



News from AIIA National Office
August-September 2013

Events

The AIIA is pleased to announce the public launch of **Documents on Australian Foreign Policy Series: Australia and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, 1945–1974**. Melissa Conley Tyler will chair the seminar hosted by the Centre for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament at ANU on Wednesday, 25 September 2013 at 5:30 PM. Speakers will include Associate Professor Reynolds (co-editor of the volume), Professor Ramesh Thakur and DFAT Secretary Mr Peter Varghese AO.

On 29th July 2013, AIIA National President John McCarthy presented a lecture at the University of Tasmania discussing foreign policy for Australia's next Government. The lecture covered various relevant issues including asylum seekers, the Indo-Pacific, the Asian Century and Australia's new seat on the United Nations Security Council. Mr John McCarthy suggests that the issue of asylum seekers "has to be the priority of a new government". To read the full lecture transcript: <http://aiia.asn.au/tas-news/1029-thoughts-on-foreign-policy-john-mccarthy-lecture>.

The Australian Institute of International Affairs congratulates the ABC and Metro TV News on the Q&A episode "More Than Beef, Boats & Bali" filmed in Jakarta and aired in Australia on 4 July 2013. The idea to hold a Q&A episode in Jakarta was an initiative that came directly out of the [Indonesia-Australia Dialogue 2013](#), which brought together leaders in the fields of business, media, science and education in order to strengthen the breadth and possibilities of the bilateral relationship. To access the full episode and transcript please follow this link: <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/qanda/txt/s3788237.htm>.

Footage of recent AIIA events can be viewed on the **AIIA YouTube Channel** www.youtube.com/user/aiiavision. This includes video of a talk by Paul Robilliard, Head of the UN Security Council Taskforce (DFAT) at AIIA VIC about Australia's objectives for its term in the Security Council and the realities of working in this environment; and a lecture at AIIA NSW by Ireland's Ambassador to Australia, H.E. Noel White on Ireland's Presidency of the EU.

Publications

Recent publications by the National Executive Director, Melissa Conley Tyler include 'Indonesia-Australia: Act Naturally', co-authored by Rosalie Pitt, intern at AIIA National Office. This Interpreter blog entry explores the notion that Australia and Indonesia are natural strategic partners, but have yet to realise this and build on the significant potential this offers for regional collaboration – including in the G20:

<http://www.lowyinterpreter.org/post/2013/07/30/Indonesia-and-Australia-Learning-to-be-natural-partners.aspx>

Member Offers

AIIA members have been invited to consider the following:

- **The CUSAPS 2013 Annual Conference** at Flinders University on 6 September will explore the shifting expectations of politics and governance in Asia and the United States through presentations from renowned national and international leaders in this field. Registration is through the [CUSAPS web page](#).
- **Peter Nygh Hague Conference Internship Seminar**, 2009 Nygh Intern, Alexander Kunzelman, has returned from the Hague after an extended period working at the Permanent Bureau and has agreed to speak at a lunch time seminar on Monday 23 September at Allens, Sydney about the work of the Permanent Bureau. For more information contact Becky.Mates@allens.com.au (RSVP before 18 September).
- The Institute for Peace and Democracy in collaboration with the Centre for Democratic Institutions and Australian Labor International, is calling for applicants from a select number of countries for the second **Asia-Pacific Political Leadership Program**, to take place from 25 September - 2 October. For more information: <http://www.ipd.or.id/the-2nd-asia-pacific-political-leadership-program-call-for-applications.htm> (closing date 25 August).
- The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is offering scholarships for a two-week course “**Encounter Europe – Visit Germany: A European Studies Winter School**”, 1-14 December 2013 dealing with the issue of the European Union in a broad sense. To apply to the DAAD Scholarship: <http://ic.daad.de/sydney/encounter%20europe.htm>.
The ANU Centre for European Studies supports the program by funding three travel grants for successful ANU applicants. To apply send CV, concise statement (max 250 words) explaining why you want to attend the program and current academic transcript to europe@anu.edu.au (closing dates 30 August).
- **National United Nations Association of Australia Media Awards 2013**. The Media Awards is a prestigious National Awards Program that recognises those journalists, producers and editors who seek to promote understanding and awareness about humanitarian and social justice issues in our society and stimulate public debate. For more information: www.unaavictoria.org.au.

Staff and Volunteers

The AIIA farewells Laura Edwards and Kelly Sullivan and welcomes Aakriti Bhutoria (India), Sophia Brook (Germany), Almog Elijis (Israel), Shane Ivimey (ADFA), Christopher Lever (UC) and Artemis Niaros (Monash).

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