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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Emerging Scholars Series

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) announces the launch of the *Emerging Scholars Series* to enable young researchers to publish their work.

The AIIA hosts a number of interns in its National Office who often write research reports to earn academic credit. To give these high quality papers an outlet, the AIIA has decided to produce an annual volume, *The Emerging Scholars Series* in order to publicise their work.

The inaugural publication includes reports on a variety of interest areas, including: the role of Australian peacekeeping in East Timor, Australian-Indonesian public diplomacy, Australian attitudes towards Pacific foreign policy, the role of global Institutes of International Affairs, a discussion of Globalisation and its effects in Australia and Vietnam, US-China Cooperation in an APEC Free Trade Area and the China-India relationship and its implications for Australia.

The aims of the series reflect those of the AIIA as a whole: to raise awareness of international issues among the Australian community. The *Emerging Scholars* series provides a new and unique opportunity for young researchers to influence debate in the community on a number of important issues.

This volume of the publication has been co-edited by Dr. Chad Mitcham and Mr. Geoff Miller, AO, a former Australian diplomat and AIIA National Executive Vice President, with support from Ms. Melissa Conley Tyler, National Executive Director.

The *Emerging Scholars Series* publication will be formally launched by AIIA ACT Branch President, Mr. Peter Hendy at Stephen House on Tuesday December 4 at 5.30 pm.

To attend the event, please RSVP to [act.branch@aiia.asn.au](mailto:act.branch@aiia.asn.au). For a copy of the publication please contact [intern2@aiia.asn.au](mailto:intern2@aiia.asn.au) or phone (02) 6282 2133. Copies of the reports will be made available online after the launch at [www.aiia.asn.au](http://www.aiia.asn.au).

### Background information

The Australian Institute of International Affairs was established in 1933 as an independent non-political body to promote interest in and understanding of international affairs. The AIIA operates nationwide with 1300 members across seven state and territory branches. The AIIA provides a forum for discussion, educates, and disseminates ideas via its journal *Australian Journal of International Affairs* and its book series *Australia in World Affairs*. The Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffrey AC CVO MC is the AIIA's honorary visitor.