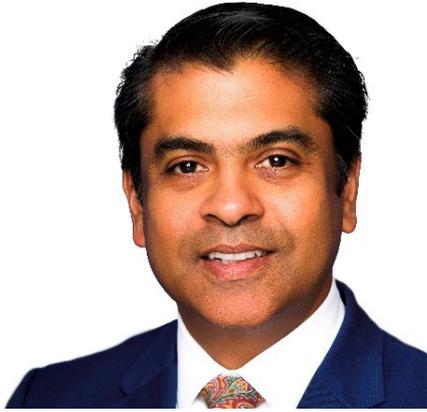


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Confirmed Panellists

We'll be announcing more speakers over the coming weeks!

Brendan Augustin spent almost fifteen years in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). During this time he undertook diplomatic assignments in Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, and France. After leaving DFAT, he worked in senior roles in Oil and Gas and Mining, including international assignments in Mauritania and Timor Leste with Woodside Energy and in Cameroon with Sundance Resources. Brendan returned to Perth in 2013 to work with Woodside where he assumed several roles including General Manager, Government and International Relations. He left Woodside recently and is now the Managing Director of Bina Group, which is focused on supporting companies grow internationally. In July 2021 he was elected President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs of Western Australia.



Professor Caitlin Byrne FAIIA 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.



Hayley Channer is the Senior Policy Fellow with the Perth USAsia Centre. Based in Canberra, Hayley produces analysis on foreign and defence policy in the Indo-Pacific, engages with key Australian Government agencies and other policy stakeholders, and builds and sustains the Centre's network. Hayley has led a diverse career across government, think tanks and the not-for-profit sector. She previously worked for the Department of Defence producing strategic policy guidance on defence capabilities and

international engagement with the United States and Japan. She has also worked as an Assistant Adviser to former Minister for Defence, Senator Marise Payne, and coordinated government relations outreach for Australia's largest non-profit organisation, World Vision. Hayley has published strategic policy analysis on Northeast Asia and US policy in the Indo-Pacific for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute and been a Visiting Fellow with the East West Centre in Washington DC. Hayley is a 2021-22 Fulbright Visiting Scholar and will undertake advanced research into US cooperation with Indo-Pacific allies at the Hudson Institute in 2022. She is also an alumni of the US State Department International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and Australia-America Young Leadership Dialogue (AAYLD). Hayley has a Master of International Relations from the University of Queensland and a certificate in Public Policy from the London School of Economics. Hayley is active across the Canberra community having co-founded the Women in Defence and Security Network (WDSN), contributed to the Australia-Japan Youth Dialogue, and volunteered with the RSPCA ACT.

Graeme Dobell is Journalist Fellow with the Australian Strategic Policy



Institute, writing a weekly column for ASPI's digital magazine, *The Strategist*, since 2013. In 2021, he wrote an intellectual history of ASPI's work over its first two decades: *An informed and independent voice: ASPI, 2001-2021*. Starting as a newspaper journalist in 1971 in Melbourne on *The Herald*, Dobell joined the ABC's international service, *Radio Australia*, in 1975. He was an ABC correspondent for 33 years, reporting in Canberra, Europe, America, and throughout Asia and the South Pacific. Dobell was the ABC's Southeast Asia radio

correspondent, based in Singapore, and did three stints as *Radio Australia's* Foreign Affairs and Defence Correspondent, reporting also for ABC radio news and current affairs programs and ABC television. He worked in the Parliamentary Press Gallery in Canberra in 1978-81, 1986-89 and 1991-2008. From 2001 to 2003, he was the presenter of ABC Television's weekly review of the week in Federal Parliament, *Order in the House*. Assignments in his career included the Falklands War, coups in Fiji, Thailand and the Philippines, Beijing after the crushing of the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square, and the return of Hong Kong to China. Dobell covered the security dialogue of the ASEAN Regional Forum, the East Asia Summit, and a dozen APEC summits. From 2008 to 2012, Dobell wrote 'The Canberra Column' for *The Interpreter*, published by the Lowy Institute for International Policy. He has been a contributor to *Inside Story* since 2011. Since 2009, he has written an annual review of Australia-US-East Asia relations for *Pacific Forum*. Dobell is the author of the book *Australia Finds Home — the Choices and Chances of an Asia Pacific Journey*, published in 2000. He has a BA Journalism (RMIT) and an MA International Relations (ANU). In 2011, he was made a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs 'for his distinguished contribution to journalism through his reporting on politics and international affairs.'

Jane Drake-Brockman is an expert on international trade and regional integration and widely recognized as Australia's foremost industry expert



on services competitiveness and trade in services. She joined the University of Adelaide's Institute for International Trade in 2015 after 3 years with the International Trade Centre (Geneva). She was the previously the Chief Economist at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Previously she taught at the MBA programme at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Current research includes the impact of new technologies and digital trade. Jane is the Founder of the Australian Services Roundtable, the peak business body for the services industries and co-convenor of the Asia Pacific Services Coalition. She has served on the Board of the International

Chamber of Commerce in Australia, on the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Coalition of Services Industries and as convenor of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) Taskforce on Services. She was a central architect of the APEC Services Competitiveness Roadmap and is credited in the literature with the original business-driven idea behind the plurilateral TISA negotiations in Geneva. Jane is a former senior Australian diplomat, serving as Chief Economist in DFAT, as Assistant Secretary, Services & Intellectual Property Branch and Minister/Charge d'Affaires at the Australian Delegation to the EU in Brussels. She studied Economics at the Australian National University as a National Undergraduate Scholar and started her career as the first female cadet with the Australian Treasury. Before joining DFAT, she spent 8 years at the OECD Secretariat (Paris) and 2 years with the Commonwealth Secretariat (London).



Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA FAIIA is Distinguished Honorary Professor at the Australian National University, where he was Chancellor from 2010-19. He was a Cabinet Minister in the Hawke and Keating Labor Governments from 1983-96, in the posts of Attorney General, Minister for Resources and Energy, Minister for Transport and Communications and - from 1988-96 - Foreign Minister. During his 21 years in Australian politics he was Leader of the Government in the Senate (1993-96) and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House of Representatives (1996-98). From 2000 to 2009 he was President and CEO of the Brussels-based International Crisis Group, the independent global conflict

prevention and resolution organisation. He has written or edited 13 books - including *Incorrigible Optimist: A Political Memoir* (2017), *Nuclear Weapons: The State of Play 2015* (co-author), *Inside the Hawke-Keating Government: A Cabinet Diary* (2014), and *The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity*

Crimes Once and for All (2008); has published many newspaper articles and nearly 150 journal articles, chapters, and reports on foreign relations, human rights and legal and constitutional reform; has honorary doctorates from Melbourne, Sydney, Carleton and Queen's Universities; and has lectured at many universities around the world, including Oxford, Cambridge, Princeton, Yale, Stanford and the Central European University. He has co-chaired two major International Commissions, on Intervention and State Sovereignty (2000-01), and Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (2008-10), and has been a member of a number of others. He currently Co-Chairs the International Advisory Board of the New-York based Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, and is Chair of the Asia Pacific Leadership Network for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (APLN) and the Advisory Board of the ANU Centre for Asian-Australian Leadership.



Senator the Hon David Fawcett 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 served in the Australian Defence Force for over 22 years. An Army pilot, he flew helicopters and fixed wing aircraft and was the Senior Flying Instructor at the School of Army Aviation in Queensland. Graduating as an experimental test pilot from the Empire Test Pilots' School (UK), he finished his full time career in Defence as the Commanding Officer of the RAAF Aircraft Research and Development Unit. Elected to the House of Representatives as the Member for Wakefield (SA) in 2004, he served in the Parliament until 2007. 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's experience in aviation has helped to facilitate change in Australia's aviation policy and approach to aviation safety regulation. With tertiary qualifications in science and business administration, he is known for his evidence-based approach to policy development and oversight with a focus on outcomes that are in the national interest. 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. Having lived in Asia, the UK and across Australia, David is proud to call South Australia home. He is a keen sailor and is married to Lorna and together they have two adult daughters.

Stan Grant is the Vice Chancellor's Chair of Australian/Indigenous Belonging at Charles Sturt University. He was formerly ABC's Global Affairs and Indigenous Affairs Analyst. He is one of Australia's most respected and awarded journalists, with more than 30 years experience in radio and television news and current affairs. Stan has a strong reputation for independence and integrity and has interviewed international political and business leaders, including our own prime ministers and senior ministers. Prior to taking up his latest role Stan served for a decade at a Senior International Correspondent for CNN in Asia and the Middle East, broadcasting to an audience of millions around the world. He has interviewed numerous world leaders including Nelson Mandela, Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, Condoleezza Rice, Yasser Arafat, Mahmoud Abbas, Shimon Peres, Bill Clinton, and Australian Prime Ministers Bob Hawke, Paul Keating, John Howard, Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard, Tony Abbott, and Malcolm Turnbull. Stan has won numerous international and Australian awards including a Peabody Award, Columbia University Alfred I. duPont award, four times winner of the prestigious Asia TV awards including best news story and reporter of the year, twice winner of the coveted Australian Walkley Award, as well as a TV Logie award, GQ Magazine agenda setter of the year and an Australian Academy of Arts Cinema and Television Award (Australia's Oscars) as male TV presenter of the year. Stan is an award winning and best selling author of several books and has contributed articles to many major Australian newspapers, magazines and journals.

Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA was appointed the National President of the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) in September 2017, having previously been named a Fellow of the AIIA in 2010. He is an honorary professor with the Australian National University's College of Asia and the Pacific and was most recently Director of the ANU Crawford Leadership Forum. Allan has had an extensive career in Australian international affairs. He was the Director-General of the Australian Office of National Assessments (ONA) from 2009 to 2013. Prior to leading the ONA, he was the founding Executive Director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy from 2003 to 2009. Additionally, he has worked at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, serving as an Australian diplomat in Rangoon, Singapore and Washington. He was Senior Advisor (International) to Prime Minister Paul Keating between 1993 and 1996. Allan was appointed as an Officer in the Order of Australia in 2009 for services to international relations. In 2007, he co-authored *Making Australian Foreign Policy* with Michael Wesley. His most recent book, *Fear of Abandonment: Australia in the World Since 1942*, was released in 2017 to considerable acclaim. A new edition of the book was published this year to cover the last six years in Australian foreign policy.



Bridi Rice is an international development specialist and this year's awardee of the Fulbright Scholarship for Not for Profit Leadership. Bridi holds a Master of Politics, Law Degree and Arts Degree and has worked in international development and foreign policy for 15 years, including as Director at the Australian Council for International Development, co-founder of the Asia Pacific Development Diplomacy and Defence Dialogue and as a senior public servant for the Attorney-General's Department. Bridi is passionate about the intersection of international development, foreign policy and human security - and has just founded a new enterprise: Development Intelligence Lab, a fresh platform for inspiration, ideas and debate on the future of Indo-Pacific development cooperation.

Dr Bryce Wakefield is the national executive director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and a visiting fellow at the Australian National University. He has lived, worked and researched in the United States, Japan, Europe and New Zealand. He trained as a political scientist with particular expertise in International Relations and the international affairs of East Asia. From 2008 to 2012 Bryce was the associate responsible for Northeast Asian programs at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. In this role, he was responsible for conceiving, designing and organising around 60 events in Washington, including policy briefings in the U.S. Congress, on political issues in Australia, Taiwan, North and South Korea and Japan. From 2012 to 2018, he was a tenured lecturer of area studies and international relations at Leiden University in the Netherlands. At Leiden he taught numerous classes on the foreign policy and domestic politics of Japan, the politics of East Asia, comparative politics, and the relationship between politics and culture. During his time as a university academic he also delivered training, induction and briefing sessions for Dutch and international diplomats in the Hague and in Japan. He has been widely quoted in the media, including on the ABC (Australia), the Australian, BBC, Channel News Asia, CNBC, NHK, and the Washington Times. Bryce lived in Japan from 1998 to 2004 and earned his master's degree from Osaka University's School of International Public Policy. He earned his PhD in political studies from the University of Auckland.



More Panellist and Keynote Speaker Announcements to Come!

Masterclass speakers

The AIIA will run masterclasses on February 13 for a limited number of tertiary students and early career professionals. Entry will be automatic for #AIIANextGen Network participants and sponsored early-career professionals. General ticket holders may also gain entry to the masterclasses by application. If you have already purchased a conference ticket, apply to join a masterclass [here](#).

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Stephen Dziejdz is the ABC's Foreign Affairs (Asia Pacific) reporter, based in the Parliament House bureau. He covers foreign policy and Australia's relationship with countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Stephen has worked for the ABC since 2007, and spent five years covering federal politics.



Gary Quinlan AO was Australia's Ambassador to Indonesia from 2018 to 2021. Prior to that he was Deputy Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Australia's Senior Official to ASEAN and to the East Asia Summit (2015-2018). He was Acting Secretary of DFAT during 2017. He was Australia's chief negotiator with Timor-Leste (East Timor) on maritime boundaries (2016-2018). He was Australia's Ambassador to the United Nations, New York (2009-2015); and Australia's Representative on the United Nations Security Council (2013-2014) and President of the Council in September 2013 and November 2014. He was Senior Adviser to

the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Defence and National Security (2008-2009). He has held senior positions in DFAT responsible for North Asia; the Americas; Europe; and in management. He was in charge of Australia's operational response to the East Timor crisis in 1999. He was a lead negotiator for Australia in international negotiations on Law of the Sea and on Antarctic matters. His overseas assignments, prior to Ambassador to the United Nations, have been as Deputy Ambassador in the Australian Embassy in Washington DC and as High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Singapore. And assignments to the Australian Mission to the United Nations, New York; the Australian Permanent Delegation to UNESCO, Paris; and the Australian Embassy, Dublin. He has also served as Chief of Staff and Senior Adviser to the Minister for Resources; the Minister for Industrial Relations; the Minister for Trade; and the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology. Mr Quinlan holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from the University of Newcastle and an Honorary Doctor of Letters (Newcastle). He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2016.