THE AUSTRALIAN MEMBER COMMITTEE OF THE
COUNCIL FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION IN THE ASIA
PACIFIC (Aus-CSCAP)

45th Meeting

Australia’s Foreign Policy White Paper

Tuesday 21 February, 2017

Common Room, University House
ANU, Canberra
AusCSCAP Meeting – 21 February - ANU Canberra

AusCSCAP 45th meeting, Common Room at University House at 09.00am-12:30pm.

The theme of the meeting will be –

“Australia’s Foreign Policy White Paper”

The theme has been chosen partly because Asialink at Melbourne University has asked AusCSCAP to contribute to the consultation process regarding the 2017 Australian Foreign Policy White Paper.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify and assess the challenges that Australia faces in the Asia-Pacific. We also seek to recommend ways in which Australia might best respond to those challenges.

To help with our analysis, AusCSCAP has invited three senior analysts from our network of CSCAP contacts across the region -

Ambassador Barry Desker

Amb. Barry Desker, headed the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2000-2014. Currently Amb. Desker is Singapore’s Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights, and Singapore Non-Resident Ambassador to the Holy See and Spain. Formerly he was Singapore Ambassador to Indonesia.

Professor Xue Li

Prof Xue Li is Director of the Department of International Strategy, Institute of World Economics and Politics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing. Current research interests include China’s foreign policy, particularly in relation to One Belt One Road and South China Sea issues.

Mr. Christopher Elder

Christopher Elder is Senior Fellow in the New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington. Formerly he was New Zealand Ambassador in four key countries: China, Indonesia, Russia and Germany. He also held positions in the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade including Deputy Secretary for Asian affairs and security policy
Agenda

08:30  Registration

09:00  Opening Comments: The White Paper Terms of Reference –


Discussion:
1. How are other regional countries defining and responding to major trends? -

Singapore and other ASEAN; Japan; India; New Zealand; South Korea; China

2. Defining Australia’s interests, policy priorities, values, foreign policy/security policy differentiated

3. Roadmap for advancing Australia’s interests -


Working with multilateral and regional structures?

Advancing Australia’s open, export-oriented economy?

Promoting Australian regulations and standards?

Leveraging Track II networks?

Coffee will be available during the meeting.

12:30  AusCSCAP business report.
Meeting adjourned, followed by light luncheon.
AusCSCAP 45th Meeting-Participants

Overseas Guests -
Amb. Barry Desker, RSIS, Singapore
Prof. Xue Li, Director, Dept. of International Strategy, CASS
Mr. Chris Elder, Senior Fellow, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre

Participants –
Prof. Nicholas Bisley, Exec. Director, La Trobe University, ASIA
Dr. John Blaxland, Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, ANU
Mr. John Buckley, AusCSCAP
Dr. Andrew Carr, Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, ANU
Ms. Melissa Conley-Tyler, Exec. Director, Australian Institute of International Affairs
Dr. Jenny Corbett, Director, Japan Institute, ANU
Mr. Ian Dudgeon, Ian Dudgeon & Associates
Dr. Nicholas Farrelly, Coral Bell School, ANU
Prof. Greg Fealy, Political and Social Change, ANU
GPCAPT A M Tony Forestier, Defence
Prof. Giuseppe Gabusi, University of Turin
Mr. Liam Gammon, ANU
RADM James Goldrick, RAN
Prof. Allan Gyngell, Visiting Fellow, Crawford School, ANU
Prof. David Hegarty, State, Society, and Governance in Melanesia, ANU
Mr. Peter Lee, ANU
Mr. Joel Marks, DFAT
CDRE (ret.d) Jack McCaffrie, AusCSCAP
Mr. Thomas Power, ANU
Prof. Jochen Prantl, Director, Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy, ANU
Ms. Sophie Qin, Young Australians In International Affairs
Mr. Neal Reddan, Australian Institute of International Affairs
Prof. Anthony Reid, School of Culture, History and Language, ANU
Prof. Richard Rigby, Exec. Director, China Institute
Dr. Christopher Roberts, Director, National Asian Security Studies Program, ADFA
Mr. Hugh Robillard, DFAT
Dr. Richard Tanter, Nautilus Institute
Prof. Brendan Taylor, Head, Bell School, ANU
Prof. William Tow, Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, ANU
Mr. Trevor Wilson, Visiting Fellow, ANU
Dr. Jong-sung You, Crawford School, ANU
National security college representative, ANU

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