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2017

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2016

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2012

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2011

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2010

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STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Allan Gyngell AO FAIA

The Australian Institute of International Affairs exists because of discussions that took place among Allied delegates to the Paris peace conference after the carnage of the first world war and their conviction that we needed to ensure that the communities in our different countries were better informed about international issues and more able, as a result, to participate in and shape the debate and discussion about foreign policy. We are at a similar point now. Like in 1919, we are again at the end of one form of international order – in this case, the only order contemporary Australian foreign policy has known.

Short of war, there is always an international order of some sort, so we are in the very process of creating what comes next. We're not doing this in the deliberate way it was done after the first and second world wars, but incrementally and piecemeal. Whether the outcome will be like the order the peacemakers of Paris came up with – which crumbled within years into another conflict– or the more stable order that came later, will have the deepest consequences. And we couldn't be facing this challenge at a more difficult time, in the middle of the largest pandemic since, as it happens, the year of that peace conference in Paris. COVID -19 is already having a huge impact on foreign policy and diplomacy.

This has been a time of contraction in the international system at the precise moment we should have been opening up. The pandemic privileges what is known and what currently exists. It reinforces our desire to be with people who are known to us through the closing of borders, the return home, hanging out with family, and masking ourselves against strangers. You can see some of the striking international parallels to our personal behaviour in aspects of Australian foreign policy, such as the refocus on the Anglosphere.

This will generate a particular problem at the multilateral level. Like so many other issues confronting us, from climate change to the control of lethal autonomous weapons, the pandemic requires international cooperation if we are to bring it to an end and address its social and economic consequences. But multilateralism in its current form has passed its use-by date. The model we have – large, centralised, slow-moving bureaucracies with universal membership, but dependent largely on consensus to make progress, won't take us through to the mid-21st century.

The solution will come, as it always must, from the part of statecraft we call foreign policy, and from diplomacy, which is its operating system. The members of the board of the AIIA, our state branches, and our CEO and National Office staff all hope that the institute will contribute, as it has been doing now for about 90 years, to this critical debate.

STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr Bryce Wakefield

This year, the AIIA has experienced tremendous growth, both within the national office and across the state and territory branches. Across the institute, we held more events this year than ever before, reaching more Australians and expanding our presence overseas. The transition to online and hybrid event delivery means that our operations have gone from inherently local to cohesively national.

In January, the National Office facilities were significantly upgraded, reflecting the launch into the modern era that began last year when the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to radically rethink our operations and begin delivering our high-quality content online. We held a launch in February to welcome back the community and show off the built-in technological capabilities that will help us deliver more and higher quality online content. In addition to serving as the primary venue for AIIA events in the ACT, the upgraded conference room has become a new source of revenue for the institute, with external businesses and organisations hiring the space for their own operations when not in use for AIIA events.

In June, we launched the #AIIANextGen Network to expand our engagement with early-career professionals interested in international affairs around Australia and internationally. The first network event was a policy roundtable on the Australia-Japan-United States relationship in partnership with the US Embassy in Japan. Further events are planned for the 2021-2022 financial year.

The AIIA remains committed to maintaining a presence in every state and territory in Australia. We are working closely with interested stakeholders in South Australia and the Northern Territory to get formal operations up and running, and we look forward to formally launching branches in both places next year.

The future of the AIIA is very bright. I look forward to seeing you all virtually and in person at one of the many exciting events we have on our calendar for next year!

AIIA IN THE MEDIA



SBS News, “[‘The future is now’: why Chinese influence in the Indo-Pacific is pushing Australia to boost its military](#)” – 3 July 2020

National Executive Director of The Australian Institute for International Affairs Dr Bryce Wakefield says growing tensions between the United States and China have also put the Indo-Pacific on edge. "It could be a strategy to deal with US decline in the region. A lot of people are concerned that the US has become more inward-looking, that its approaches to Asia and particularly China are blunt and not sophisticated. A focus on the Indo-Pacific can be, in the minds of some, a way to bring the US back to the table, securing American interest in the region," he told SBS.

Sydney Morning Herald, “[‘Diplomatic deficit’: Calls for more money to be spent on DFAT](#)” – 14 July 2020

Allan Gyngell, national president of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, agreed successive governments had underspent on diplomacy compared with defence but said DFAT should not wear the blame. "I'm personally uncomfortable with the idea that government departments should be responsible for advocating for their own resources," Mr Gyngell said. "It is the role of the government itself to understand and marshal the instruments of statecraft."

Financial Review, “[‘We're waiting to take your call: PM to Xi](#)” – 5 August 2020

Australian Institute of International Affairs president Allan Gyngell said Mr Morrison's move to put the onus on China to reopen the lines of communication was "fair enough", saying the Morrison government had signalled it was anxious to talk. "From the Chinese point of view, if they want to improve their relations with their neighbours you've got to talk to them," he said. "One of the burdens that goes with being a large power is the requirement that you work effectively with a range of different countries."

The Australian, “[‘Embassy jobs axed in DFAT overhaul](#)” – 21 August 2020

Australian Institute of International Affairs president Allan Gyngell said successive governments had failed to properly resource DFAT, threatening Australian diplomacy. He said the latest wave of cuts was hitting key regional posts at the worst possible time. "What we're losing isn't fat but muscle from key Indo-Pacific posts," Professor Gyngell said. "And in this 'more competitive and contested world', as the government describes it, Australia needs diplomatic as well as military muscle to help advance our interests and shape the region."

ABC News, “[What would a Biden victory mean for Australia?](#)” – 3 November 2020

Former intelligence chief Allan Gyngell, who's now the president of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, says there's a yearning across Canberra for a return to some sort of normalcy in Washington. "There will be a sigh of relief if Biden wins," he tells the ABC. He says the Australian Government's shift towards building stronger partnerships with other regional powers "reflects the sheer frustration of not knowing where the Trump Administration will go from one week to the next".

Observer Research Foundation, “[Diplomacy in a Divided World](#)” – 21 April 2021

Allan Gyngell, national president of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, believes that multilateralism in its current form has passed its use-by date and that diplomacy is part of the solution: "The model we have — large, centralised, slow-moving bureaucracies with universal membership... — won't take us through to the mid-21st century. We see the problems in organisations ranging from the WTO to the WHO. But in current circumstances, where can we find the energy and effort needed to respond? The answer will come, as it always must, from the part of statecraft we call foreign policy, and from diplomacy, which is its operating system."

Nikkei Asia, “[Australia's new defense chief Dutton takes tougher line on China](#)” – 1 May 2021

For Bryce Wakefield, national executive director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Pezzullo's "drums of war" speech was unwelcome. "I was puzzled by it," he told Nikkei Asia. "I rather think that bureaucrats should say what they mean clearly and not engage in flowery rhetoric. Actually, most of the time, they should just keep quiet and let the minister take the lead."

The Australian, “[Leaders to build bridges over China](#)” – 28 May 2021

Australian Institute of International Affairs president Allan Gyngell said the deportation issue was a long-running irritant in the relationship, but the countries were far apart in their positions on China. He said both leaders would make an effort to present a united front. "There's never going to be a love fest between the two leaders," Professor Gyngell said. "They are very different people with different political views and personalities, but they each understand the importance of the relationship and will try to manage it carefully."

Sydney Morning Herald, “[‘The game is back on’: How does spying work in Australia?](#)” – 21 June 2021

Gyngell, national president of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, says the creation of the ONI helped fulfil the vision of Australian intelligence originally put in place by the Hope royal commissions in the 1970s and '80s. "It places the national intelligence assessment and analytical capability – clearly independent from the direction of policymakers – at the centre of the Australian intelligence community, elevates the position of the director-general within the public service and gives him or her the necessary resources to co-ordinate and evaluate the work of the other intelligence agencies," Gyngell says.

News.com.au, “[Who is Dong Jingwei: Why US, China won't prove they have spymaster](#)” – 22 June 2021

"If true, it would be a bombshell, but all we are hearing at the moment are rumours. It would be unwise for any serious analyst to draw conclusions about what these rumours mean at this stage," Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) national executive director Dr Bryce Wakefield told News Corp.

Newsroom, “[China, Australia and NZ: ‘Anxiety and a sense of danger’](#)” – 24 June 2021

Allan Gyngell, a former Australian prime ministerial adviser and president of Canberra's Australian Institute of International Affairs, said the post-Cold War world had suited Washington, Beijing and Canberra well, with Australian governments enjoying an alliance with "the most powerful nation on earth" as well as a strong economic relationship with a rapidly growing China.

Japan Today, “[New Directions in Japan's Security: Non-U.S. Centric Evolution](#)” – 25 June 2021

Bryce Wakefield, for example, argues that the debate on the collective self-defense was less based on a strategic consideration but more on domestic political battles.

REACH

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How to Lose the Information War, Nina Jankowicz

Facing North - The Territory's Global Opportunities and Current Challenges, Kevin Rudd AC

Queensland

Australia's National Resilience, Air Vice-Marshal John Blackburn AO

Intersecting crises and the impact for women in the Pacific, Dr Sarah Teitt, Sandra Bernklau, Tara Chetty, Janelle Weissman

How did we go? International relations in the first six months of COVID-19, Professor Sara Davies

Victoria

Bolsonaro: Trump of the Tropics?, Deborah Barros Leal Farias

Norway's UN Security Council Role, HE Mr Paul Gulleik Larsen

Why has the UK Dropped Foreign Policy from Brexit Negotiations?, Professor Richard G. Whitman

Russia's Greater Eurasia Initiative, Dr Glenn Diesen

Australian Capital Territory

Global INGO Advocacy in Times of a Pandemic, Catherine Boomer

The emerging risk landscape for Antarctica, Dr Anthony Bergin, Dr Tony Press

Tasmania

The World After COVID: Challenges for International Policymakers, Chris Patten CH PC, Gareth John Evans AC QC

Western Australia

Academic Power Is Moving East, Tayyeb Shah

August 2020

Australian Capital Territory

Jagged Sphere: The Geoeconomics of Mainland Southeast Asia, Dr Gregory Raymond

India-Australia: From natural to comprehensive partnership, HE A Gitesh Sarma

Tasmania

The Decline of the West: What is it and why might it Matter?, Professor Mark Beeson

2020 US Presidential Election Roundtable and Q and A, Dr Matt Killingsworth, John Barron, Dr. Alison Dagnes, Dr Gorana Grgic

Western Australia

The India-China conflict in the Himalaya: Cultures, Ecologies, Geopolitics, Dr Alexander E Davis

Queensland

Women in International Affairs: Building Queensland's connections in Asia, Ms Wen Gu, Nicole Andronicus, Julie-Anne Nichols

COVID and Australia's international education sector – a road to renewal, Rebecca Hall

Victoria

The Outlook for Nuclear Disarmament, Tim Wright

Women in International Affairs, Seeta Giri

Meet the Diplomat - Australia's Ambassador for Gender Equality, HE Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra

September 2020

National Office

Demographic Change and Security in the Indo-Pacific, Professor Andrew L. Oros

Will ASEAN Survive Until 2030?, Ambassador Bilahari Kausikan

The Iconoclast: Shinzo Abe and the New Japan, Tobias Harris

One Region, One Health: Limiting threats to food and health security, The Hon John Anderson AO FTSE, Dr Stephanie Williams, Dr Anna Okello

Taiwan's Digital Democracy, Dr Florian Schneider

Overcoming Isolationism: Japan's Leadership in East Asian Security Multilateralism, Professor Paul Midford

Victoria

Ending War: Lessons from Somaliland, Dr Sarah Phillips

Empathy on the Ballot, Dr. Claire Yorke

US Presidential Election: Into the Final Straight, Sara James

Meet the Diplomat - The United Nations, Carlisle Richardson

Israel-UAE Peace Agreement: Implications for the Region, Professor Clive Jones

Australian Capital Territory

Does Australia have what it takes in the post-COVID world?, Dave Sharma MP

Does Australia have a policy towards the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?, Peter Rodgers

Queensland

Special Event for New Colombo Plan Alumni

Tasmania

Panel Event: Health of the Planet, Dr Ruth Adler, Professor Sara Davies, Dr Jess Melbourne-Thomas, Dr Steven Phipp

Western Australia

Not Always Diplomatic: An Australian Woman's Journey through international affairs, Dr Sue Boyd

October 2020

Australian Capital Territory

The difficulties of negotiating a peace settlement with the Taliban in Afghanistan, Farkhondeh Akbari

The World in 2021, Dennis Richardson AC, Allan Gyngell AO

Queensland

Industrial and Digital Leadership – How Germany stayed ahead in the 21st Century, Professor Michael Rosemann

Joko Widodo - Man of Contradictions, Ben Bland, Greta Nabbs-Keller

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals: International Best Practice and Implementing the SDG agenda in Australia, Leanne Smith

New South Wales

Careers Evening Webinar

Victoria

The Kurds in a Fragmenting Middle East, William Gourlay

On All Fronts - The Education of a Journalist, Clarissa Ward

US Presidential Election 2020, Robin McLellan, Professor Gordon Flake

November 2020

National Office

Exploring Australia's China Strategy in Antarctic Governance Workshop

Strategic Dynamics of the Indo-Pacific in the Post-COVID-19 World, Professor Akio Takahara, Professor Caitlin Byrne

Tasmania

Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and the Multilateral System, The Hon Lisa Singh

Western Australia

US Election Watch

Panel Discussion: Australian Trade after Covid-19, Madeleine King MP, Aleks Henderson, Dr Jeffrey Wilson

Australian Capital Territory

Australia's Role in the New Space Age, Professor Anna Moore

Annual General Meeting, Tom Switzer

Victoria

From a Tin Shed to the United Nations, Stephanie Woollard OAM

American Foreign Policy after the Election, Professor Bruce W. Jentleson

Revolutions and World Order, Professor George Lawson

What's Next? Australia's International Challenges, Professor the Hon Gareth Evans AC QC FASSA, The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP

Whither the UK?, The Hon George Brandis QC

December 2020

National Office

A Conversation with Ambassador to the United States, The Hon Arthur Sinodinos AO

New South Wales

'What's old is new again': Problems of the past and the future in Australia-China relations, James Curran

Australia in the World: 2020 and Beyond, Geoff Miller AO, Jocelyn Chey AM, Dr Jonathan Symons

Western Australia

AllA WA Christmas Event, Professor Stephen Smith

Australian Capital Territory

Christmas Party, Allan Behm

Victoria

China's Grand Strategy and Australia's Future in the New Global Order, Geoff Raby AO, Rowan Callick OBE

The Psychological Cost of War, Professor Sir Simon Wessely



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"Gender and Humanitarian Action"

AIIA National Office

January 2021

Victoria

America after Trump, Professor Bruce W. Jentleson

February 2021

National Office

Identity, Culture, and Memory in Japanese Foreign Policy, Professor Sato Yoichiro

New South Wales

The growth of the far right in the United States and its implications for Australia, Elliott Brennan

Victoria

The Ox Year in the China Shop – Winning at Home and Abroad, and Embracing Global Elites, Rowan Callick OBE

Myanmar: Update on Developments, Christopher Lamb

Meet The Ambassador - New Zealand, HE the Hon Dame Annette King

Biden's America and Great Power Conflict, David Kilcullen

Sports Diplomacy – Taking Australia's Game to the World, Andrew Hunter

Australian Capital Territory

Implications of the Biden administration for Australia and the Indo-Pacific, Dr. John Lee

The Afghanistan 'Peace Process': Some Diplomatic Lessons, William Maley

Queensland

Japan's Net Zero Carbon Emissions Announcement: What Happens Now?, Dr Llewelyn Hughes

Western Australia

International Relations Trivia Night

Lurching Toward Normalcy: Insurrection, Inauguration, Impeachment, Professor Gordon Flake

March 2021

National Office

AllA International Careers Forum

Gender and Humanitarian Action, Dr Helen Durham, Dr Kamalini Lokuge, Lisa Cornish

China's hypersensitivity - the world's problem? The 'invention' of China and the promotion of anxiety, Bill Hayton

New South Wales

The 2021 Coup and implications for Myanmar's "disciplined democracy", Roger Huang

Global Climate Diplomacy and Australia's Role, Professor the Hon Bob Carr

Tasmania

Responding to democratic demands: Foreign policy for Thailand and Myanmar, Professor Nicholas Farrelly

Australian Capital Territory

Ireland and Brexit – Reflections on Brexit's impact on Ireland, Breandán Ó Caollaí

Queensland

The Family Court of Australia and Religious Courts of Indonesia, Justice Judy Ryan

Victoria

Greetings from Trumpland, Zoe Daniel

Meet The Ambassador Series - United Kingdom, HE Vicki Treadell CMG MVO

Security through Sustainable Peace, Professor John Langmore AM, Dr Tania Miletic

Biden's World, Emma Sky OBE

After Brexit: The Consequences, Dr. Rémy Davison
Human Traffic, Chris Douglas

April 2021

Australian Capital Territory

Foreign Influence and Academic Integrity - The Neglected Dimensions: Challenges for Australia and the region, Tessa Morris-Suzuki

Geopolitical trends in the Indo-Pacific and the implications of COVID-19, Dr Merriden Varrall

Queensland

The Myanmar Crisis: Democracy, Human Rights and Prospects for Peace, Professor Adil Khan

The Global Fund and the fight against COVID-19, Lady Rosyln Morauta

Victoria

Meet The Ambassador Series – Brazil, HE Sergio Eduardo Moreira Lima

The Chinese Communist Party's Ideological Core, Professor John Fitzgerald, Professor Sue Trevaskes, Chris Buckley, Rowan Callick OBE

Young Professionals Networking Drinks

Expeditionary Diplomats, Paul Richter

Exposing Putin's Russia: The Navalny Challenge, Professor William Partlett

New South Wales

Biden and the Middle East: a new beginning or same old?, Dr Anthony Billingsley

The Chinese Middle Class: who are they and what do they want?, Dr Merriden Varrall

Tasmania

Human Rights in Australia's Foreign Policy Future, The Hon Penny Wong

The Old Normal: 100 Days of Joe Biden, Professor Caitlin Byrne, Professor Richard Eccleston, Dr Gorana Grgic

Western Australia

America Under Biden, The Honourable Kim Beazley AC

Germany's policy guidelines for the Indo-Pacific region, Dr Gabriele Maluga

May 2021

National Office

The European Green Deal after the Pandemic, Dr Micheal Pulch

New South Wales

Covid: Australia's international response - vaccines and travel, Bill Bowtell AO

Victoria

New Perspectives on Diplomacy, Professor Jack Spence OBE, Dr Claire Yorke, Dr Alastair Masser

Meet the Ambassador Series - European Union, HE Dr Michael Pulch

India's Geopolitical Role in the Indo-Pacific, Professor Rory Medcalf, Harinder Sidhu, Dr. Pradeep Taneja

Peace Operations and the International Order, Dr Shannon Zimmerman

Australian Capital Territory

2021 Annual Dinner, Kevin Rudd AC

"The Iraq War and Democratic Governance: Britain and Australia go to war" - Book Launch, Judy Betts, Mark Phythian

Queensland

Making transport safer for all travellers, Greg Hood

The China Question, The Hon. Ted O'Brien

Tasmania

On the Ground in China: Representing Australia, Graham Fletcher, Daniel Boyer

Western Australia

The UWA Defence and Security Program, Professor Peter J. Dean

Britain's Place in the World, HE Vicki Treadell CMG MVO

June 2021

National Office

Lessons from Cambodia's Paris Peace Agreement 30 years on, Michael Costello AO, John Sanderson

New South Wales

Balancing collaboration and security: a high-wire challenge for Australia's universities, Dr Ross McLennan

Northern Ireland after Brexit, Diarmuid Maguire

Victoria

Trade and Investment Opportunities between India and Australia, Michelle Wade, Raji Sivakumar, Anil Wadhwa, Tarandeep Singh Ahuja, The Hon. Lisa Singh

Britain after Brexit, Robert Jackson MP

Australia and India's Soft Power Diplomacy, Molina Asthana, Professor Shaun Star, Dr Pippa Dickson, Dr Karen Barker

Sri Lanka's Geopolitics and Trade Potential, Kapila Fonseka, Kimarli Fernando, Sarinda Unamboowe, Kalum de Silva, Asanga Abeyagoonesekara, Dr Rebacca Starting

The Taiwan Test: How to Keep Democracy Alive in Asia, Dr Mark Harrison, Natasha Kassam, Dr Alan Dupont AO, Rowan Callick OBE FAIA

Australian Capital Territory

Banning Nuclear Weapons: Mission Incomplete, John Tilemann

Queensland

Arguing with Success: COVID-19 and the Failure of Australia's Regulatory State, Associate Professor Shahar Hameiri

The future of international education in Australia, Diana McCluskey, Professor Helen Bartlett, Rachel Colaso

Tasmania

The Middle East: A zone of turmoil and challenges, Amin Saikal AM FASSA

Western Australia

Oceans: International Cooperation on Conservation, Consul General David J Gainer, Dr Tony Worby, Dr Marji Puotinen, Professor Jessica Meeuwig

Italy and Australia: A winning partnership for the future, HE Francesca Tardioli

The European Union's Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, Fabio Spadi, The Hon Professor Stephen Smith, Professor Mark Beeson

The Return of Democratic Alliances, Professor Benjamin Reilly



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"Biden and the Middle East: a new beginning or same old?" – AIIA New South Wales

RESEARCH



The AIIA is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Brendan Taylor as research chair. Brendan is professor of strategic studies at the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University. He was head of the centre from 2011 to 2016. Brendan's research covers great power strategic relations in the Asia-Pacific, East Asian "flashpoints," and Asian security architecture. He has been involved with the AIIA for several years as a member of the ACT Branch, as an expert speaker at branch events, and as an author for *Australian Outlook* and the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*.

Brendan is actively working to maintain and advance the strong reputation of the AIIA's research in the academic and policy communities. The research chair has an advisory role across a number of institute functions, including the planning and coordinating publications like *Australia in World Affairs*, planning the national conference, and engaging with external stakeholders. Brendan has played a pivotal role in establishing the AIIA China Matters Fellowship, which is expected to launch next year.

Brendan has shared that he has big plans for his term as the research chair, including reestablishing the AIIA research committee, which he will chair. Brendan also plans to develop an annual or biannual Foreign Policy Barometer to track Australia's foreign policy directions and forecast future challenges in Australian foreign policy in a format that is accessible to the Australian public.

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Editors' Report

The *Australian Journal of International Affairs* had a busy 2020. So far, 2021 has proved equally busy. Submissions grew very strongly over the past eighteen months, and our readership has broadened still further. We have also invited a number of scholars from across the country and our region to join the editorial board and farewelled some long-standing supporters of the journal with thanks for the work they have done over the past few years. Over the past year, we published articles on a broad range of topics, as well as special issues or special sections on peacekeeping and humanitarian operations in East Asia, Australian foreign and security policy, and the evolution of Japan's defence policy under former prime minister Abe Shinzo. Among the most read pieces were commentaries on values in Australian policy, China's economic strategy, and the Rohingya crisis, and research articles on cyber-enabled political warfare, President Donald J. Trump's foreign policy, and authoritarianism in the Indo-Pacific. At present, we are working towards the publication of a special issue to celebrate the 75th volume of the journal, which will feature contributions from a series of senior scholars based in Australia. AJIA's "impact factor" – which measures how many articles have been cited in recent years – remained strong, with the latest measure dipping slightly to 1.097, a little below the previous figure of 1.171. Our articles were cited in some of the world's leading journals, including *International Security*, *Foreign Affairs*, and *International Affairs*. In the field of *International Relations*, AJIA was ranked 56th in the world by impact factor. We look forward to working with the AIIA and our editorial board, endeavouring to publish the best and most timely commentary and scholarship on Australia's international relations and our region.

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Editor's Report

Australian Outlook has grown substantially over the past year. The tremendous growth in readership sparked by the onset of the pandemic in March 2020 continued throughout 2020-2021. This corresponded with an increase in both the output of *Australian Outlook* and overall the quality of the individual articles. We now publish an average of eight original substantive articles per week, along with an original weekly roundup of Australian Foreign Affairs. The editorial team has grown in tandem. It now includes Bryce Wakefield as the executive editor, Nancy Schneider as the managing editor, an assistant editor, a book review coordinator, both National Office interns, and a committee of commissioning editors.

The primary purpose of *Australian Outlook* is to provide high-quality analysis of international affairs for its readers. The subject matter covered in *Australian Outlook* is extremely diverse, covering all aspects of international affairs. Providing analysis on "non-traditional" foreign affairs is an ongoing priority for the *Australian Outlook* team (e.g., the relationship between Armenia and Azerbaijan through the lens of the Eurovision song contest).

The authors who write for *Australian Outlook* primarily have backgrounds in academia, think tanks, public service, and journalism. Most authors are Australian or based in Australia. The editors' most active and ongoing priority is to increase diversity among authors who write for *Australian Outlook*. We actively cultivate an authorship that is diverse in age, gender identity, geographic location, ethnic and/or cultural identity, language, and professional background. A major achievement of *Australian Outlook* was the expansion of the International Women's Day Special Feature from one week to two, ten article to twenty, highlighting women and women-identifying authors and the many implications of gender in international affairs.

Reach

- 440,000 article views
- 40,000 more views than last year
- 50,000 new readers under 35
- 60% of readers from outside Australia
- 500+ original articles
- 56 Fresh perspectives

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Internships

The AIIA provides opportunities for students from Australia and throughout the world to undertake a voluntary internship. Regular internships are offered in Sydney, Melbourne, and Canberra (National Office). Places may also be available in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra (ACT Branch) and Hobart depending on branch needs.

#AIIANextGen Network

The #AIIANextGen Network is a global network of emerging professionals interested in international affairs and Australia's role in the world. The aim of the network is to build not only expertise but a well-connected constituency for international affairs in Australia. The AIIA holds regular policy forums to bring network members together to foster relations, connections, and debates on the strategic, economic, and developmental challenges. The Network held its first event on June 30, 2021.

New Colombo Plan

The New Colombo Plan (NCP) is a signature initiative of the Australian Government which aims to lift knowledge of the Indo Pacific in Australia. AIIA Queensland hosted an NCP Alumni event, giving an opportunity for NCP alumni to network through a Careers Forum with NCP Ambassadors, as well as speakers from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Austrade, Trade and Development Queensland and Business.

Korea Foundation Next Generation Policy Expert Forum

In partnership with the Korea Foundation, the AIIA connected more than 30 aspiring professionals with senior academics and policy professionals with expertise in Korean politics. These careers workshops provided a platform for these young professionals, who represent the future of the upcoming generation's leading thinkers and policymakers, to engage with senior mentors and reflect on how they envision their career path unfolding.

International careers conferences/workshops

Across the institute, multiple events were held this year for those interested in pursuing a career in international affairs. The International Careers Conference (ICC) is one of AIIA Victoria's major annual events. It is designed to give students and recent graduates access to information and advice that will help them build their own international careers.



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