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

47th Meeting

Rules-based Order

Tuesday 3 October, 2017

*Common Room, University House
ANU, Canberra*

AusCSCAP Meeting – 3 October 2017 - ANU Canberra

AusCSCAP 47th meeting, Common Room at University House - 09.00am.

**The theme of the meeting will be –
“*Rules-based Order*”**

AusCSCAP’s co-chairs – Mr Ric Smith AO PSM and Professor Tony Milner AM, intend the discussion to cover -

- a. what is meant by the ‘rules-based order’, and in what context is the term now being used?;
- b. is there an international consensus regarding the content of the rules, and if different perspectives exist, what are they; and
- c. do we need a new consensus, and if so what processes could be undertaken to achieve a new RBO consensus.

To ensure a diverse and free discussion, we are inviting several colleagues from across the CSCAP diaspora, including from CSCAP Singapore, China and Malaysia.

The debate will be conducted along the lines of AusCSCAP’s open and informal approach, with a free, collegiate and ‘Chatham House’ rule discussion.

Overseas Guests-

Professor Shen Dingli

Centre for American Studies

Institute of International Affairs, Fudan University, China

Professor Tan See Seng

Deputy Director and Head of Research

Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies

NTU, Singapore

Dr Shawn Ho

Associate Research Fellow

NTU, Singapore

Ms Astanah Aziz

ASEAN –Malaysia National Secretariat,

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Agenda

09:00 **Registration.** Coffee and refreshments will be available during the meeting.

09:30 **Opening Comments: Rules-based Order –**

AusCSCAP co-chairs
Welcome new members –

LEUT Amy Beggs-French; Mr Cameron Hawker; Mr Stephen Meekin; Mr Bill Paterson; Professor Richard Rigby; Professor Geoff Wiseman.

Discussion:

**1. What do we understand by the term ‘rules-based order’?
In what context is the term now being used?**

Comments by Rob McLaughlin, Greg Raymond, Tan See Seng and Joel Einstein, followed by discussion. (09.45 - 10.30)

2. Is there an international consensus regarding the content of the rules?

Are there different perspectives, and what are they?

Comment by Shen Dingli, Tan See Seng, Shawn Ho and Astanah Aziz, plus Islamic/Indonesian perspectives - followed by discussion. (10.45 – 12.30)

**3. Do we need a new consensus?
If so, what processes could be undertaken to achieve a new consensus, and is there a role for Track 2?**

Comment by Ric Smith and Tony Milner (13.30 – 14.45)

12:30-13:30 **Lunch – light lunch provided.**

13:30-14.45 **Conclusion and way forward**

14.45- 15.00 **AusCSCAP business report.**

New Members

11th General Conference

48th Meeting. Meeting adjourned.

AusCSCAP 47th Meeting-Participants

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Professor Shen Dingli, Centre for American Studies, Fudan University, China
Professor Tan See Seng, RSIS, Singapore
Dr Shawn Ho, RSIS, Singapore
Ms Astanah Aziz, ASEAN-Malaysia National Secretariat.

Participants – (at 26 Sept)

Prof. Caitlin Byrne, Director, Griffith Asia Institute
Dr Feng Zhang, Dept. of International Relations, ANU
Prof. Ian Hall, Griffith University
Dr Greg Raymond, Strategic & Defence Studies Centre, ANU
Prof. Michael Heazle, Griffith University
Prof. Rob McLaughlin, College of Law, ANU
Prof. Shirley Scott, ADFA, UNSW
Mr Keith Scott, DFAT
Ms Courtney Stewart, Dept. of Defence
Mr Joel Einstein, ANU
Prof. Jian Zhang, UNSW
Ms Jenny McGregor, Asialink

AusCSCAP members and Associates – (at 26 Sept)

Ray Funnel; Amy King; John Blaxland; James Cotton; Chris Roberts; Tanya Ogilvie-White, Nick Farrelly, Bill Tow; John Buckley

New Members

Amy Beggs-French, Cameron Hawker, Stephen Meekin, Bill Paterson, Richard Rigby, Geoff Wiseman.

AusCSCAP Executive

Mr. Richard Smith, Co-Chair
Prof. Anthony Milner, Co-Chair
Prof. Ron Huisken, Executive Member
Mr. Angus Macdonald, Executive Administrator
Mrs. Kathryn Brett, Administrator

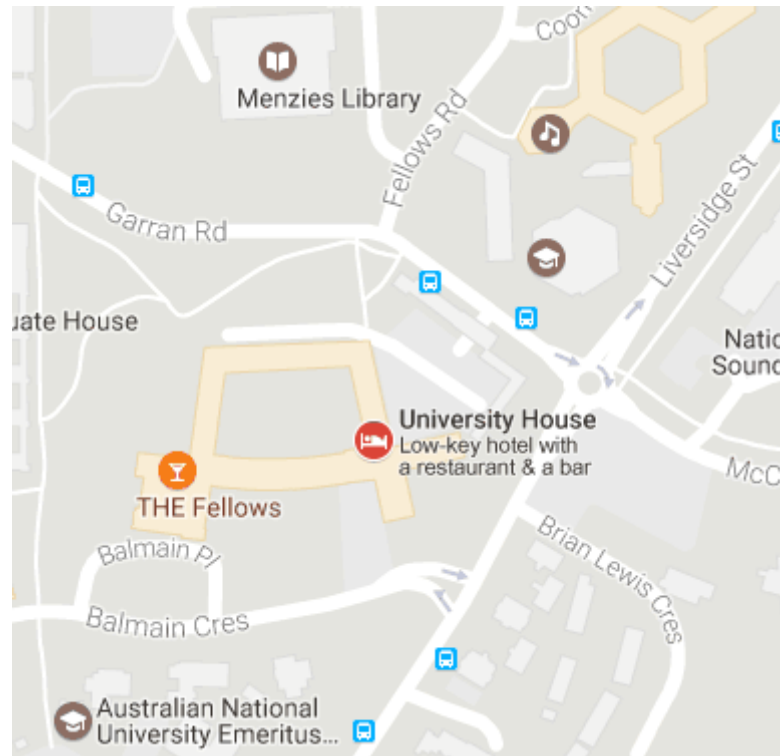
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