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invites you to a

Business Lunch
with

Professor Rory Medcalf

Head of National Security College – Australian National University

CHINESE POWER AND AUSTRALIA

China's growing power is something with which every country in the Indo-Pacific region must contend; it is having an increasing influence on both strategic and domestic policymaking.

In Australia, it is evident in recent controversies surrounding Chinese-linked donations to political parties and calls for politicians to be better-informed regarding security issues in the region. More broadly, China's influence is complicating Australia's traditional strategic posture. Against this backdrop, the upcoming foreign policy white paper is an opportunity for the government to articulate its strategy to deal with this influence.

Date: Thursday November 10th

Time: 12pm, for 12.30pm start, Presentation concludes at 2pm

Cost: \$65 per person, including beverages

Where: The Western Australian Club (Inc).

12 St Georges Terrace, Penthouse Level 11 (use far lift on the right in foyer)

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PROFESSOR RORY MEDCALF
Head of the National Security College - Australian National University



Professor Rory Medcalf has been Head of the National Security College at the Australian National University since January 2015. He has led the expansion of the College into policy engagement as well as education, executive development and research. His professional background involves more than two decades of experience across diplomacy, intelligence analysis, think tanks and journalism, including a formative role as Director of the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute.

In government, Professor Medcalf worked as a senior strategic analyst with the Office of National Assessments, Canberra's peak intelligence analysis agency. He was also an Australian diplomat, with wide experience including a posting to New Delhi, a secondment to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, truce monitoring after the civil conflict in Bougainville and policy development on Asian security institutions. He has contributed to three landmark reports on nuclear arms control: the 1996 Canberra Commission, 1999 Tokyo Forum and 2009 International Commission on Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament. His earlier work in journalism was commended in Australia's leading media awards, the Walkleys.

Professor Medcalf was a member of the expert panel providing independent advice on the Australian Government's 2016 Defence White Paper. His research areas include Australia's security challenges, the further development of an Indo-Pacific concept of the Asian strategic environment, China-India relations, and prospects for maritime and nuclear stability in Indo-Pacific Asia, on which he has led projects funded by the MacArthur Foundation.

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