



**Australia-Japan-ASEAN:  
Strengthening the Core of  
the Indo-Pacific**

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**THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2019**

11:30am – 8:00pm



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# Program: Day 1

Half-Day Private Dialogue and Dinner:






## Australia-Japan-ASEAN: Strengthening the Core of the Indo-Pacific

Thursday 21 March 2019

Venue: The University Club of Western Australia

Time	Session Information
11:30 – 12:15	Participants arrive for a networking lunch
12:15 – 12:30	<p><b>Welcome remarks and introductions</b></p>  <p><b>Gordon Flake</b> CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p><b>Panel Discussion 1:</b> Developing a shared understanding of the Indo-Pacific regional construct</p> <p>The Indo-Pacific regional construct is reshaping the foreign policy strategies of Japan, Australia, and countries in ASEAN. This discussion looks to align how the construct is defined across different countries.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p>  <p><b>Rikki Kersten</b> Pro-Vice Chancellor of the College of Arts, Business, Law and Social Sciences, Murdoch University</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p><b>C. Raja Mohan</b> Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p><b>Yuka Uchida Ando</b> Former Political Secretary to the Foreign Minister of Japan</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p><b>Stephen Smith</b> Distinguished Fellow, Perth USAsia Centre</p> </div> </div>
14:00 – 14:30	Coffee break
14:30 – 15:45	<p><b>Panel Discussion 2:</b> Maintaining a “free and open” Indo- Pacific region</p> <p>Major countries in the region have committed to keeping the Indo-Pacific region “free and open.” However, there are competing definitions of what constitutes “free and open” and this determines what kind of institutions need to be put in place to maintain the region.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p>  <p><b>Gordon Flake</b> CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p><b>Tomohiko Satake</b> Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Defense Studies</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p><b>Kei Koga</b> Assistant Professor, Nanyang Technological University</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p><b>Mely Caballero-Anthony</b> Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, Rajaratnam School of International Studies</p> </div> </div>
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break

# Day 1 *Continued* **Thursday 21 March 2019**

Time	Session Type and Speaker
<b>16:00 – 17:15</b>	<p><b>Panel Discussion 3:</b> Responding to growing infrastructure and energy demands in the Indo-Pacific</p> <p>Australia and Japan have a strong partnership in securing energy supply to the region. There are opportunities for a partnership to help close the \$1.5 trillion infrastructure gap. A gap that large will also require private sector investment.</p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p> <b>Kyle Springer</b> Senior Analyst, Perth USAsia Centre</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p> <b>Bill Townsend</b> Acting Director Corporate Coordination, INPEX</p> <p> <b>Jeffrey Wilson</b> Director of Research, Perth USAsia Centre</p> <p> <b>Kanna Mihara</b> Vice President, Macquarie Capital</p>
<b>17:15 – 18:00</b>	<p><b>Wrap up and overview of discussion</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <p> <b>Gordon Flake</b> CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre</p>
<b>18:00 – 18:30</b>	<b>Networking and Canapes</b>
<b>18:30 – 20:00</b>	<p><b>Private Dinner:</b> Private Dining Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, The University Club of Western Australia</p>








# Program: Day 2

Public Event:

## Australia-Japan-ASEAN: Strengthening the Core of the Indo-Pacific

Friday 22 March 2019

Venue: Theatre Auditorium, The University Club of Western Australia

Time	Session Information
08:30 – 09:00	Venue opens for registration
09:00 – 09:10	<p><b>Introduction</b></p>  <p><b>Gordon Flake</b> CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre</p>
09:10 – 09:30	<p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p>  <p><b>His Excellency Reiichiro Takahashi</b> Ambassador to Australia</p>
09:30 – 09:50	<p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p>  <p><b>Philip Green</b> First Assistant Secretary, US &amp; Indo- Pacific Strategy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>
09:50 – 10:30	<p><b>Panel Discussion and Audience Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p>  <p><b>Stephen Smith</b> Distinguished Fellow, Perth USAsia Centre</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p><b>C. Raja Mohan</b> Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p><b>Mely Caballero- Anthony</b> Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, Rajaratnam School of International Studies</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;">  <p><b>Yuka Uchida Ando</b> Former Political Secretary to the Foreign Minister of Japan</p> </div>
10:30	Conclusion of public event

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## Special Guest



### **His Excellency Reiichiro Takahashi**

Ambassador of Japan to Australia

His Excellency Reiichiro Takahashi is the Ambassador of Japan to Australia, since being appointed in February 2019. Prior to this assignment, Ambassador Takahashi served as Consul-General at the Consulate General of Japan in New York. Ambassador Takahashi has served as Director-General of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters, Cabinet Office from 2012-2015. He has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for over 35 years. He held the position of Deputy Director-General, Economic Cooperation Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2006-2007), as well as Director, Management and Coordination Division, Ministerial Secretariat, (2004- 2006), Press Division (2001-2003) and First South-East Asia Division (1999-2001). His diplomatic postings include assignments to Japanese Embassies in Afghanistan as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from 2011-2012, The Republic of Korea as Minister (2007-2011), India as Minister (2003- 2004), USA as Counsellor (1997-1999) and the Philippines as First Secretary (1994-1997). Ambassador Takahashi obtained a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Tokyo University.

## Participant Biographies



### Yuka Uchida Ando

Former Political Secretary to the Foreign Minister of Japan

Yuka Ando served as political secretary to Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara from 2010 to 2011 under the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) administration. Prior to that, she spent a decade working at the DPJ headquarters, where she handled international affairs of the party. She is currently senior policy advisor for Fleishman-Hillard Japan K.K., and also a PhD candidate at Japan's National Graduate Institution for Policy Studies (GRIPS).

Ando was a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution's Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies, and a visiting fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington, DC. From 2000 to 2002, she served as special assistant for political affairs at the Japanese Embassy in Kuwait. She received her BA from Keio University and MA from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).



### Ruth Boylan

President of the Australia-Japan Society (WA)

Ruth Boylan is President of the Australia-Japan Society (WA). Ruth has a passion for all things Japanese. She lived in Japan for close to 6 years and has been running her own business with her husband since returning from Japan. Their business, the Nichigo Centre, celebrated its 25th Anniversary in October 2018. The Nichigo Centre provides a range of services including: Japanese language and culture school for individuals and companies dealing with Japan; translation services; orientation programs for overseas visitors to Australia; education agents for overseas students; homestay and internship programs for Japanese and other visitors to Australia. Her husband has been a registered Migration Agent for more than 20 years and the Nichigo Centre provides a range of migration services to business as well as anyone coming to Australia.



### Mely Caballero-Anthony

Head of the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

Mely Caballero-Anthony is Professor of International Relations and Head of the Centre for Non-traditional Security (NTS) Studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She is currently the Secretary-General of the Consortium on Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia. From 2013-2017, Dr Caballero-Anthony was a member of UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (ABDM) and was Chair of ABDM in 2016. She was Director of External Relations at the ASEAN Secretariat from 2011-2012. From 2015-2017, she was Vice President at-large of the Governing Council of the International Studies Association (ISA). Dr Caballero-Anthony's research interest include regionalism and multilateralism in Asia-Pacific, human security and non-traditional additional issues in Asia-Pacific. She has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and international presses. Her latest books include: *Negotiating Governance on Non-Traditional Security in Southeast Asia and Beyond* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018).



## Participant Biographies



### Lesley Crowe-Delaney

Adjunct Research Fellow, Faculty of Business and Law, Curtin University

Dr. Lesley Crowe-Delaney holds a PhD in Human Geography, in Tourism and Coastal Development, a Graduate Diploma in Education (Japanese and ESL), and a Bachelor of Asian Studies (Geography)(Hons). She is a recognized geographer of Asia with specialties in political-cultural tourism and fisheries policy, and rural coastal development with a regional specialty in Japan, China, Australia and the Pacific. She holds memberships in the Institute of Australian Geographers (legal and rural study groups), the Tourism Commission of International Geographical Union and has recently been appointed as Australia’s only Advisory Board Member on the Political Geography Commission of the International Geographical Union. She is also an Asia Literacy Ambassador.

Her work focusses on the impacts and relationships of tourism policy, governance and fisheries and how these determine development in the region, including the Eastern Sea/ Sea of Japan debate and the role of Asian fisheries and developers in the Pacific Island Countries.



### Gordon Flake

CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre

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L. Gordon Flake is the founding CEO of the Perth USAsia Centre. Having built an internationally recognised profile in Washington DC through his think-tank expertise and leadership, Prof Flake relocated to Perth to establish the Centre and to build a broader world-class Indo-Pacific strategic community.

Prior to joining the Centre, he was the Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a Senior Fellow and Associate Director of the Program on Conflict Resolution at The Atlantic Council of the United States and prior to that Director for Research and Academic Affairs at the Korea Economic Institute of America.



### Kim Giddens

Principal Policy Advisor for the Hon Peter Tinley AM MLA, Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth; Asian Engagement

Kim Giddens holds degrees in Politics and International Relations (UNSW) and Education (Charles Darwin University). She has experience working for State Government in Tasmania and Western Australia. She has also worked internationally in Cambodia to provide research and analysis of the implementation of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). She recently returned to Western Australia to take up the position of Principal Policy Advisor for the Hon Peter Tinley AM MLA, Minister for Housing; Veterans Issues; Youth; Asian Engagement.

## Participant Biographies



### Andrea Gleason

Career Diplomat with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Andrea Gleason is a career diplomat with the DFAT. She was most recently State Director of the DFAT Western Australia State Office (2015-2018). In this role, Andrea led the Department's engagement with its local stakeholders across business, academia, state and local governments and civil society.

Andrea joined DFAT in 1992 as a graduate trainee. Much of her work over the past 27 years has focussed on bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations and trade policy issues, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership, APEC and the World Trade Organization. Overseas, Andrea has served as Counsellor (Trade) at the Australian Embassy in the United States of America and as Second Secretary at the Australian Embassy in Sweden. In Canberra, her roles have included Director, APEC Trade and Investment Section and Director, Trade Policy Section.



### Philip Green

First Assistant Secretary, US & Indo-Pacific Strategy Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Philip Green is the First Assistant Secretary of the DFAT's US and Indo-Pacific Strategy Division. He served as Australia's High Commissioner to Singapore from 2012 to December 2016, and then worked on South-East Asia affairs in 2017. He previously served overseas as High Commissioner in South Africa (2004-2008), and in Kenya (1998-2000).



### Rikki Kersten

Pro-Vice Chancellor of the College of Arts, Business, Law and Social Sciences, Murdoch University

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Professor Rikki Kersten is the Interim Pro Vice Chancellor of the College of Arts, Business, Law and Social Sciences at Murdoch University. Prior to her appointment as the Interim Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Kersten was the Dean of the School of Arts.

Professor Kersten specialises in Japanese history, politics, security policy and foreign policy. She has a special interest in Australia-Japan relations, and in the US-Japan alliance.

## Participant Biographies



### Kei Koga

Assistant Professor, Nanyang Technological University

Kei Koga is Assistant Professor at the Public Policy and Global Affairs Programme, School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University (NTU). His previous position includes visiting fellow at Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and Postdoctoral Fellow in the International Studies Program, The Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School. His recent publication includes a book "Reinventing Regional Security Institutions in Asia and Africa" (Routledge 2017); "The Concept of 'Hedging' Revisited" (International Studies Review, 2017); "Japan's strategic interests in the South China Sea" (Australian Journal of International Affairs, 2018); and "ASEAN's Evolving Institutional Strategy" (Chinese Journal of International Politics, 2018). He received his Ph.D. in International Relations at the Fletcher School, Tufts University.



### Kate Longhurst

Director, Western Australian State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Kate Longhurst commenced as Director of the DFAT Western Australia State Office in December 2018. She is responsible for managing the Department's engagement with its diverse stakeholders in Western Australia, across government, business, academia and civil society.

Ms Longhurst was Executive Officer to the DFAT Secretary, Frances Adamson, from January 2017 to September 2018. She has held a number of other positions in Canberra, including Director of DFAT's ASEAN and Regional Programs Section where she coordinated Australia's engagement with ASEAN and oversaw Australia's regional aid investments. Ms Longhurst served in the Political Section at the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. during the Obama Administration, with reporting responsibility for U.S. engagement in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Ms Longhurst spent a year on exchange to the U.S.



### Brendan McShanag

Principal Policy Adviser for the Minister for Housing, Veterans Issues, Youth and Asian Engagement

Brendan McShanag has been involved in the development and implementation of policy for State and Federal Labor Government's for more than 10 years. He has worked closely with the resources and agriculture sectors during his time advising Federal Labor in Canberra before returning to WA in 2017 with the election of the McGowan Government. He currently serves as Principal Policy Adviser for the Minister for Housing, Veterans Issues, Youth and Asian Engagement.

## Participant Biographies



### **Kanna Mihara**

Vice President, Macquarie Capital Securities (Japan) Ltd

Kanna has 11 years of experience in commercial and investment banking. Since joining Macquarie in 2013, she has worked on 2 of the first 3 major infrastructure privatisation projects in Japan, Sendai Airport and Aichi Toll Road, as a financial advisor for the winning consortium of each transaction. Since 2016, she has been heading Private Capital Markets team in Japan where her primary role is to connect Japanese capital to global infrastructure opportunities.

Before joining Macquarie, Kanna engaged in commercial lending for non-EU EMEA companies in Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation's EMEA headquarter in London for 5 years. Kanna started her career as a business consultant at BaringPoint (currently PwC) where she worked on various projects for Japanese companies.

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### **C. Raja Mohan**

Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore

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Professor C. Raja Mohan is Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. His research focus is on the foreign policy of India and Asian geopolitics.

Professor Mohan helped found Carnegie India, the sixth international centre of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in New Delhi. He was the Henry Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy at the US Library of Congress during 2009-10.

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### **Benjamin Reilly**

Professor of International Politics, The University of Western Australia

Benjamin Reilly is a Professor of International Politics at the University of Western Australia. He was formerly Dean of the Sir Walter Murdoch School at Murdoch University, and head of the Policy and Governance Program and Director of the Centre for Democratic Institutions at the Australian National University (ANU). He has also worked with the Australian government, the United Nations and other international organisations, and held visiting appointments at Harvard, Oxford, and Johns Hopkins universities. He has authored or edited seven books and over 100 scholarly papers, and received financial support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the United States Institute of Peace, the East-West Centre, the National Endowment for Democracy and the Australian Research Council. He holds a PhD in Political Science from the ANU.

## Participant Biographies



### Tomohiko Satake

Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Defense Studies

Tomohiko Satake is a senior research fellow at the Policy Simulation Office of the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS) located in Tokyo. He specializes in Japan-US-Australia security cooperation. Between 2013 and 2014, he worked for the International Policy Division of the Defense Policy Bureau of the Japan Ministry of Defense as a deputy director for international security. He earned B.A. and M.A. from Keio University, and PhD in international relations from the Australian National University. His recent publication includes: "Japan-Australia Security Cooperation in the Bilateral and Multilateral Contexts", co-authored with John Hemmings, *International Affairs*, Volume 94, Issue 4, 1 July 2018.



### Stephen Smith

Distinguished Fellow, Perth USAsia Centre, former Minister for Defence, former Minister for Foreign Affairs

Professor Stephen Smith has been a Professor of Public International Law at the University of Western Australia since 2014. In May 2018, Professor Smith was appointed to the Resources 2030 Taskforce and is currently the Chairman of archTIS and a Member of the Board of LNG Marine Fuel Institute.

Professor Smith was Federal Member for Perth for the Australian Labor Party from March 1993 until September 2013. In a distinguished career spanning 20 years in the Australian Federal Parliament, Professor Smith served as the Minister for Defence, and prior to that, as Minister for Foreign Affairs.



### Kyle Springer

Senior Analyst, Perth USAsia Centre

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Kyle Springer is Senior Analyst at the Perth USAsia Centre. He provides high-level program assistance and develops the think tank and external outreach programs of the Centre. In addition to planning and coordinating a range of program and research initiatives, Kyle directs the Centre's Indonesia programs and convenes policy workshops focussed on Australia-Indonesia relations.

Kyle was previously a researcher with the defence and foreign policy think tank, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC and was a program assistant with the Austrade at the Australian Embassy in Washington.

## Participant Biographies



### Bill Townsend

Acting Director, Corporate Coordination, External Affairs & Joint Venture, INPEX

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Bill Townsend is General Manager, External Affairs and Joint Venture at INPEX. In this role, Bill leads the team responsible for managing the company's government and community relations, corporate social responsibility, Aboriginal affairs, regulatory approvals, communications, media relations and joint venture management. Bill joined INPEX in 2006.

Beginning his career as a US Navy submarine officer, Bill entered the oil and gas industry in 1994 as a Business Advisor to BP Russia based in Moscow.



### Jeffrey Wilson

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Dr Jeffrey Wilson is the Research Director at the Perth USAsia Centre. He provides leadership and strategic direction in developing the Centre's research program across its publications, policy and dialogue activities.

Dr Wilson specialises in the regional economic integration of the Indo-Pacific. He has particular expertise in the politics of trade agreements, regional economic institutions, and Australia's economic ties with Asia. He has been featured in local and international media outlets, contributed to a range of track two dialogues between Australia and key regional partners, and supported policy development through consultancy, publication and advisory work.



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