

**Australian Institute of International Affairs**

**Forum on Ministers for Foreign Affairs, 1972-83**

Stephen House, 32 Thesiger Court, Deakin, Canberra

Thursday 19 May 2016

9.00 am – 5.00 pm

**Official Program**

**Arrival 8.30-9.00**

**Welcome to the Forum 9.00-9.15**

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Zara Kimpton OAM, National Vice-President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

**Session 1: Australian Foreign Policy 1972-83: an Overview 9.15-10.30**

The Whitlam Government 1972-75 (Gough Whitlam and Don Willesee):

Professor Peter Edwards AM FAIIA, Deakin University

The Fraser Government 1975-83 (Andrew Peacock and Tony Street):

Dr David Lee, Director, Historical Publications and Research Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Moderator:

Emeritus Professor Peter Boyce AO, AIIA Tasmania Branch President and University of Tasmania

**Morning Tea 10.30-11.00**

**Session 2: Australia’s Relations with China and Japan 1972-83 11.00-12.15**

Recognition and relations with China 1972-83:

Professor Jocelyn Chey AM FAIIA, Department of Chinese Studies, University of Sydney and Council member, AIIA NSW

Relations with Japan 1972-83:

Trevor Wilson, former diplomat with postings to Tokyo (1968-71, 1979-83 and Deputy Head of Mission 1996-2000) and Visiting Fellow, Department of Political and Social Change, ANU

Moderator:

Professor Richard Rigby, former Assistant Director-General at the Office of National Assessments, former Ambassador to Israel and Executive Director, ANU China Institute

**Lunch 12.15-1.00**

**Session 3: Australia’s Relations with the US and Indonesia 1972-83 1.00-2.15**

Engagement with the United States, 1972-83:

Professor James Curran, Department of History, University of Sydney

Relations with Indonesia 1972-83:

Emeritus Professor James Cotton FAIIA, Australian Defence Force Academy, University of New South Wales

Moderator:

Miles Kupa, AIIA ACT Vice-President, former ambassador and former Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Afternoon Tea 2.15-2.45**

**Session 4: Australia and the Third World 1972-83 2.45-3.15**

Australia and the Third World:

Professor Derek McDougall, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne (presented by Jaidan Stevens)

Australia’s Africa Policies

Di Johnstone, former diplomat with postings to South Africa (1974-76), Kenya (1980-82) and as Rhodesia desk officer, (presented by Melissa Conley Tyler)

Moderator:

Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs

**Session 5: Panel Discussion: Diplomacy in the Whitlam/Fraser Era 3.15-4.45**

The Hon. Tony Street, former Minister for Foreign Affairs

(Written reflections, presented by Geoffrey Miller)

Dr Sue Boyd, former ambassador and Immediate Past President of AIIA for WA

Philip Flood AO FAIIA, former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA, Visiting Fellow at the ANU National Security College and former Director-General of the Office of National Assessments

Mack Williams, former ambassador and Past President of AIIA NSW

Garry Woodard FAIIA, former ambassador and former National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs

Richard Woolcott AC FAIIA, former ambassador and former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Moderator:

Geoffrey Miller AO FAIIA, former senior Australian diplomat and former National Vice-President, Australian Institute of International Affairs

**Closing Remarks 4.45-5.00**

Professor Shirley Scott, AIIA Research Chair and School of Social Sciences, University of NSW

John Robbins CSC, Project Officer, Australian Institute of International Affairs

**Participants**

Christopher Adam, Department of Defence

Linda Ambrosiussen, AIIA ACT Branch Member

Professor Joan Beaumont FAIIA, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University

Professor Bob Bowker, Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies, Australian National University

Richard Broinowski, former ambassador and AIIA NSW President

Dr Alison Broinowski, former diplomat

Ross Cottrill, former diplomat and past National Executive Director of the AIIA

Emeritus Professor Peter Drysdale AO FAIIA*,*Head of the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research at the Australian National University.

Ian Dudgeon RFD, AIIA Presidential Associate, former AIIA ACT Branch President

Brian Ely, AIIA ACT Branch Council Member

Mike Fogarty, Australian Defence Force Academy

Dr Meg Gurry, Fellow of the Australia India Institute

Peter Hamburger, AIIA ACT Branch

Cam Hawker, AIIA Presidential Associate and former AIIA ACT Branch President

Jeremy Hearder, Consultant, Historical Publications and Information Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Iain Henry, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU, PHD Candidate

Bruce Hunt, former diplomat

James Ingram AO FAIIA, former diplomat and former Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme

Dr Marie Kawaja, School of History, Australian National University

Dr Ann Kent, Visiting Fellow, ANU College of Law

Peter Londey, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

Geoff Marginson, former Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Officer

Colin Milner, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and AIIA ACT Branch

Denis O’Dea, NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation

Dayle Redden, former Officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and former AIIA National Treasurer

Richard C. Smith AO PSM FAIIA, former Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Republic of Indonesia, former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Special Envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan

Dr June Verrier, AIIA ACT Branch, former Head of the Australian Parliament’s Information and Research Service of the Department of the Parliamentary Library

**Organising Team**

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