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in conversation with Richard Iron CMG OBE

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Professor Alessio Patalano is Professor of War and Strategy in East Asia at the Department of War Studies, King's College London.

He specialises in maritime strategy and doctrine, Japanese military history and strategy, East Asian security, and British defence policy towards the Indo-Pacific.

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Alessio Patalano in conversation with Richard Iron to discuss his views on the current political and strategic position in the Indo-Pacific; tensions over Taiwan; the role of the QUAD in maintaining security in the region, and what AUKUS means.



Alessio Patalano is Professor of War & Strategy in East Asia at the Department of War Studies (DWS), King's College London (KCL). At KCL, Prof Patalano is the Co-Director of the Centre for Grand Strategy (CGS), where he leads also the newly established Indo-Pacific Programme. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (FRHistS), a Visiting Professor at the Japan Maritime Command and Staff College (JMCSC), and an Adjunct Fellow at the Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies, Temple University Japan. In 2022, Prof Patalano became the first specialist advisor on the Indo-Pacific to the Foreign Affairs Committee in the UK Parliament. In 2023, he became also the first academic to be awarded a Commendation of the Ambassador of Japan to the UK for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of UK-Japan ties in defence and security. Prof Patalano's latest volume, co-edited and co-authored with Catherine Grant and James Russell is *The New Age of Naval Power in the Indo-Pacific* (Georgetown UP, 2023). His latest thought piece appeared in *Time* magazine, and can be accessed here: <https://time.com/6836406/naval-power-us-china-russia/>

Richard Iron CMG OBE is President of AIIA Victoria. He served for 37 years in the British Army in Northern Ireland, Oman, the Falkland Islands, the Balkans and Iraq. He was a visiting fellow at the *Changing Character of War* programme at the University of Oxford and was lead editor of *British Generals in Blair's Wars*, and *How Wars End: Theory and Practice*.

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