the Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs at the Australian National University. He has held prior academic appointments at the University of New South Wales, Griffith University, the University of Hong Kong, Sun Yat-sen University and the University of Sydney. Professor Wesley was Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy from 2009-2012. He was previously Assistant Director General for Transnational Issues at the Office of National Assessments and 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 Chair of the Advisory Council of China Matters.

