



**Australian Institute
of International Affairs**
Victoria

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CAREER FUNDAMENTALS MASTERCLASS SERIES

3 Sessions: 22 August, 26 September and **24 October 2023** | **5:30pm-7:00pm**
Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

If you are a student or young professional in the international affairs sector, this masterclass series is for you!

The Career Fundamentals Masterclass Series is designed to equip students and young professionals with the essential skills and knowledge to excel in your career in a globalised world. Whether you're an aspiring diplomat, international business leader, humanitarian worker, or policy analyst, this series offers a transformative learning experience.



Through engaging sessions led by renowned industry experts, participants will explore diverse topics critical to success in international affairs. From crafting a compelling professional identity to honing effective communication skills, the three masterclasses provide building blocks for a rewarding career in this ever-evolving sector.

A certificate and a complimentary 12-month extension of your AIIA Victoria Young Professionals membership will be provided upon completion of all 3 sessions



Session 1 | Maximising your Impact as a Trusted Advisor

Delivered by **Mohammad Chowdhury**, Founder and CEO of **Long Street Advisors**

When: **Tuesday 22 August 2023, 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

Learn the art of crafting a compelling personal brand that reflects your unique strengths and values. Build an authentic online presence to attract global opportunities and network effectively within the international affairs community.

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In-person: AIIA VIC Young Professionals members \$35 per session. \$66 for 2 sessions. \$90 for all 3 sessions (plus a certificate and a complimentary 12-month extension of your AIIA VIC Young Professionals membership upon completion of all 3 sessions)

Over the past 30 years, **Mohammad Chowdhury** has shaped significant industry reforms as well as corporate growth plans across more than 80 countries. He cares about how corporations and governments need to think about issues such as regional inclusion, investment sustainability, national security, climate responsibility and wider economy digitisation through transformation and investment. Mohammad has served as a Senior Partner at PwC, leading the firm's Telecom, Media and Technology practices across India, SE Asia and Australia, as well as executive roles in IBM's global telecommunications industry team and Vodafone Group, based in the HQ and in Egypt and a short spell at the World Bank on secondment earlier in his career. Mohammad is a Trustee of the UK's Institute for the Future of Work and chairs its Finance Committee, has written for Forbes, the Sydney Morning Herald and the FT and serves the board of a technology company in Bangladesh. He works in this sector because he cares about opportunity, equality and inclusion.



Session 2 | Effective Speech Writing and Presentation for Future Global Leaders

Delivered by **Richard Iron CMG OBE**, President of [AIIA Victoria](#)

When: **Tuesday 26 September 2023, 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

Hone your public speaking prowess and deliver impactful presentations that command attention and influence decision-makers. Learn techniques to communicate complex ideas clearly and persuasively.

Richard Iron was educated at the King's School, Canterbury and the University of Cambridge. He served for 37 years in the British Army, largely spent on operations in Northern Ireland, the Sultanate of Oman, the Falkland Islands, the Balkans and Iraq. He was the Chief Mentor to the Iraqi commander in southern Iraq, planning and implementing the 2008 operation to free Basra from Iranian-backed Shi'a militias. Later, he was Defence Fellow at the University of Oxford and worked for the UK's Chief of Defence Staff on developing the UK's capacity to think and work strategically. After leaving the Army in late 2011, he led the operation to provide security to the remaining US presence in Iraq. As a consultant he wrote and delivered strategic exercises for Royal College of Defence Studies in London and the Omani National Defence College in Muscat. He was Chief Operating Officer/CEO of Equilibrium-Global, an international strategic consultancy based in London. Major projects included advising the Kingdom of Bahrain on how to survive in the post-hydrocarbon age and working with the King of Jordan to roll back radical Islam in the Horn of Africa. He continues to write and lecture widely on strategy, the Middle East, and counter-insurgency.

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Session 3 | Generative AI as a Tool for Global Policy Making and Analysis?

Delivered by **Joshua Rose**, PhD Candidate at the [Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics \(CAIDE\)](#) and the [School of Social and Political Sciences \(SSPS\) at the University of Melbourne](#)

When: **Tuesday 24 October 2023, 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

This session will consider generative AI as a tool for global policy making and analysis. The rapid adoption of AI globally presents Australian foreign policy makers with a unique opportunity to leverage the country's AI expertise to advance the national interest. However, policy practitioners must remain wary of the ethical, social, economic, and political consequences of accelerating the adoption of this transformative technology. Participants will be invited to consider and develop a policy framework designed to ensure that Australia's foreign policy successfully balances the need to protect innovation while mitigating risks.

***Joshua Rose** is an Anthropology PhD candidate at the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. He has previously worked as Ministerial Adviser in the Victorian Government, as Government Relations Adviser, and as Design Researcher. His research is concerned with the implications of credit scarcity in El Salvador and the experiences of Bitcoin entrepreneurs in the regional town of El Zonte.*

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Digital Ethics (CAIDE) facilitates cross-disciplinary research, teaching and leadership on the ethical, technical, regulatory, and legal issues relating to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies.

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