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The **Australian Institute of International Affairs** (AIIA) is proud to announce the launch of ***Middle Power Dreaming*** – the latest book in its ongoing series *Australia in World Affairs*. Starting in 1950, the series provides a definitive record of Australian foreign policy.

The current edition has been prepared by **James Cotton**, Professor of Politics at the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy, and **John Ravenhill**, Professor in the Department of International Relations at the Australian National University. Authors include some of Australia's leading foreign policy commentators, including Hugh White and Michael Wesley.

Middle Power Dreaming charts Australia's foreign policy recalibration after the Howard government's bilateral approach via the "Rudd experiment" to the young Gillard administration. It describes the years between 2006 and 2010 as an era characterized by the Global Financial Crisis, disillusionment regarding the 'War on Terror', and the dawn of the Asian century.

This key text provides timely and comprehensive coverage of Australia's relations with the world, including China, Japan, the United States, Southeast Asia, the South Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. It also contains chapters on defence policy, the environment and immigration.

The *Canberra Times* praised the previous book in the series, *Trading on Alliance Security: Australia in World Affairs 2001-2005*, as "an unambiguous triumph of Australian scholarship and research." In the words of the publisher of *The Diplomat* magazine, the book "was a fantastic: a ripper of a read; riveting from beginning to end."

To commemorate the important historical series, the Australian Institute of International Affairs also offers a CD-ROM covering *Australia in World Affairs* from 1950 to 2000. Nine volumes of 3,500 pages are available in searchable pdf format, providing an invaluable resource for those interested in Australia's turbulent foreign policy between 1950 and 2000.

The book and the CD-ROM are available from the Australian Institute of International Affairs, good bookstores, and from Oxford University Press. The book's standard price is A\$90.65, but is available from the AIIA for a discounted price of A\$ 79.95 ~ A\$ 59.95 for AIIA members. An eBook edition (9780195519013, \$79.86) will be available from through VitalSource (<http://vitalsource.com/bookshelf>) from February 2012.

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Background information

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