



# **AUKUS:** **ASSUMPTIONS** **& IMPLICATIONS**

**15 - 16 AUGUST 2024**

**AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**  
**AUSTRALIAN CENTRE ON CHINA IN THE WORLD**

# THURSDAY 15 AUGUST

9.15AM—5PM

## AUKUS: ASSUMPTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS DAY ONE

### ARRIVAL | 8.45 - 9.15AM

#### WELCOME

9.15 - 9.30AM

#### Welcome to Country and opening remarks

Aunty Violet Sheridan, Professor Richard Holden (Academy President)

#### SESSION 1

9.30 - 10.45AM

#### Session one

Ross Garnaut will open the conference with an overview of Australia's twentieth century reorientation from British Dominion to war with Japan and the subsequent US strategic alliance and coming to grips with our Asian geography, and where relations with UK and US fit in the twenty first century.

### MORNING TEA | 10.45 - 11.15AM

#### SESSION 2

11.15AM - 12.30PM

#### What is the vision of international order underpinning AUKUS?

Chris Reus-Smit, Sam Roggeven

### LUNCH | 12.30 - 1.30PM

#### SESSION 3

1.30 - 3.00PM

#### What bureaucratic and political processes does AUKUS require?

Margaret Simons, John Langmore, Stephan Fruehling

### AFTERNOON TEA | 3.00 - 3.30PM

#### SESSION 4

3.30 - 5.00PM

#### What military capability would AUKUS bring and is it what Australia needs?

Peter Briggs, Hugh White

## FRIDAY 16 AUGUST

9.15AM–5PM

### AUKUS: ASSUMPTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS DAY TWO

#### ARRIVAL | 8.45 - 9.15AM

##### SESSION 5

9.15 - 10.45AM

**What are the diplomatic correlates/implications of AUKUS?**

Kai He, Joanne Wallis, James Curran

#### MORNING TEA | 10.45 - 11.15AM

##### SESSION 6

11.15AM - 12.45PM

**What is the relationship of AUKUS to nuclear non-proliferation?**

Marianne Hanson, Maria Rost Rublee, Richard Tanter

#### LUNCH | 12.45 - 1.45PM

##### SESSION 7

1.30 - 3.00PM

**What are the economic implications of AUKUS - fiscal policy, industry policy, research and higher education policy?**

John Quiggin (Zoom), Sian Troath, Shahar Hameiri

#### AFTERNOON TEA | 3.00 - 3.30PM

##### SESSION 5

3.30 - 5.00PM

**What does AUKUS say about how we see ourselves?**

Marilyn Lake, David Lowe, Wanning Sun, Gareth Evans

## SPEAKERS

### Peter Briggs

In his 40 year naval career Rear Admiral Peter D Briggs AO (Mil) OAM CSC RAN Rtd specialised as a submarine operator, with two submarine command tours, command of the submarine squadron and the senior submarine policy position for the Oberon Class force.

### James Curran

International Editor, *Australian Financial Review*, and Professor of Modern History, University of Sydney.

### Gareth Evans

Former Australian Foreign Minister and Chancellor of the Australian National University, President Emeritus of the International Crisis Group.

### Stephan Fruehling

Professor, Coral Bell School of Asia-Pacific Affairs, Australian National University.

### Ross Garnaut

Ross Garnaut is an economist whose career has been built around the analysis of and practice of policy connected to development, economic policy and international relations in Australia, Asia and the Pacific.

### Shahar Hameiri

Professor of International Politics and Australian Research Council Future Fellow in the School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland.

### Marianne Hanson

An Associate Professor of International Relations concerned about Australia's democracy and defence trajectory.

### Kai He

Professor of International Relations at Griffith University, specializing in the interplay between international institutions and great power politics.

## SPEAKERS

### John Langmore

After being a Labor MP for 12 years, John Langmore became a Director within the UN Secretariat in New York and is now a Professorial Fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences in the University of Melbourne.

### Marilyn Lake

A leading Australian historian whose books include *Drawing the Global Colour Line: White Men's Countries and the International Challenge of Racial Equality* and *Progressive New World: How Settler Colonialism and Transpacific exchange shaped American reform*.

### David Lowe

David Lowe, Deakin University, researches security and development aspects of modern world history, including Australia in the world.

### John Quiggin

John Quiggin is an economist who has undertaken critical analysis of the costs and benefits of naval expenditure.

### Chris Reus-Smit

Chris Reus-Smit writes on the theory and practice of international relations. He is co-editor of the Cambridge Studies in International Relations book series, former editor of the journal *International Theory*, and editor of the multi-volume Oxford Handbooks of International Relations.

### Sam Roggeven

Director of the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute and author of *The Echidna Strategy: Australia's Search for Power and Peace*, which criticised AUKUS as unnecessarily provocative and tying Australia too closely to US strategic objectives.

### Maria Rost Rublee

Professor Maria Rost Rublee is an award-winning scholar of international security, with expertise in nuclear politics, maritime security, and gender and diversity in national security.

## SPEAKERS

### Margaret Simons

Author and journalist, the biographer of Foreign Minister Penny Wong and the author of an essay on the political consensus behind AUKUS in *Australian Foreign Policy* (issue 19, October 2023).

### Wanning Sun

Professor of Media and Communication Studies at the University of Technology, Sydney, and deputy director of the UTS Australia-China Relations Institute.

### Richard Tanter

Senior Research Associate at the Nautilus Institute, former president (2016-17) of the Australian board of ICAN.

### Sian Troath

Postdoctoral fellow at the Australian National University, studying the politics of emerging weapons technologies and Australian foreign and defence policy.

### Joanne Wallis

Professor of International Security in the Department of Politics and International Relations and director of the Security in the Pacific Islands research program in the Stretton Institute at the University of Adelaide.

### Hugh White

Emeritus Professor of Strategic Studies at the Australian National University.



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