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BACKGROUND

ABOUT THE AIIA

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) was formed from 1924, initially in association with the Royal Institute of International Affairs (now Chatham House). It was established as a federal body in 1933. The AIIA plays a unique role as an independent non-partisan forum for informed debate on Australia's engagement in the world, achieved through track-II dialogues, public events, publications, and analysis. It has a presence in all state and territory capital cities in the nation, as well as a national office located in Canberra. It is a membership based organisation, and any member of the public can seek to join. It is precluded by its constitution from expressing any opinion of its own on international affairs. Its funding comes from royalties, membership fees, rent, and support for projects. The AIIA provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of a wide range of views on international affairs.

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SCHEDULE

23 NOVEMBER 2021*

1PM* Keynote Speeches
(Chatham House Rule)

2:30PM Break

2:45PM Panel 1: Taiwan and
Indo-Pacific Security

4:15PM Networking session

4:45PM End of Session

*All listed times are AEDT (Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne).

Keynote speeches are held under the Chatham House Rule

Speakers and panelists comments are on-the-record.
Audience questions are held under the Chatham House
rule.

The Networking Sessions for this event are off-the-record.

SCHEDULE

24 NOVEMBER 2021*

1PM* Panel 2: Trade and
Supply Chain Issues

2:30PM Break

2:45PM Panel 3: Environment
and Health

4:15PM Networking session

4:45PM End of Session

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

SENATOR THE HON DAVID FAWCETT

Chair, Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade,

Senator the Hon David Fawcett served in the Australian Defence Force for over 22 years. Elected to the House of Representatives in 2004, he served in the Parliament until 2007. A pilot in the army, David continued to fly as a test pilot and ran a small business working in the Defence and Aviation sectors prior to being elected to the Senate in 2010, 2016 and again in 2019. In the 45th Parliament, David was sworn as the Assistant Minister for Defence. David is currently the Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, and member of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security. David is a strong advocate for initiatives that would lead to a more effective and efficient national defence force, including the development of a sustainable defence industry capability. His extensive and widely respected policy understanding has led to a number of appointments, including Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. As Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services in the 44th Parliament, he led an inquiry into the educational and professional standards of the financial advice industry. This body of work has been a catalyst for significant legislative and industry-led reforms in the finance sector.



DR HSIN-HUANG MICHAEL HSIAO

Chairman of the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation

Dr Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao is Chairman of the Taiwan-Asia Exchange Foundation and Chairman of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at National Chengchi University. He is also an Adjunct Research Fellow with the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica and a Professor of Sociology at National Taiwan University and National Sun Yat-Sen University. Hsiao is also Chair Professor of Hakka Studies, National Central University. He served as National Policy Advisor to the President of Taiwan between 1996 and 2006, and is currently Senior Advisor to the President of Taiwan. His recent publications include *Middle Class, Civil Society and Democracy in East Asia* (2019), *Citizens, Civil Society and Heritage-making in Asia* (2017) and *Coping with China Risk: The Challenge to Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese Firms* (2016).



Panel 1

TAIWAN AND INDO-PACIFIC SECURITY

SPEAKERS

Cheng Yi Lin
Academia Sinica

Dr Bec Strating
La Trobe Asia

Natasha Kassam
Lowy Institute

Dr Mark Harrison
University of Tasmania

**Rowan Callick FAIIA
(Moderator)**
Griffith Asia Institute

Tensions across the Taiwan Strait are rising and are potentially more serious than crises in the 1990s and even the 1950s. Military activity around Taiwan has increased, with China's largest daily incursion into Taiwan's Air Defence Identification Zone occurring in mid-June 2021. Nevertheless, experts disagree as to whether such activity signals China's intent to go to war over Taiwan or whether Beijing is posturing to a nervous international community. What is the likelihood of conflict over Taiwan? How should we view predictions that China will mount a planned attack in the next decade? Could accidents around the island spark all-out hostilities? What is Taiwan's position in maritime disputes in the region? How should states in the region, like Australia and Japan, react to the current situation? How are these tensions perceived among publics both in Taiwan and abroad?

TAIWAN, TRADE, AND SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

Panel 2

COVID 19 has disrupted supply chains around the world, while the Trump administration in the United States, Brexit, and political movements elsewhere which began before the pandemic have raised the prospect that we are once more living in a world with hard borders. China, meanwhile, has made it clear that it sees trade as a tool in its political statecraft, a factor that has been keenly felt in the region. Nervous actors in the Indo-Pacific are looking to diversify their trade away from China, but do nations in the region have many choices? What does this mean for Taiwan-Australia trade relations? How does Taiwan's position relate to newly inked trade agreements? Where does Taiwan sit within the global trading order?

SPEAKERS

Roy Chun Lee
WTO and RTA Center

Alan Oxley
Independent Analyst

Jon Berry
Article 3

Ching-Mei Maddock
(Moderator)
Australia Taiwan Business Council

ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

Panel 3

The world has much to learn from Taiwan's initially successful response to the coronavirus, including its emphasis on transparency and open information. Indeed, Taiwan's success early in the pandemic tended to provide a counterpoint to the oft-heard refrain that autocratic states were more efficient in suppressing the virus. Similarly, meeting today's environmental challenges will take a multilateral approach, and Taiwan as an advanced economy and a traditional fuel importer has increasing interest in going "green." Given the potential for education and cooperation, should we be expecting a greater voice for Taiwan in multinational forums? What are the opportunities for Australia and Taiwan to cooperate in technology innovation, investment, and development in these areas?

SPEAKERS

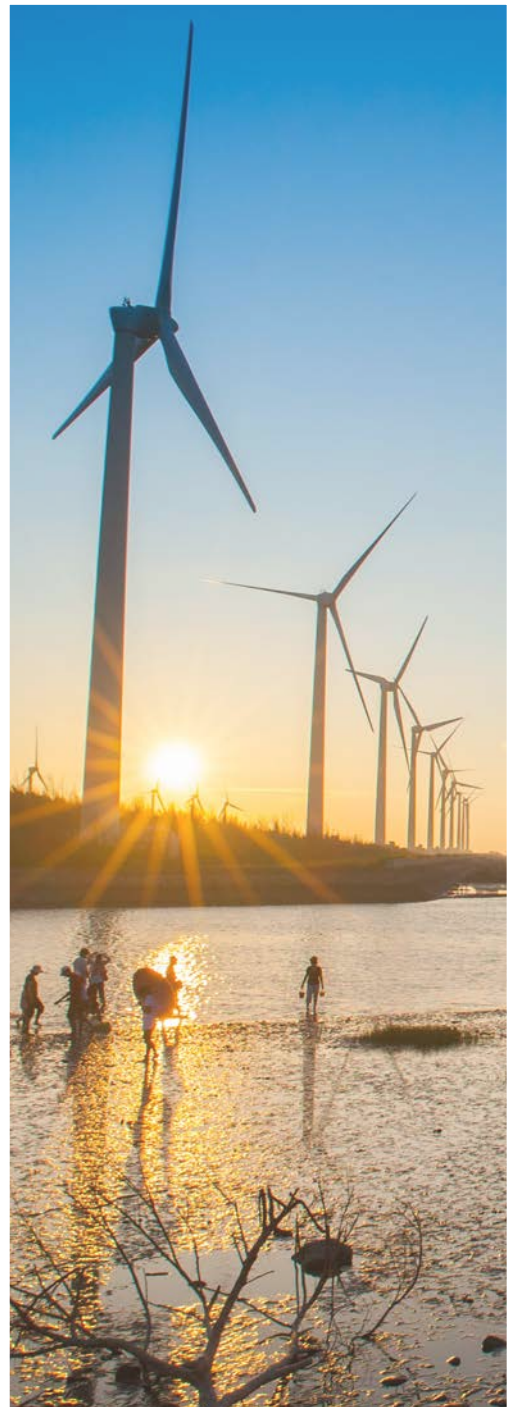
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Jon Berry is an expert in international trade and development, specialising in agriculture and resources trade, food security and international investment. He has worked for Article Three/ITS Global since 2012, prior to which he worked for the UN World Food Programme, based in Rome and various locations in Africa. Jon consults regularly to government departments, and represents the interests of Australian companies and industry associations in government inquiries and stakeholder consultations. Recent projects have included an analysis of supply chain vulnerabilities for Australian food manufacturers (commissioned by the Australian Food and Grocery Council) and a scoping paper proposing expansion of APEC's Environmental Goods List (commissioned by DFAT and the Australian APEC Study Centre). He has expert skills in economic analysis and modelling, writing, and presenting at international fora. He also has extensive experience in adult education and training in Australia, China, Japan and France. Jon has an MBA specialising in the management of international organisations from the University of Geneva, and a Master of Public Policy. Jon speaks fluent French, as well as basic Japanese and Italian.

PROFESSOR CAITLIN BYRNE FAIA

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Professor Caitlin Byrne FAIA is Director, Griffith Asia Institute. She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute for International Affairs (AIIA) and Faculty Fellow of the University of Southern California's Centre for Public Diplomacy (CPD). Caitlin's research is focused on Australian diplomacy with a special interest in Australia's engagement in the Asia-Pacific region. Most recent research projects explore the role of leadership, soft power and public diplomacy, including people-to-people connections developed through international education, culture and sport in developing Australia's regional influence, relationships and reputation. Caitlin brings expertise in executive education and currently delivers training on Soft Power & Public Diplomacy, and International Policy & Tradecraft through Australia's Diplomatic Academy in Canberra. She consults on occasion to government in the areas of strategic foreign policy and diplomatic practice. Prior to joining academia, Caitlin had established a professional career spanning strategic management, legal, foreign and social policy roles in government, business and community sectors.





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Industry Fellow

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Rowan Callick is an author, and a writer and speaker on contemporary China. He grew up in England, graduating BA Honours from Exeter University, and worked for a daily newspaper before moving to Papua New Guinea in 1976, becoming general manager of a locally owned publishing, printing and retail group. In 1987 he moved to Australia, working for almost 20 years for The Australian Financial Review including as Hong Kong based China Correspondent, and for two years as a senior writer for Time magazine. He worked for The Australian from 2006 to 2018, including two postings to Beijing as China Correspondent. He was Asia-Pacific Editor of both the AFR and The Australian. His work has also been published by The Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy magazine, and The Times. He is a member of the advisory board of the Australian Government's National Foundation for Australia-China Relations, a governor of the Foundation for Development Cooperation, and a member of the advisory boards of La Trobe Asia and of the Australia China Relations Institute at the University of Technology, Sydney. He was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Institute for International Affairs, and has won two Walkley Awards and the Graham Perkin Award for Australian Journalist of the Year. He was awarded the OBE in 2015, at the nomination of the government of PNG, for services to the training of PNG journalists. He has written three books, each published in English and Chinese.

PROFESSOR YA-WEN BETTY CHIU

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Professor Chiu received her master's degree from Yale University in 1993 and PhD from University of California at Berkeley in 2000. She has since held numerous positions in both the public and academic sectors. She served as an official researcher at the Environmental Protection Agency, followed by the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Anti-SARS Commission (cross-sectoral task force in the Executive Council), and later at the National Health Research Institutes of Taiwan. Since 2015, she has served as the Director of the Master Program in Global Health and Development at Taipei Medical University. In 2018, she established Asia's first PhD Program in Global Health and Health Security. Professor Chiu has made significant contribution in shaping Taiwan's foreign aid and health policy. She is a nationally and internationally recognized speaker who is deeply involved in numerous professional and scientific societies. She is currently the Taiwan Regional Director of Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH) and is also one of the founders of the APACPH CCHP (Collaborating Centres for Health Promotion; Website: <https://www.cchp.org.tw/>). She is a member of the Taiwan Evidence-Based Medicine Association, Taiwan Health Corps, Taiwan Harm Reduction Association, and Taiwan Society for Risk Analysis. She is also an active member at the Center for Security Studies of National Chengchi University. Since the start of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Professor Chiu has been invited to advise and offer policy recommendations in various public sectors. She has been invited over 40 times to speak on issues regarding COVID-19 and Taiwan to members of the general public and healthcare personnel on the television, radio, internet via webcam, and in person.





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Dr Mark Harrison is a senior lecturer in Chinese Studies at the University of Tasmania in the Politics and International Relations program. He is also a Founding Fellow of the Australian Centre on China in the World at the Australian National University. Prior to the University of Tasmania, he was a Research Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Democracy at the University of Westminster in London, UK. He is the author of a range of publications on Taiwanese politics, culture, and society. These include the monograph "Legitimacy Meaning and Knowledge in the Making of Taiwanese Identity" with Palgrave Macmillan, the 2019 Special Report for ASPI, "Rethinking Taiwan Policy: History, Politics, Ideology", a regular series on Taiwan for ASPI's The Strategist, as well as recent work in the social theory journal Thesis Eleven and for the International Journal of Taiwan Studies. He has participated in Track 2 Australia-Taiwan dialogue for many years and engages actively with government and policy-makers on Taiwan. He contributes regularly to media reporting on Taiwan and cross-strait relations.

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Trained as a political scientist (Ph.D. 2009), Llewelyn Hughes is particularly interested in analysing how governments balance the goal of creating competitive advantage through green industry policies with the need to respond effectively to climate change, using a global supply chain perspective. He currently serves on the Editorial Board for *Organizational Response to Climate Change: Business, Governments, and Nonprofits* series, Cambridge University Press (2021-), and *Studies in Comparative Energy and Environmental Politics* series, Oxford University Press (2017-). He is also Associate Editor for the *Japanese Journal of Political Science* (2018-).





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