



Pictured: 12th ACYD delegates at the Tianqi Lithium Energy Australia (Kwinana Plant)



THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA YOUTH DIALOGUE
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2022 SUMMARY REPORT

THANK YOU

Dear friends of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue,

The enclosed report provides an overview of the 11th and 12th ACYD events, which took place in Hobart, Tasmania, and Perth, Western Australia, in May and November 2022, respectively. Unique to this year, two dialogues were conducted due to interruptions caused by COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021.

This document not only summarizes these events but also illustrates our ongoing efforts towards our chief aim: fostering and enhancing ambitious exchanges between remarkable and varied Australian and Greater Chinese citizens, ranging in age from 25 to 40.

For each occasion, our Board and Executive team handpicked 30 Australians and Chinese from the specified age group to engage in forthright and vigorous discussions concerning the bilateral relationship. The chosen delegates stood out for their strong sense of servant leadership, community awareness, and intellectual acumen, reflected in their professional, academic, entrepreneurial, and other successes. The delegation included management consultants, lawyers, investment bankers, diplomats, public servants, politicians, healthcare experts, data scientists, university lecturers, and company founders. Key subjects such as geopolitics, trade and investment, innovation, soft exchanges, and sport were explored, with further details provided within this report.

We are proud to note that our alumni network now consists of 360 individuals spread across the world, many of whom hold influential roles in their communities, like the current Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Hon. Tim Watts MP. This year's newcomers extend the community's leadership and influence over the multifaceted collaboration and interactions between Australia and China. The ACYD Board and Executive Team firmly believe that this energized and competent alumni group will continue to enrich, expand, and promote the shared objectives and accomplishments between Australia and China in the coming years.

Lastly, the ACYD Board and Executive Team wish to convey our profound gratitude to our Partners, Leadership Council, Global Alumni network, and supporters. Their continual backing fuels our excitement as we plan for the 13th ACYD in China in 2023. We hope you find this Summary Report both informative and enjoyable.

Jade Little
Chair

Mathew Benjamin
Executive Director



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11th ACYD delegates, Management Team and Board.



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12th ACYD delegates, Management Team and Board, with special guests including Mr Sam Lim MP

What is the ACYD?

The Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD) is the preeminent inter-disciplinary early career leaders dialogue between Australia and Greater China. Every year 30 outstanding Australian and Greater Chinese citizens between 25-40 years of age participate in ACYD: a powerful platform that identifies, then meaningfully connects, high-potential leaders in Australia-Greater China affairs.



The Situation

Australia and China have cultures, languages and thought and value systems that are fundamentally different



The Complication

Australia and China have a relationship that continues to grow in importance and also complexity



The Resolution

Invest in talented and committed Australian and Chinese leaders, and nurture a growing bond between these people



About Us

The ACYD Team

The ACYD Team comprises a group of volunteers from Australia and China, many of whom are ACYD Alumni.

The Board of Directors provide governance, oversight and major decision making for the organization and comprise of individuals from diverse backgrounds who have experience studying and working internationally. The management team oversees the day-to-day operations of the ACYD across a variety of portfolios, such as marketing and communications, partnerships, delegate selection, curation, treasury, technology, and logistics.

The ACYD is grateful to have these volunteers contribute to its cause. Their biographies are provided in this report.

Partners

The ACYD is fortunate to attract an exclusive network of valuable partners to support the organisation's objectives on annual or three-yearly sponsorships. The ACYD Partners are from a range of institutions, such as government, corporate and universities. This means the ACYD is able to access a broad and unique range of resources and expertise that is instrumental to the success of the Dialogue each year. A list of our partners for the Hobart and Perth Dialogues are provided in this report.

Leadership Council

The ACYD takes great pride in having the Ambassador of Australia to the People's Republic of China, H.E. The Hon. Graham Fletcher, as its Patron. The ACYD is also appreciative of its Leadership Council, composed of notable, well-respected, and forward-thinking individuals who are acknowledged as leaders in the Australia-China relationship. The ACYD Leadership Council has included esteemed individuals including The Hon. Professor Bob Carr, John W.H. Denton, The Hon. Kevin Rudd, and The Hon. Warwick L. Smith.



About Us

ACYD over the years:

2010	Beijing
2011	Sydney / Canberra
2012	Beijing / Chengdu
2013	Melbourne / Canberra
2014	Beijing
2015	Brisbane
2016	Hong Kong / Shenzhen
2017	Beijing
2018	Melbourne
2019	Shanghai
2021	Hobart
2022	Perth

ACYD Alumni:

Since inception in 2010, each year 15 Australian and 15 Chinese have been selected from a highly competitive application process to participate in the ACYD. The ACYD has connected the most accomplished and ambitious, current and emerging leaders in the Australia-China space. The ACYD's alumni network currently consists of more than 350 leaders including top researchers and innovators, division and region heads of major local and international businesses, high-level government officials from both countries, including Members of Parliament, influential journalists and writers, and more. These individuals represent our greatest asset.



11th ACYD Delegate Testimonials



JAMES BARKLAMB

Associate at Boston Consulting Group (BCG)

As we near the 50th Anniversary of Australia-China diplomatic relations, joining the Australia China Youth Dialogue was a reminder of the historic nature of our two country's relationship and of the importance of young leaders striving for a positive future for our region. The passion and energy of delegates and speakers was an inspiring call to action; one that our cohort is already beginning to channel towards purpose-driven projects aimed at strengthening ties between our two countries.



GAN JIANBIN

Senior Manager, Sales & Marketing, Fortescue Metals Group (FMG)

The Australia China Youth Dialogue provides a fantastic opportunity for potential young leaders from various industries across countries to share their stories, experiences and views, it also be a bridge connecting non-government level exchange. More importantly, the ACYD community keep growing each year, greatly fostering the bilateral relationship between Australia and China. I am very proud to be one of the 11th ACYD delegates, and the broader ACYD family members



CHLOE SEVIL

Cyber incident response lawyer, Clyde & Co

Participating in 2022's Australia China Youth Dialogue was a thought provoking, inspiring experience – one that left me with a much deeper understanding of Australia and China's important bilateral relationship. The forum created by the Dialogue organisers sits under Chatham house rules – this in turn meant the conversations we had were open and productive, touching on important areas for the relationship including trade and sustainability. I have already spoken to several friends about the Dialogue and would encourage those interested in international affairs and the Australia-China relationship to apply



CHEN ZHAO

Glaciologist, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania

The ACYD provides young Australian and Chinese leaders a unique opportunity to discuss the most interesting and challenging themes in our bilateral relationship. The conversations between delegates and speakers across the key theme "global sustainability" in the 2022 program are super constructive and hugely inspiring. Joining ACYD and you will meet the best young talents engaging with the bilateral relationships across all fields from both countries.

12th ACYD Delegate Testimonials



DANIEL NORMAN

Private Equity Investor, TPG

I would highly recommend the ACYD to any business leader who wants to better understand how constructive Australia-China relations relate to Australia's ongoing economic stability and prosperity. The sessions explore much more than just bilateral trade and diplomacy. They challenge delegates to think holistically about how Australia is perceived on the global stage, and how our role and identity in Asia is changing. Humbling and insightful.



HELENA CHENGXU QIN

Head of Cardiovascular Pharmacology, National Heart Foundation Future Leader

The 12th ACYD has successfully brought Australian and Chinese emerging leaders numerous miles together to celebrate the Australia-China 50 years of diplomatic relations, brainstorm emerging global challenges, spot new opportunities and plan for future success. It has also brought in inspirational leaders from the Australian China community to empower us to design for greater impact, especially in restoring social cohesion and economic prosperity post-COVID-19 recovery. This significant dialogue will no doubt enhance the fellowship between our diverse perspectives with the shared mission through mutual support and continuous connection.



KELLY ZHAN

Deputy General Counsel, Asia Pacific and Latin America

The Australia China Youth Dialogue (ACYD) provides a wonderful opportunity to connect with and be inspired by emerging leaders who are passionate about contributing to the bilateral relationship in a constructive way. The 12th ACYD coincided with historic talks in Bali and the 50th anniversary of the Australia-China relationship, underscoring the importance of the ACYD mission to promote frequent and meaningful dialogue and cross-cultural exchange. It is an honour to be joining the ACYD alumni network and I encourage those with an interest in the Australia-China relationship to apply.



Message from the Prime Minister



PRIME MINISTER

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AUSTRALIA–CHINA YOUTH DIALOGUE 2022

Congratulations to you all on your selection as delegates to the 11th Australia–China Youth Dialogue.

You are our future leaders. You are committed to collaboration and believe in the power of a free and open dialogue. These are the qualities that bring you to the ACYD. This is why it is such an important event.

The world finds itself in a time of great challenge and change.

Meeting and overcoming the global challenges we face — health, economic and environmental — is only possible through cooperation and dialogue. Through communication and engagement based on respect and a quest for peace and prosperity.

This is our global responsibility.

In 2022, Australia and China will recognise 50 years of diplomatic relations. We are focused on achieving a constructive relationship with China, particularly in areas of shared interest like our people-to-people, cultural, trade and economic relations.

Bonds of family and friendship, trade and diplomacy, arts and scholarship have influenced our dialogue for generations.

As you gather for the next four days, you bring a new and welcome voice to the table.

The ACYD is a powerful platform for positive engagement. It is your opportunity to form meaningful ties and make a constructive contribution to the future of our nations.

I wish you every success in fostering this community of respect and dialogue.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

May 2022



Dialogue Overview



Pictured:
11th ACYD Annual Gala Dinner



Pictured:
12th ACYD delegates, featuring Dr Chengxue Helena Qin



The 11th ACYD: Day 1



Topic: Regional Security and Prosperity
Location: The Media School, University of Tasmania

Opening

H.E. the Honorable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania, joined Mr Long Zhou, Chinese Consulate General in Melbourne, and Peter Cai, CEO of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations in officially opening this year's dialogue with a welcome address that highlighted the importance of bilateral dialogue.

Session 1: How does one find the right balance between economic and security interests?

Session Chair: Dr Yu Tao (UWA, ACYD '19).

Prof James Chin (Professor of Asian Studies, UTAS), Prof Jane Golley (Professor of Economics, ANU), Prof. James Laurenceson (Director at Australia-China Research Institute, UTS), and Prof Rory Medcalf (Head of National Security College, ANU) participated in the first panel session. Delegates were challenged to think about complex topics such as the differences between the media narrative versus the reality of the economic situation in both countries and the perspectives of local ethnic Chinese in the Solomon Islands in respect of Australia and China. When asked what young people can do about the relationship, the recommendations from the panel were: be prepared to accept your understanding is wrong, think about the relationship in terms of what is good in 20-30 years, do not accept a dumbed-down debate and go visit China and experience it for yourself.

Session 2: Why is Antarctica attracting so much attention between our two countries?

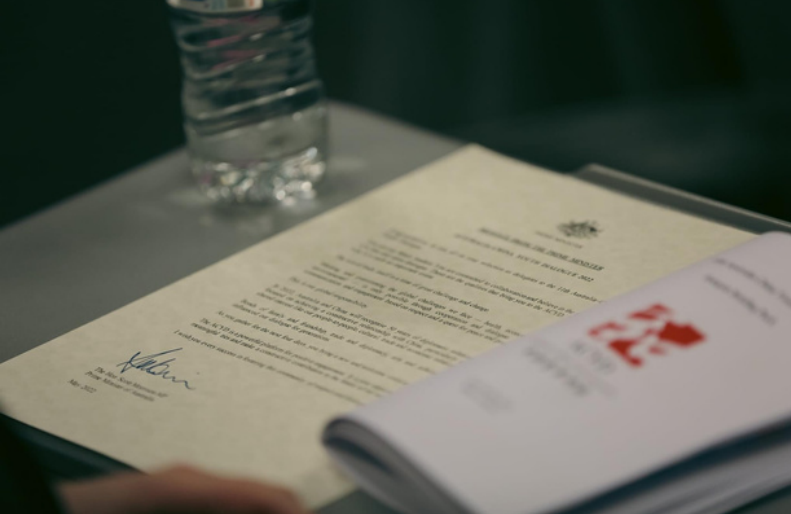
Session Chair: Josh Armstrong, Assistant Director, National Foundation for Australia-China Relations, ACYD '19

After tackling the thorny issues of economic and security interests and the relationship between them, Adjunct Prof Tony Press and Ms Mengzhu Zhang (Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, UTAS) discussed the topic of Antarctica and its relation to Australia-Chian affairs. While there is concern about ambitions to use the region for economic and military purposes, a strong positive noted is that Antarctica is an example of a scientific collaboration between Australia and China that provides us with hope for more bilateral cooperation.

Gala Dinner:

Location: Aloft Restaurant

The ACYD was privileged to hold the Gala dinner at the beautiful Aloft Restaurant. Mr Jason Yat-Sen Li, delivered a thought-provoking and heartfelt keynote speech, which drew on his experience as an Australian-born Chinese growing up in Australia.



The 11th ACYD: Day 2

Topic: Trade and Investment

Location: The Media School, University of Tasmania

Session 1: Briefing session with H.E. Graham Fletcher, Australia's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China

Session Chair: Jade Little, ACYD '12

His Excellency Mr Graham Fletcher provided delegates with a candid virtual address on the China-Australia relationship. Mr Fletcher discussed the key changes in the bilateral relationship since 2015 when the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) was signed to now where relations are much less optimistic. Mr Fletcher also provided a summary of the domestic outlook as China approaches the 20th Party congress. Due to COVID-19's profound impact globally in many different facets, he walked delegates through China's COVID Zero's approach and its implications.

Session 2: China's move towards zero emissions policy update and opportunities for the bilateral relationship'

Session Chair: Ms Tracy Jin Cui (ACT Government, ACYD '17)

An expert panel consisting of Dr Jorrit Gosens (Fellow at Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU), A/Prof Fengshi Wu (School of Social Sciences, UNSW), and Prof Roc Shi (Research Principal at ACRI, UTS) provided delegates with an informative presentation on China's move towards zero emission policy and opportunities for both countries.

Session 3: Fireside chat with Mr Colin Paterson Fortescue Future Industries

Delegates heard from Mr Colin Paterson (Tasmania State Manager, Fortescue Future Industries (FFI)) who shared FFI's inspiring goals in relation to decarbonisation and development of green hydrogen. Colin challenged delegates to embrace their responsibilities to create change as the leaders of tomorrow.

Session 4: Willie Smith Apple Cider Farm Tour

Delegates travelled to Willie Smith Apple Cider Farm in the Huon Valley where Mr Andrew Smith (Owner) provided them with a tour of the plant and answered all our burning questions about his organic apple and cider businesses. Delegates were impressed to learn about his journey and the way he has sought to build and expand his businesses. Delegates were then welcomed into the restaurant with a steaming mug of mulled apple cider and were treated to delightful fare.

Session 5: Fireside Chat with David Bellamy (co-founder of baby formula Bellamy's Organics)

Session Chair: Mr William Zhou (Marsh Insurance Brokers and ACYD '16).

After dinner, delegates were privileged to hear moving personal stories and insights from Mr David Bellamy in a fireside chat hosted by The evening finished with a night cap at a nearby bar.



The 11th ACYD: Day 3

Topic: Culture and The Arts

Location: The Media School, University of Tasmania & Museum of Old and New Art (MONA)

Session 1: A Practitioner perspective: What is the value of bilateral creative engagement?

Session Chair: Ms Jessica Wong-Saunderson (PwC, ACYD' 19).

Delegates were privileged to have renowned artists Mr Chen Ping (artist), Mr Zhou Xiaoping (artists) and Ms Stephanie Jack (actor, writer and singer) who shared brilliant examples of bilateral creative engagement from a practitioner's perspective. All noted the unique role that cultural relations plays in maintaining dialogue and co-operation between nations during challenging times.

Session 2: Build your narrative

Session Chair: Ms Cindy Gottinger (Google, ACYD '13)

Delegates were led through a hybrid virtual and in-person workshop on 'building their own narrative', which focused on their reason for why the Australia-China relationship was important to them, which then opened the floor to lots of great sharing by the delegates on how they would like to contribute to the Australia China relationship going forward.

Session 3: The Art of Diplomacy: What roles do art and cultural institutions play in employing soft power?

Session Chair: Ms Jessica Wong-Saunderson (PwC, ACYD' 19).

Following a trip to Mt Wellington, where the delegation traced some of the route Xi Jinping followed during his visit in 2014, delegates spend time at the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) indulging in interesting and provocative art. For the final session for the day, special guests Professor Jing Han (Director of Australia-China Institute for Arts and Culture, WSU), Ms Yin Cao (Curator of Chinese Art, Art Gallery of NSW) and Dr Pippa Dickson (Director at Asialink Arts) discussed the art of diplomacy and how arts and cultural institutions can employ soft power, and how soft exchanges between Australia and China had been growing over the decades. Being at MONA delegates reflected on the fact that galleries and museums have the potential to broker international soft power, working alongside or in partnership with institutions and governments to influence broad-based, positive change.

Session 4: Dinner at The Source

The conversations continued over a delicious dinner at The Source restaurant at MONA, followed by the ACYD tradition of karaoke at Mango Karaoke Bar,



Left: Chinese Ambassador Cheng Jingye (2019)



The 11th ACYD: Day 4

Topic: Climate and Sustainability

Location: Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), The University of Tasmania (UTas).

Session 1; Fireside chat with Professor Nathan Bindoff

Session Chair:

A fireside chat with Professor Nathan Bindoff (University of Tasmania), who is a world-leading climate scientist and lead author contributing to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), was held. Professor Bindoff provided an overview of climate science and negotiations over the past few decades. From his position as coordinating lead author on the 4th and 5th IPCC Assessment Reports, Professor Bindoff provided delegates a behind-the-scenes view of what goes into pulling these reports together. Drawing on his extensive experience in oceanography and climate modeling, he also shed light on the critical role of oceans in the global climate system. He discussed the complexities of interdisciplinary research and the challenges and triumphs of international collaboration in crafting these vital assessments. The talk offered valuable insights into the evolving science of climate change, the importance of effective communication with policymakers and the public, and the urgent need for global action to mitigate and adapt to the changing climate."

Session 2: Renewable Energy Partnerships for the 21st Century

Session Chair:

Delegates followed up with a panel discussion with Mr Chunhua Li (Hydro Tasmania), Dr Yuan Peng (ANU), Mr Simon Troman (Hydrogen Industry Development, Tasmanian State Government) and Mr Neil Wang (Foton Mobility). Delegates heard about the importance of cultural understanding and respect, harnessing local industry knowledge, and community and stakeholder consultation to delivering successful renewable energy projects and partnerships. The growth in interest and use of hydrogen has been a theme of this dialogue and delegates learned that cities can be both incubators and adopters of hydrogen technology. Local governments can move faster than national governments but regulations like restrictions on using overseas manufacturers and lack of hydrogen expertise within government can be an impediment.

Session 3: Closing

Former Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon. John Howard, delivered the closing message to delegates. He emphasized the importance of fostering relations between the two countries. Howard acknowledged the strong ties between Australia and China, citing the 1.4 million Australians of Chinese heritage and Chinese as the most widely spoken foreign language in Australia. He also noted the robust free trade agreement and the history of expanding trading opportunities. However, he did not shy away from addressing the challenges. Howard stressed the need to focus on areas of agreement to navigate through difficulties, acknowledging the differences between Australia's liberal democracy and China's authoritarian rule. He reiterated the importance of people-to-people links and expressed hope that cooperation in areas of common interest could promote the common good of both societies, despite the present challenges. He concluded by recognizing China's economic rise as beneficial not only for China but for the world, expressing optimism that a way can be found to cooperate through the current difficulties.



The 12th ACYD: Day 1



Topic: Regional Security and Prosperity
Location: KPMG Perth Office & The Ritz Carlton

Opening:

Day 1 of the 12th ACYD was hosted by KMPG at their Perth Office where Mr Jonathan Willoughby, KPMG Partner (Enterprise), welcomed delegates and reflected on the strong relationship between China and the state of Western Australia. The Opening Address for the 12th ACYD was jointly delivered by the People's Republic of China's Deputy Consul-General Wang, who spoke of his desire for an Australia-China relationship that is more stable and mature, and H.E. the Honourable Chris Dawson APMC 34th Governor of Western Australia, who noted that a strong bilateral relationship strengthens both countries, and that as ambassadors of their respective countries it is the delegates' duty to develop mutual trust and understanding. Finally, a touching message to the ACYD delegates was delivered by Mr Sam Lim MP, Member for Tangney, who shared his message of propagating peace and prosperity at a personal, family, community and international relations level.

Session 1: Demystifying the 20th Party Congress and the rise of Xi Jinping

Session Chair: Ms Yun Jiang (Inaugural Australian Institute of International Affairs China Matters Fellow, ACYD'21)

Panelists: Dr Minglu Chen (Senior Lecturer at the University of Sydney), Ms Primrose Riordan (South China Correspondent at Financial Times), A/Professor Alfred Wu (Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore) and Ms Kandy Wong (China Correspondent, South China Morning Post) conducted a broad-ranging discussion covering issues such as the impacts of China's zero COVID policy, including from a public revenue perspective, the Chinese government's ongoing aim to lift more of its population out of poverty, the role of women in the Politburo and more broadly in Chinese society, China's "dual circulation" policy as a defensive policy in the face of global pressures, media perspectives on the recent National Congress; and other social and population trends.

Session 3: China's foreign policy in the Pacific

Session Chair: Edwina Kwan (King & Wood Mallesons, ACYD'15)

Panelists Ms Yun Jiang (Inaugural AIIA China Matters Fellow, Founder China Neican), Ms Primrose Riordan (South China Correspondent at Financial Times), Dr Marina Zhang (A/Professor at the Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney) delved into the geopolitical trends and recent developments in the Pacific region, and their contributing factors. Additionally, the panel thoughtfully discussed the influence of broader Taiwan-China tensions on the region, the problems with 'cheque book diplomacy', the AUKUS pact and the context of other defence partnerships in the region, the spillover of political tensions into the scientific innovation space, and climate change aid.

Session 4; Gala Dinner at The Ritz-Carlton

After a welcome to country from Nyoongar Elder Betty Garlett, City of Perth Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas provided a welcome to all guests followed by opening remarks from The Honourable Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Youth. Mr David Ambrose, a career diplomat who took his first diplomatic posting to Beijing in 1975, delivered a keynote speech that provided a delightful series of insights, anecdotes and reflections on several key moments in the 50 years of Australia-China diplomatic relations interwoven with his own personal stories.

The 12th ACYD: Day 2

Topic: Mining & Resourcing for the future

Location: Museum of Western Australia, Woodwide Room & Fortescue Metals Group Hive

Session 1: A Chinese Perspective - Operating in Australia, Iron Ore Supply/Demand Outlook, Technology and Energy Transition

Session Chair: Ms Anna Lin (Australian Trade and Investment Commission, ACYD'17)

Mr David Sun (Managing Director at Sinosteel Corporation) and Mr Robert Newton (Head of Corporate Affairs at CITIC Pacific Mining) provided perspectives of Chinese organizations operating in Australia's iron ore sector. Delegates heard staggering figures in relation to the scale of projects, the growth in export volumes over the decades, and the value of infrastructure investment by these Chinese companies operating in Australia. The speakers also shared some of their cultural observations from their time operating in Australia, as well as their approaches to indigenous engagement and managing environmental impacts, including through decarbonisation and the adoption of green technologies.

Session 2: An Australian Perspective - Navigating the Chinese market, Iron Ore Supply/Demand Outlook, Technology and Energy Transition

Ms Anna Lin (Australian Trade and Investment Commission, ACYD'17)

Mr Bin Jun Zhuang AM (former Fortescue Metals Group Executive) and Mr Chris McMahan (Group Manager Technical Marketing, Fortescue Metals Group) focused the perspectives of Australian companies navigating the Chinese iron ore market. The panel canvassed topics such as Chinese investment in Australia, COVID-19 pandemic-related disruptions in the industry, and China's key interest in security of iron ore supply. This session also provided the opportunity to deep-dive into progress on green steel technologies in China and FMG's long-term strategy and investments in low carbon and green steel, underpinned by the adoption of hydrogen and alternative technologies.

The "symbiotic" nature of the Australia-China relationship in the resources sector was a positive theme across these two sessions. Speakers from both sessions noted "we cannot live without each other" and there is hope that the future of our countries' relations is bright because of our complimentary, intertwined economies.

Session 3: Mining and resources entrepreneurship, Australia's opportunity in the global race to Net Zero

Session Chair: Ms Tracy Jin Cui (ACT Government, ACYD '17)

Panelists Ms Yaxi Zhan (Founder & Managing Director of Accelerate Resources Ltd.), Ms Tamryn Barker (Co-founder & CEO of CORE Innovation Hub), and Ms Yolanda Zhao (Co-founder & COO of Infinite Green Energy) discussed many topics, which included their inspiration for their respective businesses that address the race to net zero, as well as innovations and opportunities to disrupt the resources sector. The speakers examined issues through the lens of innovation, namely: green hydrogen, electrification and energy storage, automation.

Session 4: FMG Hive site visit

After lunch delegates visited the FMG Hive (i.e. remote operating centre in Perth where FMG manages mining equipment located in the Pilbara) to see live automated planning, operations and mine control systems. Delegates left impressed by the sophistication of the mining industry.

Session 5: Tianqi Lithium fireside chat and site visit

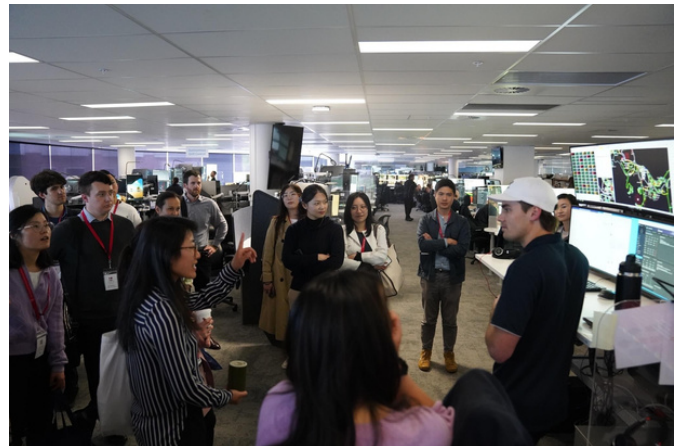
Session Chair: James Tang

Delegates were privileged to visit Tianqi Lithium Hydroxide processing plant in Kwinana—the first battery-grade processing plant in Australia - and have a fireside chat with Raj Surendran, the CEO of Tianqi Lithium Energy Australia. In addition to explaining the technical advances that have enabled Australia to achieve this milestone, Raj emphasized the critical importance of cross-cultural collaboration.

Session 6: Dinner in conversation with Mr Lai Ah Hong

Session Chair: James Tang

Delegates were treated to a delicious Chinese seafood dinner while learning about the story of Mr Lai Ah Hong's (Managing Director, Phosphate Resources / Managing Director of PRL Group) rise from humble beginnings and hardship, to his place in Australia as an admired community leader, which was told with such humility, humour and wisdom. It was a very moving to all on the night.



The 12th ACYD: Day 3

Day 3: People, Community & The Arts

Location: City of Perth Library

Session 1: Diplomatic briefing session

Session Chair: Jade Little, ACYD'12

His Excellency Mr Graham Fletcher (Australia's Ambassador to China) offered insights on the state of the Australia-China relationship, including trade, the economic outlook in China, opportunities for further collaboration and China's COVID policy outlook.

Session 2: In conversation with the Hon Pierre Shuai Yang MLC on community leadership

Session Chair: Harrison Chen, ACYD'21

The Honourable Pierre Shuai Yang MLC JP LLB BA(Hons)(UWA), (Government Whip in the Legislative Council), shared with the delegation the diverse trajectory of his career and the importance of cross-community support in his political career. Pierre encouraged those who wanted it to pursue leadership roles and gave advice in respect of knowing our reasons for wanting to serve the community, the challenges of being 'the first' person of a demographic in a public leadership role. He also shared his passion for equality, fairness and respect.

Session 3: Navigating our cultural differences and understanding of the world through language

Liam Tay Kearney, ACYD'17

Professor Jing Han (Director of the Australia-China Institute for Arts and Culture at Western Sydney University) taught delegates about the principles that underpin the way we communicate with each other, and the factors that affect how we perceive meaning. She impressed that there is no such thing as direct intercultural communication, Yu-Hsu Camille Chen (Executive Creative Director of Legend Media Group) took delegates through a narrative exercise that demonstrated the power of story-telling, and provided principles to help build better stories that will engage audiences and spark connections, A/Prof Xingkui Zhang (Associate Director of UWA Confucius Institute) shared with his insights into the inseparable connection between language and culture. He described linguistic and grammatical constructs through the lens of 'ambiguity' (as the theme of our Dialogue).

Session 4: Calligraphy, tea and reflections

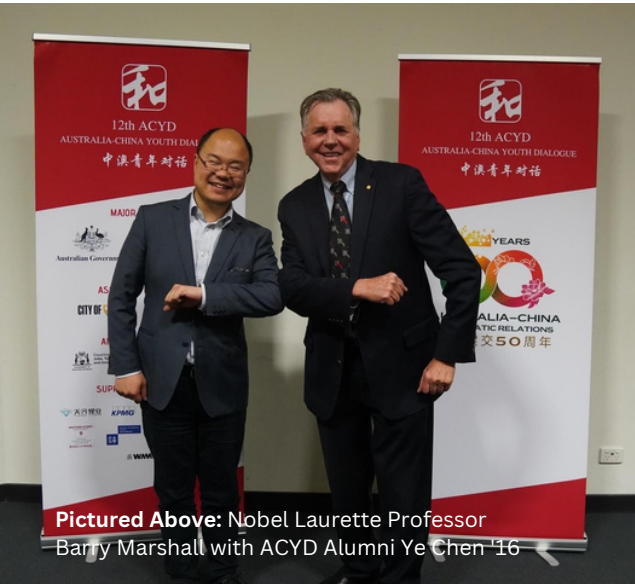
After lunch delegates were fortunate to have Qi Lao Shi and Cao Lao Shi from UWA guide them through a calligraphy workshop, and a calming tea masterclass. Following this, Cindy Gottinger (ACYD 2013, and Board Member) took the group through a reflective activity. Delegates split into small groups to discuss their personal narrative, and came together to reflect and share thoughts.

Alumni Dinner and karaoke

For the Alumni Dinner at the Dragon Palace, delegates were joined by previous ACYD delegates as well as some of ACYD's sponsors. After some rowdy ACYD-themed trivia the delegation headed to tradition Day 3 evening karaoke session.



The 12th ACYD: Day 4



Pictured Above: Nobel Laureate Professor Barry Marshall with ACYD Alumni Ye Chen '16



Session No.22 Official Closing



Topic 4: Public Diplomacy in Practice

Location: University of Western Australia

Session 1: In conversation with Nobel Laureate Professor Barry Marshall Session Chair: Dr Ye Chen (Oculoplastic and Cataract Surgeon, ACYD '16)

Delegates were fortunate to be joined by Nobel Laureate Professor Barry Marshall., who started his connection with China in the early 1990s by traveling to Guilin in southwest China. With his entertaining and candid manner, he shared his experiences in research (particularly in relation to the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease), and anecdotes regarding his contributions, experiences and perspectives following his decades of engagement with China, and research cooperation with Chinese universities and institutions.

Session 2: A message to 12th ACYD delegates by The Hon. Kevin Rudd

Delegates heard from The Hon. Kevin Rudd (via pre-recorded message) who addressed the ACYD and provided insights on the state of the bilateral relationship and some commentary on the ideology of Xi Jinping. Kevin noted that given the widening gap between US and China, and as we move into an increasingly binary world, it is more important than ever to have the 'scholars' of the Australia-China relationship such as our delegates who will help navigate a pathway for our nations that will avoid conflict.

Session 3: Sports Diplomacy - Port Adelaide to Shanghai

Session Chair: Ms Gabi Powell Thomas, ACYD Special Projects (Australian National University)

Delegates heard from Andrew Hunter, Author and journalist, who shared the success of the Port Adelaide AFL team's audacious project to bring AFL to China.

The first AFL match in China (Shanghai) occurred on 14 May 2017. Andrew discussed its economic and diplomatic impacts, and the power of sports to draw people together and build trust. He noted that sports diplomacy assists in addressing a lack of familiarity and can ease periods of tension. While government officials and businesspeople can sit on opposite sides of the table to negotiate agreements, at games of Australian football, they sit alongside each other.

Session 4: Closing

Ms Sally Dawkins, (Western Australia Director - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade) reflected on the impact of the ACYD, and named some examples of prominent Australian and Chinese members of the community who are making a difference in their various walks of life. She encouraged us to maintain our connections, and continue in our mission to build bridges between our communities after the close of these four days. In the audience we were joined by Consul Hongtao Zhao from the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China.

The Dialogue concluded with lunch in the beautiful Perth sunshine, overlooking the Swan River.



Delegate Profiles



Pictured:
11th ACYD delegates at Willie Smith's Apple Shed - The Huon Valley Southern Tasmania



Pictured:
11th ACYD delegates at City of Perth Library learning the basic of Chinese calligraphy from teachers from the Confucius Institute at The University of Western Australia



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JAMES BARKLAMB

James is an Associate at Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where he works with leaders in the public and private sector on high-impact strategy projects. He is a member of BCG's healthcare practice and has supported principal investors in major acquisitions across the Asia-Pacific.

In 2019, James graduated with a Masters in Management Science from Tsinghua University, where he studied as a Schwarzman Scholar. Whilst in Beijing, James worked at the Gates Foundation, supporting strategy and policy development for the PRC's landmark Vaccine Law. His experience spurred an ongoing interest in international health collaboration, which saw him leading research on the efficacy of reconstructive surgery in rural provinces.

Previously, James advised public sector leaders as a consultant and analyst on issues ranging from health and environmental policy to national and international security. He holds undergraduate degrees in Arts and Law from Monash University.



SCOTT BRADFORD

Scott is currently Director, Bali Process Section, at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Scott most recently served as Assistant Director in the India Economic Section, as First Secretary at the Australian Embassy in Paris from 2021 to 2022, as well as Second Secretary (Political) and subsequently Executive Officer to the Ambassador at the Australian Embassy Jakarta from 2016 to 2020. Since joining DFAT in 2013, Scott has worked across the broad scope of DFAT's work, including bilateral and multilateral foreign policy, trade, and consular policy. Scott has studied widely and most recently completed a Masters of Public Administration at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in 2021.

He speaks French, Indonesian and Malaysian. He is making slow progress on his Mandarin.



STACY BRUCE

Stacy is an international relations and cross-cultural communications specialist at the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations in Sydney. She currently leads the media and communications activities for the Foundation with a focus on their communications strategy, social media presence and public outreach. Prior to this, Stacy held marketing and communications positions in higher education, government infrastructure projects, agriculture and manufacturing in Australia, China and Thailand.

Stacy holds a Bachelor of International Studies and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Adelaide, majoring in politics, Chinese and French language. She is undertaking a Masters of Asian and Pacific Studies at the Australian National University, specialising in Chinese language and culture.

Stacy's interest in and passion for China began in her regional South Australian high school, continued through university and in the workplace. She studied at Fudan University in Shanghai, worked in business development in Beijing, and spent two years working in manufacturing in Shenzhen.

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HANS CHANG

Hans Chang is a dynamic startup founder and community builder based in Melbourne, Australia. He is passionate about entrepreneurship, technology-enabled innovation and maker education. Making is characterised by exploratory, interest-driven, and hands-on learning that incorporates science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics, or STE(A)M. As making expands across a range of settings, from museums and libraries to after school programs, K-12 schools and higher education institutions, engaging with educators, researchers, and policy makers about the vision of learning for the 21st century is critical as the world is changing rapidly. Hans Chang holds a Bachelor of Engineering EE degree from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, and an MBA from UCLA Anderson, USA.



HARRISON CHEN

Harrison is a lawyer based in the Sydney office of Baker McKenzie. Having also previously worked at the Baker McKenzie Fenxun Partners Joint Operation Office in Shanghai, he has the unique distinction of being a lawyer who has represented both Australian and Chinese clients on a range of domestic and cross-border transactions. Harrison's practice focuses on Corporate M&A and Commercial Technology. On the corporate side, Harrison advises strategic investors, private equity sponsors and shareholders on complex private and public M&A transactions. On the technology side, he advises multinational Big Tech companies on their online and offline media interests, including digital copyright, content regulation and consumer protection. Prior to being a lawyer, he worked at a top Australian Investment Bank. Harrison holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales and is an admitted legal practitioner in the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia. He speaks English, Mandarin and Bahasa Indonesian.



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GAN JIANBIN

Jianbin Gan is a senior manager in Sales & Marketing at Fortescue Metals Group. He was born in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, a province in Southwest China. After receiving a bachelor's degree at University of Science and Technology Beijing, he started his career within the China metallurgical industry. During the past 17 years, he has accumulated experience in iron ore and coal trading, bulk commodity marketing, and risk management. Before joining Fortescue Metals Group he worked for world leading companies located in Beijing and Singapore. These diversified experiences granted him a comprehensive multicultural background and global vision. Having been in Australia for over 5 years, he has observed and encountered culture differences between Australia and China. Seeking common ground while putting aside the differences would be a good approach to deal with the differences. By applying his experience and knowledge of multi-culture, Jianbin would like to contribute to strengthen the understanding and create mutual benefit for people in both countries.



THOMAS GAO

Thomas Gao is a senior public policy professional and qualified engineer specialised in sustainable energy and decarbonisation. In his current role with the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, Thomas works closely with the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer, senior government executives and business leaders on the strategic planning and actions for the state's trade and investment, industry development, accelerating research and technology commercialisation. Born and raised in Qingdao China, Thomas came to Australia for higher education in 2008 and has developed a strong interest in Australia-China relations. Thomas serves as an executive director of the Institute of Chinese Engineer Australia (ICEA) and a board member for the Young Chinese Engineers Australia (YCEA). Thomas holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (First Class Honours) from the University of NSW, MicroMaster in Sustainable Energy from the University of Queensland and a diploma in project management..



BONNIE HERMAWAN

Bonnie is International Program Manager at the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, at the Department of Education and Training Victoria, where she manages a number of offshore programs delivering the Victorian Certificate of Education in China. With 15 years' experience in the international education space, Bonnie has deep expertise delivering education programs that develop global citizenship, intercultural capability, and international school partnerships. During her nine years at the Asialink Asia Education Foundation, Bonnie worked on the Australia-Asia BRIDGE School Partnerships Program, delivering professional learning to teachers and school leaders from Australia and across Asia, including China.

In 2019 Bonnie led the Victorian Young Leaders to Indonesia pilot program, building upon the experience of the Victorian Young Leaders to China program; a government initiative that provided more than 1700 Victorian students with immersive experiences in China since 2014.

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JESSIE HU

Jessie Hu is a senior auditor at KPMG Sydney. She works on a diversified portfolio of clients, ranging from ASX-listed entities, financial service companies to not-for-profit organisations.

Born and raised in China, she came to Australia in 2013 to pursue a Master of Professional Accounting degree at the University of Sydney. Her passion for strengthening people's connections from different backgrounds enriched her university life and later career. She joined the Asian Female League within KPMG to support Asian females in career advancement. In addition, she is an active member of the China Club within KPMG, helping to strengthen cross-border relations between Australia and China. In her personal capacity, she sits on the People Advisory Board of AARC, which oversees the improvement of people's well-being.

During her remaining spare time, she wields a dragon-boat paddle and climbs rock.



JON (YUAN) JIANG

Jon (Yuan) Jiang is an Australia-based China and Russia analyst, advisor on business and international affairs. He has varied career experience. As a Russian speaker, he worked with ZTE Corporation as an account manager, a co-founder with LockBreakers Consulting and a special correspondent with Hong Kong-based Asia Weekly and Shanghai-based Pengpai News, all in Moscow. He also worked as a broker for oil and gas companies and with Chinese students. He has been a member of the US-based Global China Connection.

He has published in the South China Morning Post, The Diplomat, and Jamestown Foundation. He is an enthusiastic media commentator with Financial Times, ABC, Strait Times, DW, SBS, Russia Today, Euronews, Russian Channel One, Weekendavisen.

He completed his master's degree in political economy at Moscow State Institute of International Relations and bachelor's degree in law at Shanghai University. He is currently doing his PhD in media and communication at the Queensland University of Technology, focusing on the Belt and Road Initiative.



YUN JIANG

Yun Jiang is a managing editor of the China Story blog at the Australian National University and produces China Neican. She has published widely on China-related topics and has been quoted or appeared in several major national and international press, including New York Times, Financial Times, ABC, BBC, Al-Jazeera, South China Morning Post and Washington Post.

Prior to joining the ANU, she was a policy adviser in the Australian Government, having worked in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Treasury and the Department of Defence. Her extensive policy experience covers international economy, trade, multilateral institutions, foreign investment, critical infrastructure, Commonwealth-state relations, economic diplomacy, and military diplomacy.

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DR LISHA LIU

Born and raised in China, Lisha came to Australia as a PhD candidate at the Water Research Centre in University of New South Wales in 2020. Her project is about the control and management of gas emission from wastewater treatment. During her university days in Australia, she served as a course demonstrator and joined the Postgraduate Council for overseas students.

Prior to becoming a PhD student in UNSW, Lisha worked for China Meteorological Administration as an atmosphere engineer with over six-years' experience in environmental problems in China. In addition to her work, she was also a volunteer at CMA to introduce the development of meteorological observation in China to general public and overseas organisations. Lisha is passionate about advancing environmental sustainability between Australia and China. She believes that contributions can be made by Australia and China to face the challenge of climate change and global warming.



PETER PARK

Peter is a strategy consultant passionate about entrepreneurship and promoting the Australia-Asia linkages. He is currently a Principal Consultant at YGYS Consulting where he advises Health and Wellness brands in the areas of international expansion and supply chain transformation.

In 2021, Peter turned his passion for China and broader Asia into a purpose when he took an Australian plant-based meat brand to China. Building on this experience, and leveraging his background in venture capital and financial advisory, Peter wants to bring more Asia literacy to the West.

Outside professional life, Peter enjoys writing on his personal blog. He is currently studying for HSK5. He earned a double degree in BBus/LLB from the Queensland University of Technology and is admitted as a lawyer in Queensland.



JAMES SCULLIN

James Scullin joined Asia Society Australia in June 2021. He is a program and project manager with experience developing diverse and tailored programs for Australian business with a focus on Asian business engagement, foreign policy, climate change and cultural awareness.

Prior to Asia Society, James was National Project Manager for the Australia China Business Council (ACBC). James has also worked with trade and investment advisory firm TradeWorthy on Asia Development Bank research on Belt and Road integration in ASEAN countries. Previously, James lived and worked in Beijing as an environmental consultant on European Commission climate change and development projects. He also worked as a tour leader to North Korea and in 2020 self-published the photography book *Hotels of Pyongyang*.

James is a graduate of the University of Melbourne where he holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Environmental Policy. He speaks Chinese and German.

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CHLOE SEVIL

Chloe is a cyber incident response lawyer based in Sydney, Australia. Chloe assists Australian and global businesses contain, investigate and remediate from complex, serious cyber incidents. In assisting clients, Chloe leads multi-disciplinary teams, including legal counsel, forensic vendors, law enforcement, PR and executive teams to lock out cyber criminals from business systems, notify individuals in compliance with Australian and foreign regulatory regimes, manage media and minimise business risk in the face of major cyber incidents. Chloe has assisted over 143 clients deal with some of Australia's most complex cyber incidents, and is known for her ability to calmly navigate clients through major cyber attacks.



DR JUNE SONG-LEE

Dr Wan Jun Song-Lee is a General Practitioner and an experienced Healthcare Executive. She has held senior roles in the private, community and public sectors. She currently serves as a non-executive director for Respect Aged Care and Lady Gowrie Tasmania. She is a senior clinical lecturer at the University of Tasmania and undertakes health services and health economics research. She has recently co-founded a digital health startup. In her spare time, she enjoys chasing after her young children and spending time with her young family.



ANNIE TAN

Originally from China, Annie has spent most of her career in Australia. Annie has extensive marketing and business management experience with global health care and FMCG companies. Annie has deep subject matter expertise in marketing strategy development and leading highly successful product launches, market expansion across the APAC region, including emerging markets (China, India, Southeast Asia), and developed markets (ANZ, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan). Annie currently works at Cochlear. She plays a critical role in helping set and execute Cochlear China plans. Her focus is to strengthen communication and strategic alignment between Cochlear's China office and its Global Sydney-based headquarters and ensure Cochlear's fast-growing business in China receives optimal support. Annie holds an MBA degree at the Australian Graduate School of Management, University of New South Wales.

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ZIQIAN (IVY) WANG

Ziqian Wang (Ivy) is the Marketing and Communications Officer at the Museum of Chinese Australian History. In her role, she is a dedicated and hardworking person with an excellent professional work ethic. She demonstrates high-level communications skills, time management skills. She has been active in bridging Australia-China relationships and utilised her knowledge of China and dedication to increase awareness of Chinese Australian culture.

Ivy devotes herself to building a better multicultural society and breaking the stereotypes of the Chinese community. Through her past work experience with the Ethiopian and Chinese government, she has a deep understanding of government affairs and advocacy work. She is also studying for her Master of Public Policy and Management degree to become a more qualified China-Australia advocate.

She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the State University of New York-Buffalo and she is a trained professional in business development and government relations.



HOLSTEIN WONG

Holstein Wong is an engineer with a human-centred approach as a Business Development Manager in robotics and automation in mining. A digital native who is comfortable bridging operations and commercial, regional and urban, and people across diverse cultures, Holstein's energetic determination translates into effective technology implementation in industry, and a positive community impact through advocacy for inclusion and diversity. Working across mining and technology, Holstein strongly campaigns for more female visibility across the industry, enacting change within the STEM sector. She was the 2018 winner of the Exception Young Woman in Resources in Queensland Award for her efforts in advocacy, mentoring, and strategic thought leadership for diversity in the mining community.

Holstein graduated with a Bachelor of Materials Science and Engineering (Honours) from the University of New South Wales in 2013, achieving First Class Honours and winning the University Medal. She currently lives in Brisbane, having lived in Central Queensland, Wales, Sydney, and Hong Kong.



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HAOCHENG (STEVEN) YU

Starting as an international student, Haocheng (Steven) has progressed his career from a one-month contractor in a call centre to a seasoned Product Manager with over 10 years' working experience in a global financial institution. Steven is very passionate about career development and keen to help others around him to grow together. He has founded a career development community in WeChat called FishTalk to facilitate professionals to share, learn and outperform. He is also Founder and President of China Blast Futsal Club as well as President of Jiangxi University of Finance & Economics Alumni Association of Australia. Steven obtained a Master of Finance degree from The Australian National University and a Master of Commerce degree from The University of Sydney. Outside of work, Steven loves playing soccer, having hot pot and connecting with old and new friends who share the same vision/passion with him.



CYNTHIA YUAN

Cynthia is an experienced energy policy advisor and environmental lawyer, currently working as a Senior Policy Officer at the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment. Prior to this, she gained experience providing transactional, legal, and policy advice to industry stakeholders in the energy sector, including mining and renewable companies. Admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, she is currently completing the Master of Environmental Law (LL.M) programme at the University of Sydney, focused on opportunities for greening China's investments in its Belt and Road Initiative. Cynthia has sought to further the bilateral relationship through volunteering as an Executive Committee Member of the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative (ACYPI) Sydney chapter in 2018, National Secretary of the Australia-China Youth Association (ACYA) in 2016, and President of ACYA's Macquarie University Chapter in 2015. In 2017, she worked in Beijing and Shanghai providing legal advice to Australian companies on their investment activities in China.



ZHANG YAN

Yan exudes enthusiasm and intelligence, and does not shy away from a challenge. Originally from Jiangsu, China, Yan has studied and worked in both China and Australia and is a fresh face in the King & Wood Mallesons International Arbitration team based in Sydney. He absorbs arbitration-related information and experience like a sponge... or a wonton in a broth of noodle soup expertly made in a Michelin-starred noodle shop run under his watchful eyes; his not-so-secret side-hustle ambition.



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DR CHEN ZHAO

Dr. Chen Zhao is a glaciologist working in the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania. She started her studies on Antarctic science in 2011, and relocated to Hobart, Australia 7 years ago for her PhD studies.

A job with Quark Expeditions has sent her to the Antarctic Peninsula in the south, Greenland, Iceland, and Svalbard in the north as an onboard lecturer and expedition guide. Experience in the polar regions has inspired her to devote herself to delivering knowledge about the impact of climate change on the polar regions. During her time in Hobart, Chen has been a good-will ambassador developing the friendship between China and Australia at both scientific and cultural levels. She has collaborated with Australia's leading glaciologists, including a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, Prof Ian Allison. They published a paper that records the history of the collaboration between Australia and China in Antarctic science and exploration.

Chen holds a B. Eng. from Wuhan University, a MSc. from Beijing Normal University, and a PhD from University of Tasmania.



GARY ZHU

Gary is currently a management consultant at Strategy& (formerly Booz & Co.) and part of the Deals Strategy practice where he focuses on supporting leading global organisations with various strategic and investment challenges including market entry, mergers and acquisitions and commercial due diligence engagements.

Prior to Strategy&, Gary worked at Accenture Strategy to help shape the future direction of Australian businesses through developing their corporate strategy and growth plans across a broad range of sectors including financial services, telecommunications, and retail. In addition to his project experiences, Gary spearheaded the publication of an Accenture thought leadership piece which shares how Australian organisations can learn and innovate from China's Big Tech sector. Outside of work, Gary has a deep interest in emerging technologies, social impact, and investing.

Gary holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Laws from the University of New South Wales and has studied in China at the Beijing Language and Culture University.



HONGZHANG XU

Hongzhang Xu is a Research Associate at the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy, a PhD scholar at the ANU Fenner School of Environment and Society and a member of the Australian Centre on China in the World.

Hong is also the Principal and Primary Consultant of Brighter Research, an environment and energy consultancy based in Canberra, Australia. Hong always publishes in top-tier academic journals, e.g., Journal of Cleaner Production, Land Use Policy and Environment Research Letters, and presents at national and international conferences. He also writes reviews, short essays, reports, policy briefs, comments and science communication pieces. Hong's research has been broadly read and widely cited.

Hong also advises academic boards (e.g., Nature Ecology & Evolution), companies, non-profits, media (e.g., BBC Planet Earth) and other organisations working on environment and energy. Hong is a researcher, advocate and doer of innovation and sustainability transitions.



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JACK BRADY

Jack Brady is an Advisor at the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), the independent authority responsible for the supervision of financial institutions. Jack engages on a variety of issues, domestically and internationally, across banking, financial technology, cyber security, and climate change. Jack was previously the CEO & Executive Director of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, where he lived for five years. During his time with the Chamber, Jack led a team working to further the bilateral relationship by providing advice to senior business leaders, and education and business services to more than 350 business and individual members. Jack was previously the General Manager of AustCham Shanghai. Prior to joining the Chamber, Jack worked in public affairs and corporate communications for Australia's leading consultancy GRACosway. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with first class honours from the University of Sydney.



JACK BUTCHER

Jack Butcher is a PhD candidate in Political Science at the University of Adelaide. Jack's research thesis examines Australia's bilateral engagement in Asia from 2013 to the present. Jack is actively interested in the Australia-China relationship, particularly people-to-people exchanges and Chinese community experiences in Australia. Having lived in China for five years, mainly in Henan Province and Beijing, Jack has first-hand experience of life in rural China and has seen the rise in living standards among Chinese farmers and residents in a fifth-tier city. Jack worked in media and education in China, developed strong local professional and personal ties, and attended Tsinghua University and Sichuan University on exchange during his undergraduate years. Jack co-authored the upcoming book *Different Histories Shared Futures: Dialogues on Australia-China*. Jack holds a Master of International Security and a Bachelor of International Studies minoring in Chinese from the University of Adelaide.



JAMES CAMPBELL

James Campbell is a Policy Officer in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Prior to that, James was Policy Adviser in the Department of Premier and Cabinet (Victoria), the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, where he began his career as a graduate in 2014. James has longstanding interest in Chinese language and culture, having started studying Chinese (Mandarin) at secondary school and then going on to major in Mandarin at Monash University. Over this time, he has been on multiple visits and study trips to China, including a six-month period teaching English at Wuhan University of Science and Technology. Currently working in DFAT's East Asia Division, James has a strong interest in the Australia-China bilateral relationship and the Chinese economy. James has a Bachelor of Arts (Global), Master of Urban Planning, Diploma of Economics and a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration.

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ANNY CHAN

Anny Chan grew up in Hong Kong and studied abroad at the age of 15. Anny is now a public servant at NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) after five years of consulting experience at PwC. Anny graduated from the University of Sydney with a double degree in Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws. Anny has extensive experience studying and working in the US, UK, Australia, France, Japan, Hong Kong, and China. She speaks Chinese, Cantonese, English, French, and Japanese.

Anny is the Co-Founder of the China Entrepreneur Network (CEN) Sydney and the Secretary at the Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Inc (ACCF). She has a passion for international education and technology.

Anny is the Co-Editor of the published booklet "Helping International Students in Navigating the Australian Job Market" of UNSW. Anny was invited to speak at the "China Dream" TV Program of the Chinese Southeast Television in Fuzhou and at the Harvard Project for Asian & International Relations Conference of Harvard University.



ALICE CHANG

Alice is a Perinatal and Child Psychiatrist with a special interest in provision of equitable health care to rural and regional areas. She has studied at Cambridge University on these issues. She enjoys travelling and hope to create more international linkages through this forum.



XUYANG (JESSICA) DONG

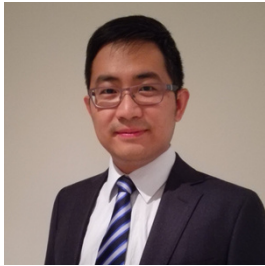
Xuyang is a climate change analyst at InfluenceMap, where she assesses the lobbying activities and engagement of corporates in the oil and gas industry in Australia.

Prior to this, she was working at the Lowy Institute, researching multiculturalism, gender, Australia-China relations, and development aid in Southeast Asia. She has worked on a wide range of programs at Lowy including Being Chinese in Australia Poll, Southeast Asia Aid and Development Finance Map, and Asia Power Index.

She holds a BA in Law/Criminology, and a MA in International Relations with a specialization in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Sydney.

Growing up in China and later moving to Australia for her master's degree has enabled Xuyang to understand both cultures. It has been demonstrated through her early work in her research on foreign policy and the link between global feminist advocacy and Chinese feminism. Through this cross-cultured experience, her interests and passion for deepening the conversation between two nations have furthered.

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BO HAN

Bo is a Data Science Chapter Lead at Endeavour Group in Australia. His work is to leverage advanced technologies and massive information to tackle complex real-world challenges and create a more sociable future. This includes developing machine learning models to recommend the best services to customers, transforming the way of doing business in a more sustainable and responsible manner, as well as building a workforce planning solution that weaves in compliance, fairness and transparency, while achieving the cost effectiveness goals.

He obtained his PhD at Melbourne University and is an expert in artificial intelligence. He has worked at Microsoft Research, IBM Research, Kaplan and Accenture on various data driven projects. He currently holds 2 US patents, 1 software copyright and has been reviewers for many top-tier journals and conferences.

As a Chinese citizen working many years in Australia, Bo has been dually influenced by the cultures and values from both countries, and managed to develop a balanced view for what he has seen and felt.



ALICE HONG

Alice is a Project Manager at Meta based in Singapore. She helps build solutions to solve media integrity issues focusing on building safer experiences for Meta's users.

Alice possesses experiences in China, Australia and South-East Asia: working across strategy, technology and operations. Alice started her professional journey at the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce in Beijing. Since, Alice has also worked as a strategy-consultant advising on technology implementation, change management and business-strategy to multinationals across Australia and Singapore where she worked in a Chinese tech-unicorn, helping them define their market entry strategy for new products into the South-East Asian region.

Alice is involved in community-building across the themes of youth advocacy, education and engagement. Alice was the inaugural Singapore chapter-lead of the Australia-ASEAN Strategic Youth Partnership and sits on the Risk & Audit Committee of the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA).

Alice holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne.



NIGEL HUTTON

Father, son, brother, husband, teacher, councillor, board director, lion, and volunteer. Nigel is a committed leader with a lifelong desire to make a difference for community. With career exposure across all three levels of government in Australia, and a strategic, public facing executive role these past nine years. Nigel is the youngest Councillor ever elected in Livingstone Shire Council history starting service in 2013. Nigel also teaches secondary history and geography in Yeppoon, Central Queensland.

Nigel is a Hansard Scholar, World City Summit – Young Leaders alumni and attended Griffith University, the London School of Economics and Central Queensland University for studies in Politics and International Relations, the Hansard Scholars Program and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning.

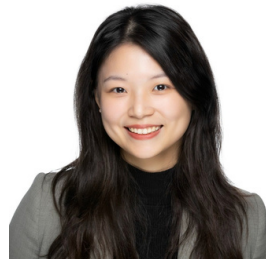
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TORRY KO

Torry is a Strategic Projects Manager at TikTok, working in the Global Business Solutions department for the last two years. His main responsibilities include planning & executing strategic initiatives to help grow advertising revenue on TikTok, whilst partnering up with monetization teams across the regions to facilitate cross-border sharing of knowledge & market insights. Torry had also spent 4 months in TikTok's headquarters in Beijing, where he was able to grow a deeper understanding of China's technology landscape & leadership in the digital era.

Prior to TikTok, Torry worked at Facebook Singapore and Amazon Japan, where he developed strong insights into the success mechanisms behind US silicon valley corporations and gain exposure to global operations. Having lived in 5 countries, traveled to 50, and as a speaker of English, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Indonesian, Torry is committed to building a strong expertise in the Asia-Pacific region. As a fellow incoming candidate in the Global Executive MBA at INSEAD, Torry is motivated to continue his professional growth.

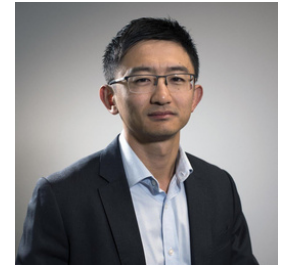


LINDA LAU

Linda is a senior associate in the corporate M&A team of a global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright. One of her legal practice focuses is on cross-border investments particularly China-related M&As. She has advised on numerous deals involving Chinese investors investing in Australia as well as Australian companies seeking to expand trade and find supply chain solutions in China. This cuts through major industries important to both economies, including resources, agriculture, education, tourism and consumer goods.

Linda was travelling between Shanghai and Hong Kong with family in her younger days, before moving to Sydney where she finished her Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Business degrees and began the journey of learning Australian slang. She is now based in Brisbane enjoying the sunshine state.

Linda appreciates and benefits greatly from the symbiotic nature of the Australia-China relationship, and is passionate about promoting and contributing to the awareness and understanding of the bilateral relationship in both her professional and personal networks.



MOWEN LEE

Mowen is risk management, internal audit and governance leader passionate about helping organisations create value through better decision making. Mowen has extensive experience in the insurance and reinsurance industry and is currently a Senior Risk Manager at Hannover Re. He previously held a number of leadership and consulting roles at QBE, Victorian Managed Insurance Authority and EY. Mowen is a Chartered Accountant and holds a MBA from Melbourne Business School. During his MBA, he went on a semester exchange to London Business School.

Outside of work, Mowen volunteers as a Board Member for a community services organisation in North Sydney. On weekends he volunteers as a jazz pianist for residents at an aged care facility.

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FEIFEI LIAO

Feifei Liao is the founder of the 'Feifei Curiosity' production, dedicated to championing inclusion, diversity and equity through exhibitions, dance, films and shared experiences. She is passionate about facilitating the culture and arts exchange between China and Australia. Feifei is the co-founder of the social enterprise 'Co-inventors,' supporting organisations to co-design and manage community engagement programs. She is also the co-founder of 'Story is Connection,' amplifying international students' voices through theatre and films. As the project officer of the PACE Leadership Program at the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health, she is committed to implementing intersectionality and feminism with a strength-based approach to support migrant and refugee women to take leadership roles. Feifei has worked with education institutes, service providers, local councils and the state government to achieve an inclusive sustainable International education. She is a joint winner of International Alumnus of the Year for the 2020 Victorian International Education Award.



MENGYI (CLARA) LIU

Mengyi (Clara) Lu is the Senior Product Developer and Product Manager of a major supermarket chain based in Australia working side by side with their China office. Clara's professional and educational background has revolved around Australia and China for the past 20 years. One of many responsibilities within the export team Clara holds is to identify, develop and foster key relationships with relevant industry, government and commercial stakeholders in Australia and export markets to promote product's unique value proposition and to target, maximise and facilitate trade development opportunities, which in turn leads businesses to export growth. Clara holds a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree from Shenzhen University, China and a Master of Food Science degree from the University of Melbourne and she is an Engineers Australia accredited Food technologist. Clara is fluent in Cantonese, English, Mandarin, and Shanghainese.



SHELLY MALLER

Shelly is an early career leader in international education and global engagement. Shelly has supported the establishment of several agreements and a range of activities including research cooperation, transnational education and student mobility with partners in China, across a range of areas including health, the environment and the arts, and shaped Griffith students' mobility to the region. Shelly's focus on driving participation in student mobility to China has attracted much funding support and her dedication to this has resulted in the prolongation of several key relationships with institutions in China, an increase in the number of students traveling to China to live, study, and work, and a strong platform to build understanding and connection through teaching and learning, and industry engagement. Shelly leads the International Partnerships team at Griffith University and holds a Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Human Resources Management from CQUniversity and postgraduate qualifications in TESOL and Health Sciences from Griffith University and Deakin University.



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DAMIEN MEDURI

After graduating from the University of New South Wales with a Bachelors of International Studies in 2018, Damian is the Senior Associate for Greater China Global Markets team within the NSW Government Department of Enterprise, Investment and Trade where he jointly leads on NSW's trade and economic relationship with the Chinese markets. Damian has produced large scale bilateral events such as the 27th and 28th NSW-Guangdong Joint Economic Meetings, coordinated international export programs such as the NSW Going Global Export Program, worked with investors and clients from across Asia, and provided advice to the government.

Damian is also currently pursuing his Masters of International Business with the University of Sydney part-time. He is a Mandarin speaker, enjoys public speaking, a recipient of the 2016 Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship to Shanghai Jiaotong University, a member of Asia Society Australia's Generation A, and one of several Australian delegates to Peking University's Yenching Global Symposium in 2022.



CLARE MURPHY

Clare Murphy is a national security and foreign policy professional experienced in engaging government, industry and academia to address policy challenges and achieve national interest objectives. Clare is a Principal Policy Adviser with the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet's Economic Development and International Branch, and has used her expertise in international relations, trade and national security in roles with Victoria Police and Austrade. Clare was a former Melbourne Co-Chapter Director and Media Lead of the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative. Previously as a researcher with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Clare's policy analysis was featured on the BBC, ABC Radio, Hack on Triple J and 3AW Radio and across Fairfax and News Corporation media. In 2020, Clare was recognised as one of Young Australians in International Affairs' Young Women to Watch in International Affairs. She holds a Masters degrees in international relations and counter-terrorism studies, a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Modern Languages from Monash University.



FAN NI

Fan Ni is an early-career researcher in Chinese and comparative literature, with an Environmental humanities approach. She holds a Master's degree in English Language and Literature from Zhejiang University, Hangzhou. And she will receive her PhD degree at the University of Western Australia in December 2022. Her doctoral project investigates the representation of environmental issues in post-2000 Chinese fiction, where environmental problems challenge the traditional environmental imagination evoking green "rural hometowns".

Fan taught both Chinese and English in both China and Australia. She also taught undergraduate units at UWA, such as "Writing the Environment" and "Contemporary Chinese Society".

Fan is a member of the Chinese Studies Association of Australia (CSAA) and the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE). And she has presented her research at various forums, including the CSAA Biennial Conference (2020, 2022) and the 7th China-Australia Transcultural Studies Symposium (CATS).

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DANIEL NORMAN

Daniel Norman is a private equity investor specializing in Africa and high growth economies. Most recently he spent 10 years at global alternatives asset manager TPG in London, where he was a Principal in The Rise Fund, TPG's social impact fund. During his tenure Daniel built TPG's investment operations in Africa and led the firm's USD 200m investment into Airtel Money, a leading mobile money provider operating in 14 countries in Sub Saharan Africa. He served as a Board member of Uganda's Pearl Dairy Farms, and has a first-hand appreciation of how China's Belt and Road Initiative is impacting African economies.

Prior to joining TPG in 2012, Daniel was an Analyst in J.P. Morgan's investment banking division in Melbourne and Sydney, where he advised Australian corporations on M&A and capital raising during the global financial crisis.

Daniel holds an MSc in Economics for Development with Distinction from the University of Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar, and a Bachelor of Commerce with First Class Honours from the University of Melbourne.



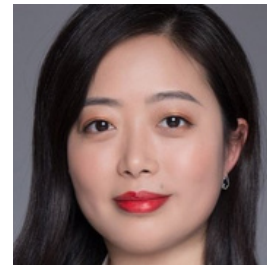
CORMAC POWER

Cormac is a policy officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where he works in the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations. His role focuses on strengthening Australia-China business ties and finding areas for deeper engagement that are in both countries' national interest, such as climate change and the transition to low-emissions technology. He also leads on the Foundation's China-literacy building work for state and territory governments and the private sector.

Cormac has been involved in the Australia-China space for many years, serving multiple terms on the executive of ACYA UWA and being the National People-to-People Director on the ACYA National Executive.

Prior to joining DFAT, Cormac was a graduate economist at Treasury, where he worked on migration economics, education, and challenges facing the not-for-profit sector during COVID-19.

Cormac holds a BA from the University of Western Australia. He has studied political economy at Tsinghua University and advanced Mandarin at Peking University.



CHENGXUE HELENA QIN

Scientist & Entrepreneur. Laboratory Head, National Heart Foundation Future Fellow, MRFF REDI Industry Fellow, Monash University; Chair, ASCEPT Cardiovascular Special Interest Group; AcVA Emerging Leaders Committee, Academic Drug Discovery Consortium. Prestigious awards include Monash Future Research Leader, CSANZ Ralph Reader Investigator, ISHR Young Investigator, American Heart Association Paul Dudley White International Scholar, "40-under-40" Asian-Australian etc.

Dr Qin is an emerging translational pharmacologist with a research vision to develop "pro-resolving medicines" for cardiopulmonary disease. Dr Qin completed her PhD at the Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics, and School of Chemistry (Uni Melb), before taking up a post-doctoral position at Baker Institute (2011). She was promoted to the Group Leader and awarded a 5-year Baker Fellowship (2017) and recruited to Drug Discovery Biology Theme at Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences to establish her independent laboratory (2020).

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JIAWEN TAN

Since 2017 Jiawen has been the Chief of Staff for Huawei Technologies (Australia) Pty Ltd, providing advice to the Board and Senior Management on Australian legislations, regulations and policies. She was elected as a NSW Young Professional Ambassador for 2018-2019 by the Australia China Business Council (ACBC). Prior Jiawen worked for the NSW Government for the Sydney Opera House Trust within the Legal, Company Secretariat and Tourism departments for 9.5 years before joining IBM as an Attorney, advising IBM Australia and China on major transactions and dispute resolution. Jiawen holds a Juris Doctor Degree in Law from UNSW, a Bachelor's Degree of Business Administration from Renmin University, a Certificate of Governance Practice from the Governance Institute of Australia and completed exchange programs at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and University of California, Berkeley. She also obtained certification as an In-house Counsel Certified (ICC) by the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) and a Nationally Accredited Mediator.



NICOLE TANG

Nicole Tang is a banking and finance solicitor at the Sydney office of Allens & Overy. She has been actively involved in the firm's China Desk advisory works and business events. Nicole had previously worked as in-house legal counsel with Bank of China and Standard Chartered Bank. She has 10 years' experience in advising global banks, and Chinese state-owned enterprises in banking regulatory and financial transaction matters, especially cross-boarders transactions involved multiple jurisdictions. Nicole migrated from Guangzhou, China to Australia as a teenager and speaks Cantonese, Mandarin and English. She has a deep affinity for her Chinese roots and Australian upbringing. Nicole has Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws (UNSW) degrees and recently started another learning journey to pursue Master of Applied Finance. Outside of work, Nicole enjoys cooking, bushwalking, drawing and is growing her interest in floral arrangement.



CAOJING WANG

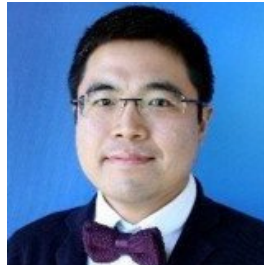
Caojing was born and raised in Sichuan province, China and migrated to Australia in 2001 to study English. Caojing is the sales manager who is looking after the Non-China region for Fortescue Metals Group. Prior to his current role, he is worked as a logistic scheduler for Australia's largest transportation company Linfox. Caojing holds a Bachelor of Marketing & Economics degree from Monash University in Melbourne. He also received a scholarship to complete a Masters of Business Administration focused on in Innovation and Entrepreneurship from University of Western Australia. Caojing has more than 10 years of experience in resource and mining industry, which plays a very important part for Australian economy. For the past 5 years, Caojing travels frequently around the world especially in the ASEAN region to promote his company and his culture.

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HUAFEI XUE

Huafei (Patrick) Xue currently working as a researcher at the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research and East Asia Forum at Crawford school of public policy at Australian National University (ANU), tutoring one master's economics fundamental course at Crawford School and also operating a coffee shop in Canberra. Prior to his current role, he was work in China Securities Co., Ltd., and Haitong Securities Co., Ltd. in China. Patrick holds a Master of International Development Economics from ANU and a Bachelor of Physics from Jilin University (China). Patrick will start his Ph.D. with the topic of Australia's economic relations with China and climate change strategies, exploring how Australia and China can work together through economic channels in the area of climate change. He also has a keen interest in APEC, RCEP, CPTPP and other free trade agreements in which China and Australia participate or have the potential to participate together.



FRANK YE

Frank Ye is a Chartered Accountant and providing business services and advisory services to Aboriginal organizations within a range of sectors including cultural heritage, community development, and Native Title sectors. As well as assisting Aboriginal organizations with their compliance obligations, Frank has worked on the development, implementation and review of management reporting systems and strategic plans for a range of Aboriginal organizations and listed mining companies. Frank focuses on business services and advisory with corporate governance experience to ensure all levels of a client's organization are aligned to achieve their goals. He also providing supports to community engagements and becoming board members of Not-For-Profit organizations, such as Australia Regional Development, Pilbara University Centre, and St Luke College.



PAULINE YEUNG

Fluent in English, Mandarin, Korean, Japanese, and Cantonese, Pauline Yeung excels in multiple fields in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. She was named an Asia 21 Young Leader by Asia Society and is a Fellow of the Salzburg Global Finance Forum. Pauline began her career at Morgan Stanley and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority before becoming one of the youngest political appointees in the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, specializing in financial policy, with a portfolio that covered fintech, green finance, and asset and wealth management. In her current role as a non-profit leader, she has also curated sustainability programs for business leaders from twenty-two jurisdictions and organized events to promote understanding in U.S.-China relations. Pauline is mentor and judge for the South China Morning Post Student of the Year Awards, Sing Tao Interschool Debating Competition, and Sachs Global Fellowship at her alma mater Princeton University. She received an M.A. with distinction from Central Saint Martins.

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KELLY ZHAN

Kelly Zhan is a lawyer with experience advising multinational companies in healthcare, manufacturing and mining industries. In her current role with Cochlear, she oversees the legal and compliance function in Asia Pacific and Latin America where she is responsible for building a high-performance team committed to delivering commercial and strategic legal advice across multiple jurisdictions, including China. Her role requires her to build strong relationships with Cochlear's China operations and to facilitate cross-cultural dialogue between the China operations and head office in Australia.

As a Chinese-Australian, Kelly is passionate about Australia-China relations and believes that leaders from private sector organisations can play positive role in shaping the bilateral dialogue to drive win-win outcomes.

Kelly holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Chinese) from the University of New South Wales and is an admitted legal practitioner in the Supreme Court of New South Wales.



MENGZHU ZHANG

Mengzhu is a Ph.D. student at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies at the University of Tasmania. Her Ph.D. research focuses on the development of China's Antarctic science program and its engagement in the Antarctic Treaty System (ATS). In addition to her research on China's Antarctic program, she has published several articles on popular Antarctic topics, such as plastic pollution and COVID-19. Mengzhu hopes to make use of her bilingual advantage to promote better mutual understanding and trust between China and other countries on Antarctic issues. Mengzhu holds a Bachelor of Marine Science from the Ocean University of China and a Bachelor of Marine and Antarctic Science with Honours (Physical Oceanography) from the University of Tasmania.



JASON ZHANG

Jason Zhang is a motivated professional with experience in tax, financial analysis and investment reporting. Born and raised in China, he finished his bachelor's degree in Optical Science. Then he moved to Australia to pursue a Master of Professional Accounting degree at Monash University.

After graduation, he worked in accounting practices as a Tax/Pension Accountant, then worked in the Kraft Heinz company as a Financial Analyst. He now works at IFM Investors as an Investment Accountant.

He is a member of the Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand, and a CFA level II candidate. He volunteers as a mentor at Monash Business School.

Speaker Profiles



Pictured: 12th ACYD - ACYD Alumni Liam Tay Kearney leading the session "Navigating our cultural differences and understanding of the world through language"



Pictured: 11th ACYD - ACYD Alumni Dr Yu Tao leading the session "How does one find the right balance between economic and security interests?"



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H.E. BARBARA BAKER AC

Tasmania's 29th Governor, H.E. the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, was sworn to Office at Government House on Wednesday 16 June 2021. On 14 June 2021 H.E. was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for her eminent service to the people of Tasmania through leading contributions to the law, to the judiciary and to the administration of justice, particularly in the area of family law, to professional legal organisations, and as a mentor and role model for young women.

H.E. retired as a judge of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia on 31 January 2021 after becoming the first Tasmanian woman to be appointed as a Federal Magistrate in 2008. Prior to her appointment as Governor, she practised as a barrister at Burbury Chambers.

Prior to her appointment to the Federal Magistrates Court, H.E. worked as a legal practitioner for over 23 years ultimately specialising in family law and relationship matters. H.E. graduated from the University of Tasmania with a combined Arts/Law degree in 1980.



MR DAVID BELLAMY

David, born in Coonamble, New South Wales, grew up on a mixed farm, with a lineage connected to the historic "Cobb & Co" transport business. He studied Business, Typing, Secretarial studies, Farm & Business Management at Marcus Oldham College, and a Bachelor of Commerce at Deakin University.

He managed farms across TAS, VIC, and NSW before becoming a rural financial counselor and establishing 'Lewis Vowell & Bellamy' accountancy practice. He co-founded 'Australian Complexions' beauty therapy clinics and ventured into various successful projects.

In 1996, he joined the Tasmanian State Government as a Project Manager, fostering new ventures like the Tasmanian Merino top marking plant sale. He led 'Bellamy's Organic Farms Tasmania,' creating Australia's pioneer certified organic baby food range, listed on ASX in 2014 and later sold to Mengniu Dairy for \$1.52 Billion in 2019.

David then led OPENetworks, a telecom startup, growing and selling it for \$27.5 million to Uniti Group. Under his guidance, OPENetworks established itself as a key player in Australia's superfast fiber networks.



PROFESSOR NATHAN BINDOFF

Nathan is physical oceanographer, specializing in ocean climate and the earth's climate system, with a focus on understanding the causes of change in the oceans. He was the coordinating lead author for the ocean chapter's in the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change ocean in the IPCC Fourth, Fifth Assessment Reports and Special Reports on Oceans (SROCC). Nathan and colleagues documented some of the first evidence for changes in the oceans in the Indian, North Pacific, South Pacific and Southern Ocean's and the first evidence of changes in the Earth's hydrological cycle from ocean salinity. His most recent work is on documenting the decline in oxygen content of the oceans and dynamics of the Southern Ocean. He also led the award winning climate futures program and its impacts of climate change on Australian climate, in particular, on extreme temperatures, rainfall, runoff, agriculture and ecosystems. He has published more than 140 peer reviewed papers and more than 50 reports.

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MR MARK BOWLES

Mark Bowles is the Deputy Secretary, Business and Jobs, at the Department of State Growth. He oversees services for Trade, Small Business, Business Finance, Science and Technology, and Advanced Manufacturing & Defense Industries. In 2020, he advised the Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council in response to COVID-19. Formerly, he was Interim CEO of Brand Tasmania, led trade missions, and held senior roles in economics, marketing, and business management. Mark holds a Bachelor of Economics, a Master of Commerce, and is a qualified vocational trainer.



MR PETER CAI

Mr Peter Cai is the CEO of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations. Mr Cai has extensive experience in business, media, academia and government, including as Group Chief Advisor and General Manager for strategic relations at Virgin Australia, Research Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, as a journalist with The Australian, The Age and Sydney Morning Herald and at the Australian Treasury Foreign Investment Review Board Secretariat. He has also served as a committee member of the Australia-China Business Council (NSW). Mr Cai has a master's degree from Oxford University (history) and holds undergraduate degrees in international studies and Asian studies from The University of Adelaide.



DR YIN CAO

Yin Cao has been the Curator of Chinese Art at AGNSW since August 2011. Prior to that she was the Deputy Director at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum of Art and Archaeology at Peking University, Beijing, China, and a researcher at the University Museum of the National University of Singapore. Trained as an archaeologist at Peking University and Harvard University, she has participated in several archaeological excavations both in China and Israel. She received museum management training at the Smithsonian Institution and the Freer/Sackler Gallery in Washington, DC. She has curated several exhibitions including: the inaugural exhibition at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum of Art and Archaeology at Peking University (1993); "A Silk Road Saga- the sarcophagus of Yu Hong" (2013), and "Tang: treasures from the Silk Road capital" (2016), "Heaven and earth in Chinese art: treasures from the National Palace Museum, Taipei" (2019), and "The way we eat" (2021). She has edited and written catalogues for these exhibitions. She is on the Board of the Museum of Chinese in Australia.

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MR JAMES CHIN

James Chin is Professor of Asian Studies at the University of Tasmania. He was inaugural Director of the Asia Institute Tasmania, University of Tasmania. He is an expert on the governance issues in Southeast Asia, especially Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. He also works on island states in the South Pacific.

Professor Chin is also a Council Member, Australian Institute of International Affairs in Tasmania. He was previously Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore; a Salzburg Global Freeman Fellow and ASEAN-Australian Fellow (Lowy).



DR PIPPA DICKSON

As the Director of Asialink Arts at Asialink, Dr Pippa Dickson is committed to facilitating partnership and cooperation between Australia and Asia in the arts and creative industry sectors. Pippa has extensive arts leadership experience both nationally and internationally. In addition to positions as the Director of the National Association for Visual Artists (NAVA) and Co-Chair of the National Craft Initiative, Pippa founded Design Island for Arts Tasmania and is the founding CEO of the Glenorchy Art & Sculpture Park. Pippa has raised over \$10 million for national and international art commissions and architectural projects and worked as a project manager and consultant in the private and public sectors. Outside Australia, her achievements include an International Advisor to the Cheongju International Craft Biennale (South Korea) 2017 and 2019 and mentorship at the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (Hong Kong). Pippa holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Australia, a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons) and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Tasmania.



H.E GRAHAM FLETCHER

Graham Fletcher has been Australia's Ambassador to China since August 2019.

Prior to this appointment, Mr Fletcher was head of the North Asia Division in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) during 2008-10 and again from 2015. During 2014, he led the team that completed negotiation of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

Mr Fletcher has served in the Australian Embassy to China on three previous occasions: as Third Secretary (1986-88), Counsellor (1997-2000) and Deputy Head of Mission (2004-08). He was also Deputy Head of Mission in the Australian Embassy in Washington (2011-13) and Deputy Consul-General in the Australian Consulate-General in Noumea (1992-94)

Mr Fletcher has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from the University of Sydney. He joined the then Department of Foreign Affairs in 1983. He is married with three children.



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PROFESSOR JANE GOLLEY

Professor Jane Golley is an economist in the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy at The Australian National University (ANU).

Her research focuses on the Chinese economy, often through an interdisciplinary lens, including the economic geography of China's industrial development, the economic impacts of demographic change and, most recently, China's growing geoeconomic capabilities and the impact of its bilateral political relations on its patterns of trade.

She has served as President of the Chinese Economic Society of Australia (2010-2012) and the Chinese Studies Association of Australia (2020-2021).

She is currently an Executive Member of the Australia-China Business Council (ACT) and an Advisory Board member for the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology, Sydney.



DR JORRIT GOSENS

Jorrit Gosens has been researching Chinese energy policy and Chinese renewable energy industry formation for well over a decade, including for a PhD from the University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing. At the ANU, he has developed the most geographically detailed model of China's coal sector. Jorrit directs the Strategic Research Spoke 'Energy Transitions' at the Australian Centre on China in the World, and is creator and editor of China Energy Portal, a website that provides translations of Chinese energy policy and statistics.



PROFESSOR JING HAN

Jing received her PhD in English literature from the University of Sydney in 1995. She joined SBS TV Australia in 1996 and had been the Chief Subtitled and Head of the SBS Subtitling Department till 2019. Jing has subtitled over 300 Chinese films including *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, *Lust, Caution*, *Hero*, *Not One Less*, *Let the Bullet Fly*, *1942*, *Mr Six*, *Ash Is the Purest White*, *Still Life* etc and was the leading subtitler of the Chinese TV show *If You Are The One*, the longest showing non-English series in Australia. Professor Han is the Director of Institute for Australia and Chinese Arts and Culture (IAC) at Western Sydney University. She has also been a key faculty member at School of Humanities and Communication Arts, teaching at its flagship Translation and Interpreting program. Professor Han is also a literary translator who was the English translator of a modern Chinese classic *Educated Youth* by multi-award winning author Ye Xin and her Chinese translation of the Miles Franklin Award winning novel *Too Much Lip* by Melissa Lucashenko has just been published by China Writers Publishing House.

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MS STEPHANIE JACK

Stephanie Jack is an Asian Australian actor, writer, and vocalist based in nipaluna/Hobart. She completed an M.F.A. Acting at Harvard's American Repertory Theater Institute, including a semester at the Moscow Art Theatre School.

Her performance highlights include acting alongside Essie Davis and Marta Dusseldorp in Archipelago Productions' *The Maids*; playing the Queen in the N.Y. Times' Critics' Pick musical *The Light Princess*; and performing vignettes from *Uncle Vanya* at Melikhovo, Chekhov's former country estate. In 2021, Stephanie was the Tasmanian Theatre Company's Associate Artist, and a core member of MONA's *Faro Ensemble*. She was recently cast in a new *Tassie* television series, *Amazon's Deadloch*.

Stephanie has contributed to *Forty South*, *Peril Magazine*, *Mixed Asian Media*, and *Doyenne*. From 2019-2020 she produced a vlog called *Mixed Up*, documenting her move to Shanghai to study Mandarin and Kung Fu. She is developing a solo show about multiracial fluidity (working title *Mixed Feelings*) with the support of a Regional Arts Fund Fellowship and Arts Tasmania.



PROFESSOR JAMES LAURENCESON

Professor James Laurenceson is Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney. He has previously held appointments at the University of Queensland (Australia), Shandong University (China) and Shimonoseki City University (Japan). His academic research has been published in leading scholarly journals including *China Economic Review* and *China Economic Journal*. Professor Laurenceson also provides regular commentary on contemporary developments in China's economy and the Australia-China economic relationship. His opinion pieces have appeared in *Australian Financial Review*, *The Australian*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *South China Morning Post*, amongst many others.



MR CHUNHUA LI

Mr. Li is a seasoned energy and renewable energy professional with a global outlook. As a senior energy specialist at Hydro Tasmania, he develops wind energy assets and oversees a key joint venture with a major Chinese energy firm.

Earlier, at *Roaring 40s Renewables*, he orchestrated the company's remarkable entry and growth in China, establishing joint ventures that propelled *Roaring 40s* to become China's largest foreign wind energy investor.

Within the Tasmanian government, he played a pivotal role in advancing China-Tasmania trade, including hosting Chinese leaders and fostering trade missions. As the inaugural Director of International Business at *Goldwind Science and Technology*, he significantly expanded the company's global presence and international business unit.

Mr. Li's track record underscores his exceptional leadership and contributions to the energy sector on an international scale.



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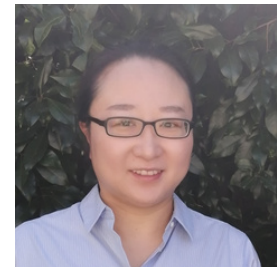
MR RORY MEDCALF

Professor Rory Medcalf has been Head of the National Security College (NSC) at the Australian National University since January 2015. He has three decades of experience across diplomacy, intelligence analysis, think tanks, academia and journalism. Professor Medcalf worked as a senior strategic analyst with the then Office of National Assessments (now the Office of National Intelligence). He was an Australian diplomat, including a posting to New Delhi, a secondment to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, truce monitoring after the civil conflict in Bougainville and policy development on Asian security institutions. His journalism was commended in Australia's leading media awards, the Walkleys, in 1991. He is a member of the editorial boards of Asia Policy and the Australian Journal of International Affairs. He retains affiliations as a Nonresident Fellow with the Lowy Institute and the Seapower Centre of the Royal Australian Navy. He sits on the Board of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations and the ASEAN Regional Forum Register of Experts and Eminent Persons.



COLIN PATERSON

Colin has been involved in multi-million-dollar infrastructure project development and execution for over 40 years with the last two or more decades dedicated to renewable energy development, construction and operation in the wind, solar and biomass sectors. With a long held belief that H2 is the obvious next generation fuel, Colin joined Fortescue Future Industries to develop, build and operate the first wave of industrial scale Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia plants to decarbonise the world in its fight to combat climate change. He has a Civil Engineering degree with post grad Mechanical & Electrical engineering qualifications.



DR YUAN PENG

Dr. Yuan Peng is a Research Fellow with ANU Grand Challenge of Zero-Carbon Energy for the Asia-Pacific. Her research interests are in urban sustainability/low-carbon transition, and urban climate and energy governance. She is leading several ongoing research projects on exploring the mechanisms to promote electric vehicle (EV) adoption in EV capital cities such as Shanghai, and understanding the role of cities in incubating nascent hydrogen-energy industries for sustainability transition in China. Prior to her academic career, Dr. Yuan Peng had professional work experience as a policy consultant on climate policies in the local government and as a Business Development (BD) on urban low-carbon infrastructure solutions in Siemens China.

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MR CHEN PING

Chen Ping, born and schooled in China, including at the prestigious Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts, holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Painting) from the School of Art, University of Tasmania. His work is held in numerous important private collections around the world, as well as local institutional gallery collections. Chen is a regular exhibitor at international art fairs, most notably the Personal Structures exhibition, part of the Venice Biennale in 2013 and again in 2017. In 2014 his Unseen Mountain was the official gift of the Tasmanian Government to Chinese President Xi Jinping and Madame Peng Liyuan.

Chen maintains traditional Chinese cultural values while exploring concepts from a contemporary Western perspective. His academic understanding of drawing informs his coherent and synesthetic paintings, where the broad strokes of colour of landscapes and the thin lines of peaks, ranges and old Chinese characters are composed to produce a dialectic.

Underpinning all of Chen's works are his meditations on life and the frailty of the human condition.

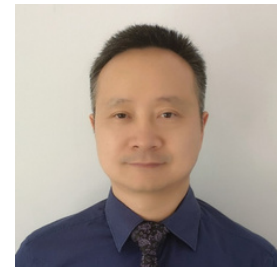


ADJ. PROFESSOR TONY PRESS

Dr Tony Press is an Adjunct Professor at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, and the Australian Antarctic Program Partnership, at the University of Tasmania. He was formerly the CEO of the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre from 2009 to 2014.

From 1998-2008 Dr Press was the Director of the Australian Antarctic Division. He chaired the Antarctic Treaty's Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP) (2002-2006); was Australia's representative to the CEP and Alternative Representative to Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings (1999-2008); Australia's Commissioner to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (1998-2008). He provided the Government with the 20 Year Australian Antarctic Strategic Plan in 2014.

Dr Press is the Chair of the Tasmanian Government's Antarctic Gateway Advisory Committee. He is the Chair of the Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes Advisory Board, and Director and Company Secretary of the Antarctic Science Foundation Ltd.



PROFESSOR XUNPENG SHI

Prof. Xunpeng (Roc) Shi is Professor of Energy and Environmental Economics and Research Principal at the Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, President of the International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS), and a Council Member (President, 2016-2018) of the Chinese Economics Society Australia (CESA).

He has worked in the energy sector for more than 25 years in industry, government, research institutes in Australia, Brunei, China, Indonesia, and Singapore, and an international organisation. He was listed as Australia's leading researcher in the field of Environmental Law and Policy, the top 2% of the world's top scientists in the energy field, and the top 2% of authors in the world's largest database of economists (RePEc). He is an advisor to Global Gas Center (GGC), APEC Sustainable Energy Center (APSEC), and UN ESCAP and is frequently participating in the United Nations and other international policy debates. He received LL.M from the University of Dundee, MERE and PhD in Economics from the Australian National University.

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MR ANDREW SMITH

The Smith family is synonymous with southern Tasmania – and apples. Andrew Smith’s great grandfather William first planted apple trees at his Grove property, just outside the town of Huonville, William Smith planted his first apple tree in 1888 and his great-grandson Andrew Smith is Willie Smith’s current co-owner and orchardist.

Andrew founded Australia’s first certified organic cidery, Willie Smith’s Cider Makers, which is all about authentic cider showcasing the apples Andrew grows. Willie Smith’s direction is inspired by the cider making process of Northern France and is matured in oak vats to deliver a distinctive farmhouse style (or in the case of some special-release ciders, in barrels that have been used for whisky maturation). All products are made without the use of synthetic chemicals, fertilisers or genetically modified organisms and with a focus on sustainable practices.



MR SIMON TROMAN

Simon manages Tasmanian government’s Hydrogen Industry Development Team, leading domestic hydrogen growth across sectors like transport and industry. Formerly Energy Sector Lead at the Bureau of Meteorology, he connected energy and meteorology and created tools for strategic energy planning.

Simon’s impact in renewable energy includes CEO roles at IT Power / ITP Renewables and Atratus Consulting. With 30+ years’ diverse experience, he co-founded industry groups and managed major projects like the "world’s first solar powered nation" in Tokelau.

Simon’s advisory roles span NASA, CSIRO, and the Manilla eTrike program. Born in Tasmania, his influence is global, yet his roots remain strong.



MR NEIL WANG

Kaiyuan (Neil) Wang, Experienced sales manager, CEO and team leader. 14 years’ experience in Australia’s bus market. CEO of Foton Mobility. Distributor of Foton New Energy Vehicle, Winline DC Charger and SnowSource Electric AC (Vehicles) in Australia. New energy solution provider. Introduced EV city buses to Auckland, Brisbane, Canberra and Sydney. Importing hydrogen city buses, EV city buses and EV trucks to Australia.



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A/PROFESSOR FENGSHI WU

Fengshi Wu is A/Professor in Political Science and International Relations at the School of Social Sciences, University of New South Wales. She was a Visiting Fellow at the Harvard-Yenching Institute (2008-2009) and a Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences (2004). Her academic works have appeared in *China Journal*, *Environmental Politics*, *VOLUNTAS*, *China Quarterly*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning*, *Journal of Contemporary China and International Studies Quarterly*. She edited the book *China's Global Conquest for Resources*. A/Prof. Wu is currently the inaugural Series Editor of *Environment and Society in Asia*, Amsterdam University Press, and member of the Executive Committee and the Board of the International Society for Third-Sector Research. She received her political science PhD from the University of Maryland and BA (Hons) in international relations from Beijing University. She has held academic positions at the University of Melbourne, Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



JASON YATSEN LI

Jason is the Member for Strathfield in the New South Wales State Parliament. Before Parliament, Jason was Chairman of investment firm Vantage Asia and Managing Director of corporate advisory firm YSA. He is also a Pro-Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Fellow of the University of Sydney Senate and Chair of the University's Risk and Audit Committee. He is also a director of student accommodation company Belong Here, Chair of Refugee Talent, a director of Asialink and a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum. Jason has an Arts-Law degree from the University of Sydney and a Masters of Law from New York University, where he was Australia's Hauser Global Scholar.



MENGZHU (MAGGIE) ZHANG

Mengzhu's PhD research focuses on the development of China's Antarctic science program and its engagement in the Antarctic Treaty System (ATS). In addition to her research on China's Antarctic program, she has published several articles on popular Antarctic topics, such as plastic pollution and COVID-19. Mengzhu hopes to make use of her bilingual advantage to promote better mutual understanding and trust between China and other countries on Antarctic issues. Mengzhu holds a Bachelor of Marine Science from the Ocean University of China and a Bachelor of Marine and Antarctic Science with Honours (Physical Oceanography) from University of Tasmania.



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MR XIAOPING ZHOU

Zhou Xiaoping, a Melbourne-based artist and curator, blends his Chinese heritage with Aboriginal experiences from Arnhem Land and the Kimberley, creating a captivating artistic style. His work merges Chinese and Aboriginal arts, resulting in a fresh aesthetic that tells his Australian journey.

For over 30 years, Xiaoping has been a cultural bridge between Australia and China. His collaboration with Jimmy Pike led to groundbreaking exhibitions in China and his project "Trepang: China and the Story of Macassan-Aboriginal Trade" was showcased in Beijing and Melbourne in 2011.

His remarkable journey was captured in the acclaimed documentary "Ochre and Ink," aired on ABC1 Australia in 2012. Currently, he leads a research exhibition project exploring the intersection of Aboriginal and Chinese art.



MR LONG ZHOU

With a distinguished career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Long Zhou has held a series of significant roles over two decades. His postings have seen him stationed in various countries, from the Netherlands and Switzerland to Trinidad and Tobago and Australia. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Zhou has specialized in departments such as International Organisations and Conferences and Arms Control. He has served as Attaché, Secretary, Deputy Director, Director, Counsellor, and now holds the esteemed position of Consul-General in Melbourne since 2019.

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MR DAVID AMBROSE

Mr David Ambrose is a career diplomat having served in Hong Kong, Beijing, Belgrade, Beijing, Vanuatu, and Shanghai. Mr Ambrose joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1971 and first travelled to Hong Kong in 1972 to for language training before a diplomatic posting to Beijing from 1975 to 1977.

In 1977, Prime Minister Fraser established the Office of National Assessments, with statutory independence protecting the integrity of its analysis. Mr Ambrose was appointed as National Assessments Officer responsible for Communist Asia, DPRK, China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

In 1984, Mr Ambrose was Head of China Section in DFAT. During this time, he wrote Australia's Human Rights Policy, which enjoyed bipartisan support for the better part of 40 years.

Mr Ambrose drafted and negotiated five of the sister state-province relationships. He completed a posting to Shanghai as Australian Consul-General from 1998 to 2001.

Mr Ambrose has twice served as Director and later Acting Director of the Confucius Institute at the University of Western Australia.



MS TAMRYN BARKER

Tamryn is co-founder and CEO of CORE Innovation Hub, Australia's first dedicated environment to leverage Australia's strengths in resources and energy to grow the enterprises of the future. Tamryn has worked in diplomatic and technical roles on large-scale international collaboration, trade, IP rights, and IT&C initiatives for the European Commission in Brussels, European Union in Beijing, and European Patent Office for over 10 years; and on a number of priority initiatives out of WA including the Square Kilometre Array radio telescope project, data science and other innovation projects. Tamryn finds joy in growing, in number and scope, innovators, entrepreneurs and problem solvers in WA for a vibrant community to deliver the ideas, solutions and skills we need into the future.



MS CAMILLE CHEN

Born in Taiwan and educated in the US, Camille has more than 15 years' experience as a content creator and producer specialising in international co-production from advertising to feature films in both Australia and China.

Camille's directorial debut feature Little Sparrows (2010) was sold to US, UK & China; and received critical acclaim including standing ovation at Rome International Film Festival premiere screening. Little Sparrows was the winner of 2010 SPAARTAN Award of the annual Screen Producers Association of Australia and the winner for 2010 Lotterywest Award for Outstanding Achievement Drama Production.

In 2017, Camille co-founded Legend Media Group, a Perth-based film production company that has a focus on telling Australian/Chinese stories that respond to both the Australian and Asian markets.

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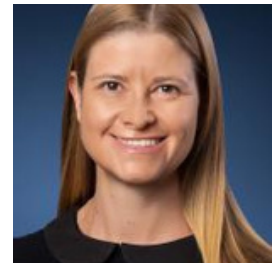
DR MINGLU CHEN

Minglu Chen is a senior lecturer in the Department of Government and International Relations and a member of the China Studies Center and the University of Sydney. Her research concentrates on social and political change in China, especially the interaction between entrepreneurs and the state of women's political participation. She has published her research in *The China Quarterly*, *The China Journal* and *Journal of Contemporary*. She is the author of *Tiger Girls: Women and Enterprises in the People's Republic of China* (Routledge, 2011).



MR TING CHEN

From Fujian, China
President of Chung Wah Association
Chung Wah Executive Committee Member since 2009
2017 - 2019 Senior Vice President
2015 - 2017 Honorary Secretary
2011 - 2015 Vice President
2013 - 2017 member of Advisory Committee of the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, WA.



MS SALLY DAWKINS

Sally Dawkins commenced as Director Western Australia State Office for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in January 2022. In this role she leads the Department's engagement with its stakeholders in Western Australia. Sally has served overseas with the Department in Geneva (United Nations), Paris, West Africa and Ankara, as Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Turkey. In Canberra, Sally has worked on a number of initiatives to support Australian businesses overseas, including the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, the Africa Down Under mining conference, and the Shanghai World Trade Expo. She has also worked as an Adviser to the Minister for International Development and the Pacific. In 2017-19, Sally managed government relations and social investment for Newcrest Mining in Papua New Guinea. Sally graduated with Honours in Bachelors of Laws and Arts from the University of Western Australia, and is an admitted solicitor.

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H.E. HON CHRIS DAWSON APMC

His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson APM was sworn in as the 34th Governor of Western Australia on 15 July 2022.

The Hon. Dawson was educated at Perth Modern School before joining the Western Australia Police Force in 1976, going on to provide 46 years of service in Australian law enforcement. He served in country and metropolitan positions, criminal investigation, training and senior roles. The Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2002 saw him awarded the Australian Police Medal for distinguished service. After 10 years as Deputy Commissioner, he moved to a national role in Canberra between 2014 to 2017 as Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Crime Commission, amalgamating several agencies into the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission. He also served as Director of the Australian Institute of Criminology during this period. He was appointed Commissioner of the Western Australia Police Force in 2017, serving until 2022. During the period of the COVID-19 global pandemic, Commissioner Dawson coordinated the State of Emergency and the Vaccine program.



MR LONG DINGBIN

2002-2008 First Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Malaysia

2008-2011 Political Counselor, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

2011-2013 Counselor, the Department of External Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beijing

2013-2015 Deputy Mayor of Wenshan City, Yunnan Province, China

2015-2016 Counselor, the Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Beijing

2017-2021 Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Lahore, Pakistan

2021- Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Perth.



H.E. MR GRAHAM FLETCHER

Graham Fletcher has been Australia's Ambassador to China since August 2019.

Prior to this appointment, Mr Fletcher was head of the North Asia Division in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) during 2008-10 and again from 2015.

During 2014, he led the team that completed negotiation of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

Mr Fletcher has served in the Australian Embassy to China on three previous occasions: as Third Secretary (1986-88), Counsellor (1997-2000) and Deputy Head of Mission (2004-08).

He was also Deputy Head of Mission in the Australian Embassy in Washington (2011-2013) and Deputy Consul-General in the Australian Consulate-General in Noumea (1992-1994)

Mr Fletcher has a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from the University of Sydney. He joined the then Department of Foreign Affairs in 1983. He is married with three children.

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PROFESSOR JING HAN

Professor Jing Han is Director of the Australia-China Institute for Arts and Culture at the Western Sydney University and a leading expert in translating Chinese culture, intercultural communication, audiovisual translation and media accessibility. She is highly regarded for her significant and original contributions to the field and industry. Jing is also known for intercultural competence, strong leadership and innovative thinking.



MR ANDREW HUNTER

Andrew Hunter is an experienced advisor to government and commercial entities on international relations, strategic development, and public policy.

Andrew was previously Director at Minderoo Foundation, Asia's largest philanthropy. Before that, he was General Manager at Port Adelaide Football Club, responsible for its international engagement. Andrew has also acted as senior advisor for international engagement to the Premier of South Australia. In 2021, Andrew established Hunter & Co. Consultancy, which offers services relating to strategic development and international engagement.

Formerly an Australian professional indoor volleyball player, he was awarded a Palm d'Argent for services to the City of Cannes in 2004.

Andrew holds a Masters of Philosophy (Asian Studies) from The University of Adelaide and Diploma in Languages (Japanese) from University of Canberra. Andrew studied on a Japanese Government scholarship at the International University of Japan. He is currently finishing a Doctorate of Education at The University of Melbourne.



MR LAI AH HONG

Mr Lai has long and deep links to the mine on Christmas Island. He first arrived on the island in 1978, and soon after joined the UCIW where he worked to deliver improved conditions to the island's ethnic work population. His work ethic and passion saw him progress quickly to supervisory roles within the company. When the Australian Government closed the mine in 1987, Lai along with the late Gordon Bennett and others, fought to reopen the mine over a three year period, for the purpose of providing jobs for Christmas Islanders, for without jobs there was no other economy or prospects for local residents to maintain a livelihood.

Since the beginnings of Phosphate Resources, Lai has performed key roles including chairman and director, and over the past two decades, he has been the managing director for the company. Lai has driven the company's diversification strategy, that has allowed the business to not solely rely on its core phosphate trade. In 2004 he was awarded the Centennial Medal by the Federal Government for his contributions to Christmas Island and its community.

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PROFESSOR BARRY MARSHALL

Professor Barry Marshall is a Nobel Laureate, Clinical Professor and Brand Ambassador at The University of Western Australia. Professor Marshall, and Emeritus Professor J Robin Warren were awarded the 2005 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and its role in gastritis and peptic ulcer disease. Professor Marshall returned to UWA in 1996 after a tenure at the University of Virginia. In 1998 Marshall was made a Fellow of the Royal Society. In 2008 he was elected as a Foreign Member of the prestigious US National Academy of Science. In 2015 Barry Marshall was awarded the China Friendship Award. Today, Professor Marshall is the Director of The Marshall Centre for Infectious Diseases Research and Training, founded in his honour. In addition to *Helicobacter pylori* research, the Marshall Centre is at the forefront of infectious disease identification and surveillance, diagnostics and drug design, and transformative discovery. His research has expanded with his group to embrace new technologies including next generation sequencing, and genomic analysis.



HON. DAVE KELLY BA MLA

In March 2013, Minister Dave Kelly was elected to the Thirty-Ninth parliament as the Member for Bassendean. After the McGowan Labor Government's election in March 2017, he was appointed the Minister for Water, Fisheries; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science. Prior to his entry into politics Minister Kelly spent 20 years in the union movement protecting the wages and conditions of some of the lowest-paid workers in WA; including education assistants, aged care workers, disability support workers and healthcare workers. Minister Kelly played a key role in establishing the Bayswater-Noranda Community Bank, the first community bank to be established in metropolitan Perth. He was a board member of the bank from its establishment in 2000 to 2017.



MR SAM LIM MP

I'm Sam Lim, Member for Tangney. I was born in Malaysia, in 1961 to very hardworking parents and I am the oldest of eight children. I served for two years as a Police Constable with the Royal Malaysian Police Force, before leaving to become a dolphin trainer, and then went on to run several small businesses in Malaysia and Australia. I moved to Australia with my wife and three children because I wanted them to receive a world-class education. I joined the WA Police Academy in 2006 and have since worked across Perth and regional WA. I have always cherished and embraced my Chinese/Malay heritage. My diverse language skills led me to be appointed as a Diversity Engagement Officer with WA Police, where I work with multicultural communities across Perth. In 2020, I was awarded Police Officer of the year for my work with multicultural communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. My family and I are very grateful for the opportunities Australia has provided to us. This drives me to give back to my community as a Police Officer, and now as the Member for Tangney.

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MR HENRY MAKEHAM

Henry F. Makeham is the founder of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue. He graduated from the Australian National University with first-class honours degrees in Law / Asian Studies and holds a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School. Henry is currently a lawyer at a sovereign wealth fund in the Middle East, having previously practised U.S. corporate law in Hong Kong and New York. He is an Asia Society Asia 21 Young Leader and was recognised as the Australian National University's Young Alumnus of the Year.



MR CHRIS MCMAHEN

Chris McMahon is the Group Manager of Technical Marketing for Fortescue Metals Group, a major iron ore mining company. Chris has a background in analytical chemistry, QA/QC, QMS, R&D and process control, and over 30 years of professional experience in mining and metallurgy. Chris also represents the Minerals Council of Australia within the International Standards Organisation, and has previously worked with Anglo American, Rio Tinto and Alcoa. Fortescue Metals Group also operates Fortescue Future Industries, which is progressing major investments in the production and supply of green hydrogen and green ammonia for industrial decarbonisation. The Technical Marketing team which Chris leads is also responsible for the evaluation of alternative green iron and steel making technologies, positioning the Fortescue businesses to supply the raw materials required by a future decarbonised iron and steel making industry.



MR ROB NEWTOWN

Rob Newton has more than 25 years' experience within Western Australia's mining, government and media sectors - working as a political reporter in Australian television and a senior adviser with the Government of Western Australia. Most recently, Rob has managed public affairs for major companies and industry groups, including the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia. He has been with CITIC Pacific Mining for more than eight years, and is responsible for the government, media, community and workforce relations. He's a former Associate Director with Citadel MAGNUS Corporate Communications in Perth. Born in Western Australia, Rob has a Bachelor of Arts (Media) from Edith Cowan University and is a graduate of the Leadership WA Signature Program (2020 cohort). He's a long-serving member of the Executive Committee of the Australia-China Business Council (WA branch).

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MS PRIMROSE RIORDAN

Primrose Riordan is based in Hong Kong and writes about the city as well as Macau and South China. Before joining the Financial Times, she was a reporter at The Australian Financial Review, The Australian and The Canberra Times. She was a recipient of the Wallace Brown Young Achiever Award.



THE HON. DR KEVIN RUDD AC

Born and raised in country Queensland, Kevin Rudd became Australia's 26th Prime Minister in 2007 after leading the Australian Labor Party into government after more than eleven years in opposition.

Kevin served as Prime Minister from 2007 to 2010, and again in 2013. He was also Australia's Foreign Minister between 2010 and 2012.

A global authority on China, he is now the global President and Chief Executive of the Asia Society in New York, and has been president of the Asia Society Policy Institute since 2015.

Kevin recently celebrated 40 years of marriage to his wife, Thérèse Rein, with whom he has three children and three grandchildren. They divide their time between Queensland and New York.



MR DAVID SUN

David joined Sinosteel Corporation in 2001 and was appointed Managing Director of Sinosteel Australia in 2013. Prior to this appointment he held the position of Deputy General Manager being responsible for managing the Channar Mining Joint Venture with Rio Tinto.

David has a Bachelor of Economics from Nanjing University of Science and Technology, a Master of Management from Tianjin University of Commerce and a PhD in Economics from the China Academy of Social Sciences.

In 2013 David became the President of the China Chamber of Commerce in Australia (Perth Branch) and currently is a member of the Curtin Business School Advisory Council.



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MR RAJ SURENDRAN

Raj Surendran was appointed CEO of Tianqi Lithium Energy Australia in October, 2022. TLEA is a joint venture between global new energy materials company, Tianqi Lithium Corporation, in China, and Australian Miner IGO Ltd. The company owns 100 per cent of the lithium hydroxide refinery in Kwinana, and 51 per cent of the Talison Lithium Mine in Greenbushes, Western Australia: the world's largest and highest quality hard rock lithium deposit.

Mr Surendran has over 20 years of finance, business development, strategy, project management and commercial leadership experience in Australia. He held senior finance positions with Aurizon, Wesfarmers, BGC Australia and DUET Group (Dampier to Bunbury Natural Gas Pipeline) before joining Tianqi Lithium's Kwinana operation in 2019 as General Manager of Finance.

In September 2021, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer of the newly formed TLEA JV. As COO, he led the Kwinana team through many milestone accomplishments. Mr Surendran has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Western Australia.



MR JOHNATHAN WILLOUGHBY

Jonathan is a tax and business advisory partner in KPMG's Enterprise division which works with a range of midmarket organisations including private groups,

He has 25 years' experience with KPMG including 15 years as a tax specialist partner. In addition he has worked in a number of different commercial roles outside of KPMG including as Chief Financial Officer and company secretary of a large private company.

He regularly assists boards in relation to the taxation, financial and strategic aspects of their organisations.

Jonathan provides advice to clients in a range of industries including agribusiness, mining services, technology and not for profits. His areas of technical expertise include due diligence, corporate restructures, investment structuring, international expansion, personal tax and business planning and the taxation of trusts and private companies.



A/PROFESSOR ALFRED WU

Alfred Muluan Wu is an Associate Professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore, and the author of *Governing Civil Service Pay in China*. He is a China expert by training. He has published 50 journal articles and book chapters and has been engaged in funded research projects with support from the Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, the Central Policy Unit of the Hong Kong SAR Government, and the Ministry of Education of Singapore. His research interests include public sector reform, central-local fiscal relations, corruption and governance, and social protection in Greater China. He was a senior journalist in China before he became an academic. He has been widely quoted on China-related topics in *The Straits Times*, *South China Morning Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *CNN*, *CNBC*, *Associated Press*, *Reuters*, *Bloomberg*, *The Economist*, and other media outlets.

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MS KANDY WONG

Kandy Wong returned to the South China Morning Post in 2022 as a correspondent for the Political Economy desk, having earlier worked as a reporter on the Business desk. She focuses on China's trade relationships with the United States, the European Union and Australia, as well as the Belt & Road Initiative and currency issues. She graduated from New York University with a master's degree in journalism in 2013. An award-winning journalist, she has worked in Hong Kong, China and New York for the Hong Kong Economic Journal and the Financial Times, E&E News, Forbes, The Economist Intelligence Unit, Nikkei Asia and Coconuts Media.



HON. PIERRE SHUAI YANG MLC

Pierre Yang arrived in Australia in 1998 as an overseas student when he was 15 years old. In 2002, after completing high school education in Sydney and Perth, Pierre went on to study law, political science, and philosophy at UWA. After his study, he was trained by Mr Raymond Tan to become a competent legal practitioner. In 2013, Pierre set up his own practice. During his 10 years in the legal profession, he mainly practised family law and frequently dealt with violence restraining order cases. Pierre was elected as Councillor of City of Gosnells in 2013. In 2017, he was elected to the Western Australian Legislative Council. He is currently Member of the North Metropolitan Region and Government Whip in the Legislative Council.



LORD MAYOR BASIL ZEMPILAS

Basil Zempilas was elected Lord Mayor of the City of Perth in October 2020. He became the 18th Lord Mayor, joining Local Government after a successful and ongoing broadcasting career in television and radio. Basil is also a regular columnist in The West Australian. Since 2010 Basil has been host of Telethon, the world renowned 26-hour live television charity fundraiser. Basil was the chair of the Australian Council of Capital City Lord Mayors until January 2023. Basil is also on the City of Perth Committee, the WALGA State Council and the Capital City Planning Committee. Basil was educated in Western Australia at the prestigious Hale School and gained a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Graduate Diploma of Journalism from Murdoch University.

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PROFESSOR XINGKUI ZHANG

Associate Professor Xingkui Zhang is from Zhejiang University (ZJU) in Hangzhou, China. He is an Associate Professor at the English Department within the School of International Studies. At ZJU Dr Zhang was affiliated with the Institute of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies. He teaches English classes on intercultural communication and American society and culture. He is also a member of ZJU's Center for China Studies, where he teaches courses in gender and family and supervises international students in its Master of China Studies program. Associate Professor Zhang received his PhD from the University of Sydney. His research interests include gender at a global scale, intercultural communication, and regional and area studies.



PROFESSOR MARINA YUE ZHANG

Marina Zhang is an associate professor of research at the Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI), University of Technology Sydney.

Marina holds a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Peking University and an MBA and a PhD from the Australian National University. Before joining UTS, she held academic positions at Tsinghua University, UNSW and Swinburne University of Technology.

Marina is the author of three books. *Demystifying China's Innovation Machine: Chaotic Order* (304pp), with Mark Dodgson, and David Gann. Oxford University Press, 2022 *China 2.0: The Transformation of an Emerging Superpower...* and the *New Opportunities* John Wiley & Sons, 2010

(The book was listed by Business+Strategy of Booz & Company as one of the Best Business Books 2010 on China.)

High-Tech Entrepreneurship in Asia: Innovation, Industry & Institutional Dynamics in Mobile Payments, with Mark Dodgson, Edward Elgar, 2007.



MS YAXI ZHAN

Ms Zhan has 14 years experience in the mining & resources industry in Australia and China. Skilled in Management, Corporate Finance, Business Development and International Trade. She previously worked within the Sino Group and as well as Australian public listed and private exploration companies, covering a range of commodities including Nickel, Copper, Gold, Uranium and Iron Ore. She is an active member in various Chinese Australian business groups, promoting Australian and Chinese bilateral business relationships. She holds a Bachelor degree in Computer Science and a Masters degree in Accounting. She is a member of AusIMM, CPA Australia and Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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MS YOLANDA ZHAO

Yolanda is the chief operating officer and co-founder of Infinite Green Energy, Infinite Green Energy is a vertically integrated business, offering advisory, engineering and design, with a focus of developing projects that build, own and operate. Our vision is to establish IGB as a leader in the green hydrogen sector and elevate Australia on the global stage by demonstrating the country has the technology, skills and entrepreneurial mindset to be ahead of the pack in the development of green hydrogen projects. Yolanda is a business professional in corporate management, strategy delivery, sales and business development. Highly experienced in delivering business growth in Asia Pacific markets. To her, starting a business is easy, however, to make the business reliable, sustainable, and deliverable is the most challenging and fun part.



MR BIN JUN ZHUANG AM

Mr Bin Jun Zhang AM is a Fellow of Australian Institute of Management and was awarded the Order of Australia in 2004 for service to the furtherance of Australia's relations and trade with the People's Republic of China, particularly through involvement in processes leading to the export of liquefied natural gas to Guangdong Province, China. He is also a member of Murdoch University Vice Chancellor's External Advisory Board.

He graduated from East China Normal University, majoring in English language in 1978 and from the University of Western Australia with Master of Business Administration (MBA) in 1989.

Session Chair Profiles



Pictured:
12th ACYD - Session Chair Edwina Kwan 关凯丽 ACYD'XX moderating a panel.



Pictured:
11th ACYD - Session Chair Tracy Jin Cui ACYD'XX moderating a panel.



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JOSHUA ARMSTRONG ACYD'19

Josh is a mid-career officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs, currently serving as the Assistant Director for Governance at the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations. Prior to this Josh was an advisor to former Prime Minister of Australia John Howard OM AC as well as a Maritime Warfare Officer with the Royal Australian Navy. He holds a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Australian National University as well as a Diploma of Languages (Chinese) from the University of Sydney.



MATHEW BENJAMIN ACYD'18

Mathew Benjamin was elected Executive Director of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue in 2019, having been a delegate in 2018, and speaker in 2017.

In 2014, Mathew founded a company to accelerate the connectivity of people, ideas and capital between Australia and Asia across the areas of science, technology and entrepreneurship. Since its inception AsiaRecon has identified, built and maintained long-lasting strategic relationships that have led to AU\$600 million of foreign direct investments being made into Australia's leading technology backed startups that today employ thousands of Australians.

Mathew holds a Master of International Business and Law from the University of Sydney. Mathew has also undertaken coursework at East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai, and was awarded the Taiwan Ministry of Education MTC Scholarship to undertake Chinese studies at the National Taiwan National University, Taipei.



TRACY JIN CUI ACYD'17

Tracy Jin Cui works on Energy Policy at the Australian Capital Territory Government, where she leads the renewable energy and net zero innovation policy and initiatives, including the delivery of Australia's first hydrogen for mobility pilot. Over the past decade, Tracy has worked across climate change adaptation, renewable energy transition and earth observation for sustainable development projects with stakeholders globally and regionally. In her spare time, Tracy also leads the Oxford Climate Alumni Network, curating a network of informed changemakers throughout Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

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CINDY GOTTINGER ACYD'13

Cindy is the Global Product Marketing Lead at Google in San Francisco where she is responsible for bringing new global innovation to market.

Prior to moving to the United States, Cindy spent eight years in China where she was an industry manager at Google China in Shanghai advising leading brands on their digital transformation strategy. She also worked as a brand manager at Volkswagen Group China in Beijing where she was part of a team that relaunched the Skoda brand to Chinese consumers.

She is a Board Member of the Australia China Youth Dialogue (ACYD). Cindy was also the Executive Director of the Australia China Young Professional Initiative (ACYPI) in Greater China. In 2017, Cindy was nominated as a finalist for her category (ICT and New Media) in the prestigious Australia China Alumni Awards. Cindy was awarded a Judge's Commendation.

Cindy graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and Bachelor Arts (Chinese).



JADE LITTLE ACYD'12

Jade Little was elected Chair of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue in 2019 after having served as Executive Director since 2016. Prior to that she was a delegate in 2012.

Her career has been focused in the resources industries. She is currently employed by BHP. Previous work experience has included working for UBS as a Mining Analyst, a consultant for McKinsey & Company, and a Project Manager compiling independent technical reviews used for mining related Initial Public Offerings for RungePincockMinarco based in Beijing. Prior to this, she worked in Queensland and New South Wales as a mining engineer both on site and in corporate offices.

Jade holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Mining Engineering), a Bachelor of Engineering (Mining) and a Bachelor of Arts (Chinese) from the University of Queensland (UQ). She also has a Master of Science in Global Finance jointly awarded by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and New York University's (NYU) Stern Business School. She was awarded The Australian Financial Review BOSS Young Executive of the Year in 2017.



**JESSICA WONG-SAUNDERS
ACYD'19**

Jessica has 14 years of experience in advising multinational corporate groups and investors on a range of international tax and Australian tax matters. As a Director in PwC's Deals Tax team in Sydney, her key focus is advising US and AsiaPac private equity funds and inbound investors on a range of M&A deals and cross-border transactions in the consumer, services and technology sectors. Her experience includes a 2.5 year secondment in PwC's New York office and 3 months in the Kolkata office. Jessica is an Australian lawyer and Chartered Accountant.

Jessica is the Head of Alumni for the Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD). Jessica is a board member of OIC Australia, a not-for-profit organisation that supports the development of a self-sustainable speech therapy industry and ecosystem in Cambodia, through the work of OIC Cambodia. She is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD). Jessica is also on the advisory board of a promising fintech start up, YouPay, a multi-payer payment platform.

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HARRISON CHEN ACYD'21

Harrison is a lawyer based in the Sydney office of Baker McKenzie. Having also previously worked at the Baker McKenzie Fenxun Partners Joint Operation Office in Shanghai, he has the unique distinction of being a lawyer who has represented both Australian and Chinese clients on a range of domestic and cross-border transactions. Harrison's practice focuses on Corporate M&A and Commercial Technology. On the corporate side, Harrison advises strategic investors, private equity sponsors and shareholders on complex private and public M&A transactions. On the technology side, he advises multinational Big Tech companies on their online and offline media interests, including digital copyright, content regulation and consumer protection. Prior to being a lawyer, he worked at a top Australian Investment Bank.

Harrison holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales and is an admitted legal practitioner in the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia. He speaks English, Mandarin and Bahasa Indonesian.



DR YE CHEN ACYD'16

Ye is an ophthalmic surgeon based in Melbourne. Born in Shanghai, he immigrated to Australia with his family when he was 10 years old. He studied medicine at the University of Melbourne and completed a DPhil in transplantation immunology at the University of Oxford where he was a Rhodes Scholar. Ye is passionate about enhancing intercultural understanding through exchange. At the University of Melbourne, he was the president of the Melbourne chapter of International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, where he led a team of volunteers in organising and facilitating overseas medical student exchange to Melbourne-based hospitals. Since then, he has also helped host numerous medical students from Tsinghua University and Peking Union Medical College undertaking exchange in Melbourne. At Oxford, Ye was the president of the Oxford University Australian and New Zealand Society. As president, he encouraged fellow Australians to attend social events organised by the Oxford Chinese Students Association. Ye also taught Mandarin for the Oxford Chinese International Awareness Group.

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TRACY JIN CUI ACYD'17

Tracy Jin Cui works on Energy Policy at the Australian Capital Territory Government, where she leads the renewable energy and net zero innovation policy and initiatives, including the delivery of Australia's first hydrogen for mobility pilot. Over the past decade, Tracy has worked across climate change adaptation, renewable energy transition and earth observation for sustainable development projects with stakeholders globally and regionally. In her spare time, Tracy also leads the Oxford Climate Alumni Network, curating a network of informed changemakers throughout Asia, Australia and New Zealand.



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Cindy is the Global Product Marketing Lead at Google in San Francisco where she is responsible for bringing new global innovation to market. Prior to moving to the United States, Cindy spent eight years in China where she was an industry manager at Google China in Shanghai advising leading brands on their digital transformation strategy. She also worked as a brand manager at Volkswagen Group China in Beijing where she was part of a team that relaunched the Skoda brand to Chinese consumers. She is a Board Member of the Australia China Youth Dialogue (ACYD). Cindy was also the Executive Director of the Australia China Young Professional Initiative (ACYPI) in Greater China. In 2017, Cindy was nominated as a finalist for her category (ICT and New Media) in the prestigious Australia China Alumni Awards. Cindy was awarded a Judge's Commendation. Cindy graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and Bachelor Arts (Chinese).



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Jessie Hu is a finance business partner at Paragon Care, where she works closely with senior leadership to drive strategic business improvements and performance initiatives. Prior to this, she worked with KPMG Sydney - working on a diversified portfolio of clients, ranging from ASX-listed entities and financial service companies to not-for-profit organisations. Born and raised in China, she came to Australia in 2013 to pursue a Master of Professional Accounting degree at the University of Sydney. Her passion for strengthening people's connections from diverse backgrounds enriched her university life and later career. She was an active member within KPMG's Asian Female League and China Club supporting others in career advancement, helping to strengthen cross-border relations between Australia and China. She is also an industry mentor at the University of Sydney Business School.

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MS YUN JIANG ACYD'21

Yun Jiang is the inaugural AIIA China Matters Fellow. She was the co-founder and editor of China Neican, and a managing editor of the China Story blog at the Australian Centre on China in the World. She has published and been cited widely on China-related topics, with a focus on Australia's policies on China.

She is also a former researcher in geoeconomics at the Australian National University and a former policy adviser for the Australian Government, having worked in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Treasury and the Department of Defence. Her policy experience covers economics, national security, and foreign policy.



MR LIAM TAY KEARNEY ACYD'17

Liam is a current Fulbright Scholar pursuing a double Master's in economic policy and applied data science at Columbia University in New York, where he is also a research fellow. He specialises in data-driven approaches to tackle business and policy problems, and has broad competencies across communications, advising, research and stakeholder management.

Liam holds a Bachelor (Honours) degree in Economics and Finance from the University of Western Australia, having received the Economic Society of Australia Honours Prize and Best Thesis. He also maintains active involvement in Sino-Australia relations as Partnerships Manager for the Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD), and possesses a Diploma of Chinese-English Interpreting.



MS EDWINA KWAN ACYD'15

Edwina Kwan is a Partner in the Dispute Resolution group at King & Wood Mallesons. Edwina is an international law specialist focusing on China cross-border and regional Asian disputes. She has experience in international arbitration, mediation, litigation and commercial negotiation and risk mitigation. She advises clients on global compliance and regulatory issues for climate change, anti-bribery and corruption, modern slavery, sanctions and international trade law obligations.

Her international arbitration practice includes both commercial and investor-state arbitration. She is qualified to practice law in Hong Kong and Australia.

Edwina co-founded the China Young Arbitration Group in Beijing and has lectured at the Tsinghua University Master of Laws Program, the University of NSW and Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Diploma in International Arbitration. Edwina is recognised for her expertise in international arbitration Legal 500 (Band 1), Who's Who Legal "Future Leader" in International Arbitration and Doyle's Leading Arbitration Lawyers Australia. She regularly publishes and lectures.

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MS ANNA LIN ACYD'17

Anna Lin is a dynamic leader with extensive international and public sector expertise. She is currently employed at Austrade, the Australian government's trade and investment promotion agency. Anna has completed diplomatic postings as Trade and Investment Commissioner and Commercial Consul in Guangzhou, China and Trade Commissioner in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Anna has strong strategic leadership experience and has led a number of sector teams including medical and healthcare, education, agribusiness and mining teams.

Anna is passionate about supporting young professionals and is a mentor on the Macquarie University Lucy Mentoring Program. Another passion is championing cultural diversity which led Anna to complete the Dr John Yu Fellowship in cultural diversity and leadership in 2020.

Anna holds a Master of International Business and Bachelor of Commerce from The University of Sydney.



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Jade's career has been focused in the resources industries. She is currently chief advisor to the COO of Newmont corporation in the US. Her previous work experience in Australia has included working for BHP across technical, production and strategic roles, at UBS Investment Bank as a director of Mining Research, and as a consultant for McKinsey & Company. In China she has worked as a Project Manager assisting in technical reviews used for mining related Initial Public Offerings for RungePincockMinarco based in Beijing.

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Gabriela is a postgraduate student at the ANU's Australian Centre on China in the World. Gabriela completed her undergraduate degree majoring in languages at the University of Sydney in 2020. As part of her degree she undertook language exchanges at Peking University (China), Leipzig University (Germany), and Rikkyo University (Japan). She was awarded several language prizes and scholarships during her undergraduate studies, including second place in the NSW Chinese Bridge competition in 2019, for which she was selected to attend the 18th Chinese Bridge Summer Camp held in Changsha, Hunan. These immersive overseas experiences fostered Gabriela's interest in China, the Asia-Pacific region, and Australia's relationship with its near neighbours.

Gabriela is currently a tutor of Chinese language and Asian economies at the ANU. She joined the ACYD in 2022 as Special Projects associate.



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MR JAMES TANG

James is a Chinese Australian who is passionate about cultural exchange and sustainability. His interest in fostering the Australia-China relationship has taken his career all around Asia where he spent 4 years based in China for work as a consultant.

His career has spanned across engineering, management consulting and start-ups working for companies including Rio Tinto, RPMGlobal, Deloitte Consulting and Fortescue Metals Group. His most recent endeavour has been building a start-up called Ready Team One that develops virtual reality experiences for social team-based gaming. James completed studies in Engineering (Mechanical), Arts (Chinese) and MBA from the University of Western Australia.

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Manelle is a marketing and analytics expert working as the Senior Advisor Digital Capability at Suncorp Group. Here she manages strategic research partnerships to facilitate and deliver business intelligence and insights to influence data-driven decision making. She held previous roles within marketing, planning and governance working in strategic investment planning and performance reporting for the portfolio of brands. Prior, Manelle held roles in the Chamber of Commerce network with a particular focus on export growth for Queensland business in China. She was project manager of a Queensland Government initiative providing education and advisory services to help Queensland SMEs improve their environmental sustainability and productivity.

Manelle holds a Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics, a Bachelor of Business / Creative Industries majoring in Marketing and Media Communications from the Queensland University of Technology. She has a regular segment on local ABC Radio Brisbane and runs a trivia company in her spare time.

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Trish is the Lead Counsel managing the Land Acquisition, Planning and Environment team in the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office (VGSO). She has a long-standing interest in China sparked by her first visit to China on a school trip in year 9. While at university she completed a major in Mandarin Chinese as part of an Arts degree, a Diploma in Languages (Mandarin Chinese), and two study trips to China including a year at South East University in Nanjing on a Chinese government scholarship, while also studying Law at Monash University. Trish graduated with first class honours in her Bachelor of Laws, with an honours thesis analysing the then-proposed carbon tax and pilot emission trading schemes in China within the framework of international environmental law.

Before commencing her current role at the VGSO, Trish worked at Corrs Chambers Westgarth and then at Allens. During that time, she combined her interests in China and environmental law in sectors with higher flows of foreign investment from China, particularly in renewable energy, agribusiness and urban development.



MICHAEL TING

Michael Ting is a senior legal counsel at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, primarily looking after the group's M&A legal function. Prior to settling back in Australia, he worked at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in New York for several years as a senior lawyer.

Born in Malaysia to Chinese parents, Michael immigrated to Australia at a young age. Michael is passionate about promoting understanding of Chinese culture and the diversity of the Chinese diaspora. He has helped to establish a number of organisations that promote people-to-people connections between China and the world, including the Australia-China Youth Association, the Engaging China Project and the Australia-China Youth Dialogue.

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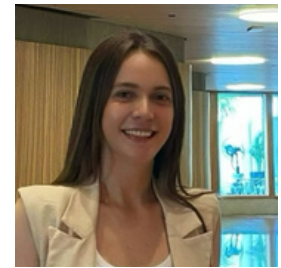


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Liam is a macroeconomics research student at the University of Western Australia under the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) programme, specialising in foreign direct investment.

Liam was previously the New Colombo Plan China Fellow (2017) and Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Asian Exchange Scholar (2018) – and completed placements at the Australian Embassy, Beijing, and United Nations Capital Development Fund in Yangon, Myanmar.

Liam curated the Australia-China Emerging Leaders Summit (ACELS) in Beijing (2018) and Shanghai (2019) and served as China Manager of the Australia-China Youth Association in 2018. Liam lived in China for three years with stints in Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou and comes from a Singapore-Irish background.



DANIELLE HARATSIS-JI

Danielle holds a Master of Marketing and a Bachelor of International Studies majoring in Chinese Mandarin from the University of Adelaide. During her time as a student she was a member of the Australia China Youth Association and undertook an internship with the Australia China Business Council. She also spent 2 summers undertaking intensive language programs at Shandong University. After graduating, she gained a role in the Westpac Graduate Program. While working in the finance sector for 2 years across departments including Strategic Alliances, Change and Knowledge, Marketing and Small and Medium Enterprises, she was also a chair on the Cultural Diversity in Leadership Employee Action Group and a mentor for the AEWEN international student work experience program. In 2019 she returned to the University of Adelaide's School of Social Sciences, within the Faculty of Arts, as an Office Manager.

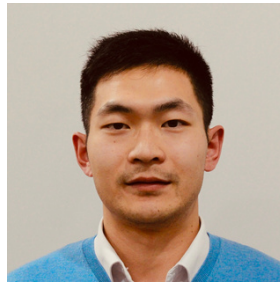


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TED ZHOU

Ted serves as Senior Associate at Huatai Securities in China. Holding a Master degree in Structural Biology and Biophysics from Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich (ETH) and a Bachelor degree in Biological Sciences from Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Ted originally focused his career on the booming biotech industry in China, where he helped emerging biotech companies to form and to raise initial capital. With his extensive experience in the industry, Ted is now focusing on helping these once start-ups to seek Initial Public Offerings in both Chinese and International stock markets. Once a world-traveler, Ted had lived in multiple cities across the globe including Sydney, where albeit a short stay, left him with memorable experiences and friendships with its rich vibrancy and diversity. That had led him to join the ACYD management team in 2013, being in charge of the website operation and general IT support.



VINCENT HU

Vincent Hu graduated from The Australian National University with an Honors degree in Finance. He is now working as the internal control lead at an EV start-up called Lucid Motors in the San Francisco Bay Area, to establish the S-Ox compliance program and support the IPO/SPAC transaction. He has been accepted into Berkeley Haas to pursue an MBA program starting 2021. Prior to Lucid, he was a senior finance analyst at Ford of Australia & Ford AP R&D Center. Vincent was born and raised in Suzhou, China. He had multiple volunteering experiences over the years, and his role at ACYD is to manage delegate applications.



WILLIAM ZHAO

William Zhao is a Vice President in the Private Equity and Mergers & Acquisitions team at Marsh, a subsidiary of Marsh McLennan. Prior to joining Marsh, William started his career as a M&A Analyst at Yatsen Associates, a boutique corporate advisory firm focused on cross-border M&A transactions between Australia and China. William's passion for Sino-Australian relations was fostered through his work at Australia China Business Council, China Australia Millennial Project, University of Sydney's China Studies Centre, and through his leadership roles at ACYA national board and ACYPI Sydney chapter. William holds a Master of Commerce in Banking from Sydney University, where he served on Chancellor's Committee and a Bachelor of Business in Accounting from Victoria University. He is currently pursuing a second master's degree in Business Law from the University of Sydney Law School. In addition to studying in Australia and China, William had also completed exchange programs at the University of Nottingham in UK and the State University of New York in US.

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The Australia-China relationship has always played an integral part of his personal and professional working life. He spent 4 years working in Beijing as an engineering consultant for Asian clients seeking to raise capital or invest in large mining projects around Asia and Australia. Prior to this, he was a site based mechanical engineer for Rio Tinto Iron Ore in the Pilbara, working on improving the reliability of Chinese procured train wagons. In his spare time, he enjoys practicing photography and video production.



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