



Great Game On – The Contest for Central Asia and Global Supremacy

Book Launch

Dr Geoff Raby AO in conversation with Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA

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Historically, China has sought to maintain its security by building dominant relationships with pliant states that accept its pre-eminence. Its expanding role and influence in Central Asia has been as incremental and piecemeal as it has been deliberate.

In a new book, [*Great Game On*](#) (2024, Melbourne University Press), Australia's former ambassador to China, Geoff Raby, explores the Eurasian power shift to understand the forces shaping its geopolitics.

With its emergence as the leading power in Eurasia based on its inexorable economic rise and Putin's folly in Ukraine, China has been released from its past existential anxieties about land-based threats from Eurasia. It now has the chance to project its power globally, as the US did from the early twentieth century when it became the dominant power in the western hemisphere.

What threats and risks must China address? And what happens when China becomes the established, stable, dominant power in Eurasia?

AIIA Victoria invites you to join Geoff Raby in conversation with Rowan Callick for a journey across Eurasia. Copies of the book will be available for sale.



Dr Geoff Raby AO was Australia's ambassador to China (2007–11); ambassador to APEC (2003–05); and ambassador to the World Trade Organization (1998–2001). Since leaving government service he has been a regular columnist on China and Eurasia for *The Australian Financial Review*, travel writer and a non-executive, independent company director. His last book was *China's Grand Strategy* (MUP, 2020). Dr Raby was awarded the Order of Australia in 2019 for services to Australia–China relations and international trade.



Rowan Callick OBE FAIIA is an Industry Fellow at Griffith University's Asia Institute and vice chair of the Australia Taiwan Business Council. He was Asia-Pacific Editor for both *The Australian* and *The Australian Financial Review*, and also China Correspondent for both newspapers. He has won a Graham Perkin Award for Australian Journalist of the Year and two Walkley Awards. He has written three books published in both English and Chinese – most recently *Party Time: Who Runs China and How*. Rowan is also a member of the Advisory Boards of the National Foundation for Australia China Relations, La Trobe University: Asia, and Melbourne University's Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies.

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