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The Return of Great Power Rivalry and its Impact on Australian Foreign Policies: Past, Present and Future

Australia in World Affairs - Book Launch

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Tuesday 25 February 2025: 5:30pm for 6 – 7pm AEDT at Level 13, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Between 2016 and 2020 Australia's foreign and security policies were significantly impacted by profound changes in geopolitics and geoeconomics, particularly as great power competition re-emerged between the United States and China.



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Organised thematically, chapters cover Australia's foreign policy response to climate change, Australia's strengthened ties to the Indo–Pacific region, and its security interests in Southeast Asia. Australia's increasing security dependence on the US in an age of great-power rivalry is evident throughout.

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(Panellist details overleaf...)

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Associate Professor Danielle Chubb is an academic in International Relations in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Deakin University. She is the author of *Australian Public Opinion, Defence and Foreign Policy: Attitudes and Trends Since 1945* (Palgrave 2021 – with Prof Ian McAllister) and *Contentious Activism and Inter-Korean relations* (Columbia University Press 2014), and the editor of *North Korean Human Rights: Activists and Networks* (Cambridge University Press 2018 – with Prof Andrew Yeo). Danielle is also an Associate Editor with *Foreign Policy Analysis*, an *International Studies Association* journal.



Associate Professor David Hundt is a comparative political economist who has attained international recognition for his expertise on Australia's economic and security relations with South Korea, Korean immigration to Australia, and the two countries' responses to the rise of China. As a Deakin University Associate Professor, he teaches International Relations programs at undergraduate and master's levels, and is also the Director of the Masters of International Relations. He has also held leadership roles in the Asian Studies Association of Australia, where he has been a journal editor (2018-2024), Vice President (2023-2024), and President (2024-).



Professor Baogang He FASSA is an Alfred Deakin Professor at Deakin University and the Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. Known for his work in Chinese politics, in particular deliberate politics in China, and regionalism, he has authored influential books and papers, with several of his publications ranking in the top 1% of highly cited research. He has received numerous prestigious awards and held research fellowships at leading universities such as Stanford University and the University of Cambridge. His research also covers Australia's foreign policy, and Asian regionalism, contributing to an understanding of diplomatic relations, trade, and security dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region.