



Fellow's Address:

**The End of Security Multilateralism in Asia: What it means
for the region's future and the world**

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In the decade or so after the Cold War's end, Asia created an extensive array of multilateral security mechanisms and institutions.

What came to be known as the region's 'security architecture' was not well designed nonetheless it promised an array of means through which Asia's states and societies could navigate a more complex setting as the balance of power changed and globalisation shifted patterns of economic, diplomatic and cultural influence.



Where once inclusive and cooperative approaches to security were at the heart of efforts to create a durable regional order, there are now exclusive and competitive dynamics driving events.

This address assesses the nature of security multilateralism in Asia and will argue that the process that had been so dynamic in the early part of the century is effectively dead. It will explain why this is the case and the consequences of this for Asia and the larger dynamics of world politics.

In 2020 Professor Nick Bisley was recognised as a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs for his distinguished contribution to education and the national discussion on foreign affairs, particularly on Asia. At this Fellow's Address Nick will be presented with his Fellow's Award by Zara Kimpton OAM, the National Vice President of the AIIA.



Professor Nick Bisley, FAIIA is the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations at La Trobe University. His research and teaching expertise is in Asia's international relations, great power politics and Australian foreign and defence policy. Nick is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and the Secretary of the Council of Australasian Deans of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities. He is a member of the advisory board of China Matters and a member of the Council for Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Australian Journal of International Affairs between 2013 and 2018, the country's oldest scholarly journal in the field of International Relations. He has been a Senior Research Associate of the International

Institute of Strategic Studies and a Visiting Fellow at the East West-Center in Washington DC. Nick is the author of many works on international relations, including Issues in 21st Century World Politics, 3rd Edition (Palgrave, 2017), Great Powers in the Changing International Order (Lynne Rienner, 2012), and Building Asia's Security (IISS/Routledge, 2009, Adelphi No. 408).

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