

Thunder from the Silent Zone: Rethinking China

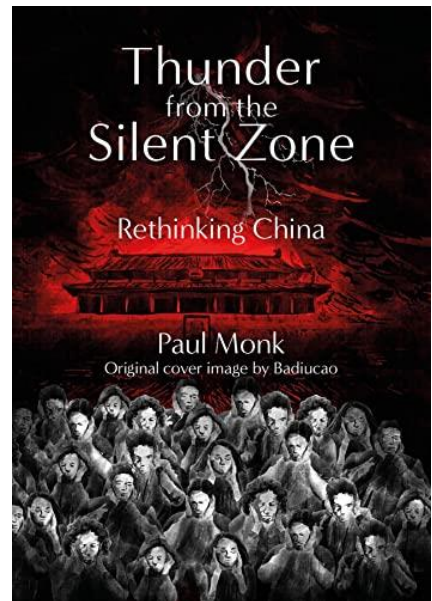
Dr Paul Monk – Book Launch

Tuesday 11 July: 5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm AEST at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Until the late 2010s, there was a widespread view that China's rapid growth and even its political and economic model would make China the number-one power in the world by 2030. But President Xi Jinping has pulled back from the reforms of Deng Xiaoping and China is facing growing problems: slowing growth; ballooning debt; endemic corruption; mass dissent; demographic decline and institutional sclerosis.

Dr Paul Monk's *Thunder from the Silent Zone: Rethinking China* (Echo Books, May 2023), when originally published in 2005, argued that such developments might well occur. The new edition is complete with an updated preface, analysing the trajectory of China's foreign policy under Xi Jinping.

AIIA Victoria invites you to join author and former intelligence analyst Dr Paul Monk as he discusses the new edition of his book. Copies will be available for sale and for signing.



Dr Paul Monk was inducted as a Fellow of the London and New York based Institute for Law and Strategy in 2022. Since 2019, he has been a Fellow of the Rationalist Society of Australia and an editorial board member of its online journal *Rationale*, in which his essays, on a wide range of topics, have appeared for the last half dozen years. After completing a First-Class Honours degree in European History (University of Melbourne) and a PhD in International Relations (Australian National University), Paul served as an intelligence analyst on East Asia for the Defence Intelligence Organisation, between 1990 and 1995. He headed the Japan and Korea Desk by 1992 and the China desk from 1994. He spent several years teaching Chinese politics and strategic affairs in leading universities, before co-founding a consulting company in 2000, specialising in applied cognitive science and structured argumentation.

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