



The Echidna Strategy: Australia's Search for Power and Peace

Book Launch

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Wednesday 18 October 2023: 5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm AEDT at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

With the global balance of power shifting, Australia will need to be able to defend itself without American help.

In his new book *The Echidna Strategy* (Black Inc. Books, August 2023), Sam Roggeveen – director of the Lowy Institute's International Security Program – overturns the conventional wisdom about Australia's security.

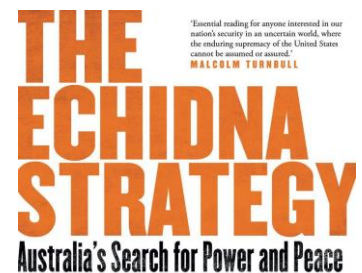
He argues that America's security is not threatened by China's rise, and that once Australia accepts that conclusion, the entire edifice on which its security has been built shifts, requiring a fresh approach. And that despite the rapid growth of China's military, defending Australia need not be particularly difficult.

The Echidna Strategy sheds new light on the contest for leadership in Asia and the strategy Australia needs to thrive. This includes a radically different approach to defence. Above all, it means a bolder Australian foreign policy, with three goals: leadership in the Pacific; a much stronger relationship with Indonesia; and a regional order centred on a gathering of its great powers. In the wake of a shift in the global power balance, how can Australia best protect itself?

AIIA VIC invites you to join author Sam Roggeveen for a thought-provoking discussion. Books will be available for sale and signing.



Sam Roggeveen is Director of the Lowy Institute's International Security Program. Before joining the Lowy Institute, Sam was a senior strategic analyst in Australia's peak intelligence agency, the Office of National Assessments, where his work dealt mainly with North Asian strategic affairs, including nuclear strategy and Asian military forces. Sam also worked on arms control policy in Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs, and as an analyst in the Defence Intelligence Organisation. Sam writes for newspapers and magazines in Australia and around the world and is a regular commentator on the Lowy Institute's digital magazine, *The Interpreter*, of which he was the founding editor from 2007 to 2014. Sam is also Director of Digital at the Lowy Institute, and editor of the *Lowy Institute Papers*.



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