

## **Meet the Ambassador – Spain**

HE Ms Alicia Moral Revilla, Ambassador of Spain in conversation with John Richardson

Tuesday 6 June: **5 pm for 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm AEST** at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Spain is the fourth largest economy in the EU and second largest exporter of goods and services. It has a sophisticated manufacturing sector, including military hardware which it also exports to Australia. It has been a significant source of supply and support for Ukraine, taking more than 170,000 Ukrainian refugees since the Russian invasion



Spain's appointment of an Ambassador for the Indo-Pacific reflects the region's growing strategic importance to Spain and the wealth of opportunities for cooperation in the critical realms of economics and cyber security. The appointment follows the establishment of the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific in 2021, which characterised the region as the 'world's economic and strategic centre of gravity' and expressed the EU's commitment to deepen cooperation in ocean governance, health, research and technology, security and defence, and climate change.

Australia and Spain work closely in the multilateral arena, sharing the importance of the international rules-based order, free trade, human rights, gender equality and inclusive economic growth. In June 2022, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese undertook the first visit to Spain by an Australian Prime Minister. The meeting reaffirmed the importance of our strong investment and trade relationship, particularly in our infrastructure, renewable energy and transport sectors, and reaffirmed the conclusion of the EU-Australia Free Trade Agreement as a key priority.

Explore these and other dimensions of the relationship in the next instalment of our *Meet the Ambassador* series. AIIA Victoria invites you to join HE Ms Alicia Moral Revilla in conversation with former ambassador John Richardson.



**HE Ms Alicia Moral Revilla** is the Ambassador of Spain in Australia (since October 2020); she is also accredited to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tuvalu and Nauru. She has a Bachelor of Laws, a Master's degree in Defence Policy and International Security and has completed an Advanced Command and Staff Course with the Spanish Armed Forces; she joined the Spanish Diplomatic Service in 1991. She has held positions in diplomatic representations in Tanzania, Indonesia, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Paris (OCDE), and has served as the Ambassador of Spain in Zimbabwe, also accredited to Zambia and Malawi. She has also held a range of positions in Madrid for the Ministry of External Affairs, European Union and Cooperation including Deputy Director-General of the Diplomatic School of Spain, Deputy Director-General of Foreign Policy and Security Policy, Ambassador for Cyber Security and President of the Admissions Board of the Spanish Diplomatic Service (2019-2020).

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