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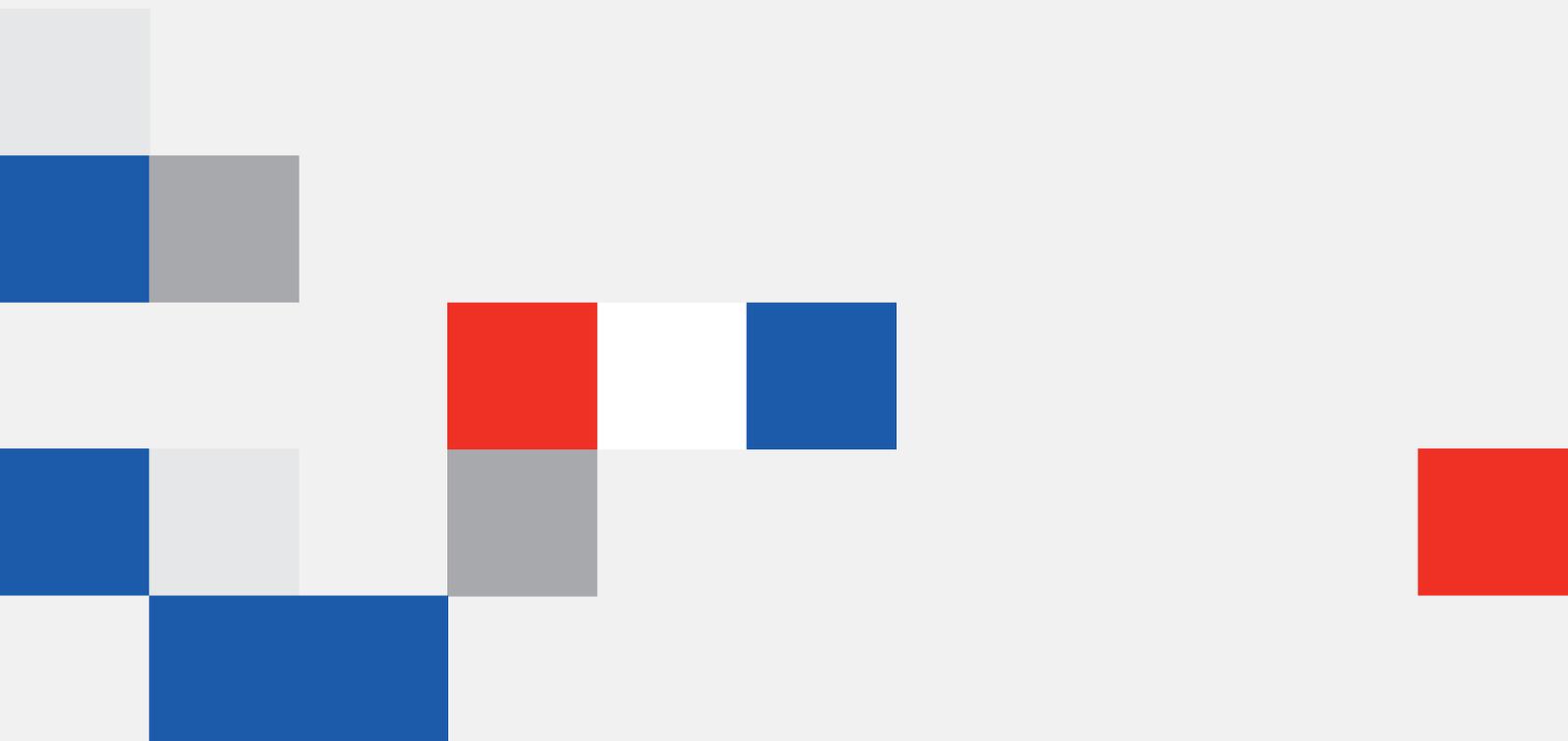
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About Us



Overview

The Australia-China Relations Institute (UTS:ACRI) is an independent, non-partisan research institute established in 2014 by the University of Technology Sydney. Chinese studies centres exist in other Australian universities. UTS:ACRI, however, is Australia's first and only research institute devoted to studying the relationship of these countries.

In the past Australia's dominating economic relationships have been with the British Empire, the United States and Japan. Australia's most important trading relationship is now with China, a nation very different in governance, politics and values. As China's economy grows, so too does its strategic weight and the challenges and opportunities this presents to Australia.

UTS:ACRI seeks to inform Australia's engagement with China through research, analysis and dialogue grounded in scholarly rigour.





Message from the Director



2022 finally saw the relationship between Australia and the People's Republic of China (PRC) climb out of the deep trough into which it had sunk over the past few years. The federal election in May, which resulted in a change of government, gave both Beijing and Canberra the chance for a face-saving step back from the cycle of heated rhetoric and recriminations that had hindered prospects for a détente. The newly elected Anthony Albanese-led Labor government proved the importance of calm and professional diplomacy by making rapid gains in re-establishing high-level political dialogue, culminating in a meeting between the Prime Minister and PRC's President Xi Jinping at the sidelines of the G20 summit in November. This was quickly followed the next month by Foreign Minister Penny Wong travelling to Beijing to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. The trip finished with a joint statement committing to maintain high-level engagement, and to commence or restart dialogue in a number of areas.

It would be a mistake to say, however, that the bilateral relationship had been reset. The gap between the two capitals' assessments of their interests remains wide – certainly wider than in 2015. Perhaps the chief difference between the two sides is around the role the US should play in determining the regional order. Further, the fact that two Australians, Yang Hengjun and Cheng Lei, remain caught up in the PRC's non-independent judicial system for reasons that remain opaque, serves as a hard limit to just how far any positive trajectory can run. And then there's the ongoing disruption of trade, while Beijing would complain about Canberra shrinking the space for PRC investment.

Still, providing the official relationship with a good dose of resilience is that both sides are re-engaging in full awareness of their differences – even 'disputes', remarked the PRC Ambassador to Australia – but nonetheless agreeing to focus on areas of mutual interest and benefit. The broader bilateral relationship also received a major boost in December when Beijing abandoned its 'dynamic COVID-zero' policy, freeing up flows of family members, businesspeople, tourists and students.

The Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS:ACRI) played a role as a conduit for the robust exchange of views between the two nations, hosting a full-capacity public address by His Excellency Mr Xiao Qian, PRC Ambassador to Australia, in June, as well as an online event marking 50 years of official relations featuring His Excellency Mr Graham Fletcher, Australian Ambassador to the PRC; Ambassador Xiao; Dr Stephen FitzGerald AO, former Ambassador of Australia to the PRC (1973-1976), and Her Excellency Madame Fu Ying, former Ambassador of the PRC to Australia (2004-2007) and Vice-Chairperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee of China's 13th National People's Congress (2018-2023).

UTS:ACRI was also pleased to host the launch of historian and *Australian Financial Review* foreign affairs columnist Professor James Curran's book *Australia's China Odyssey* (NewSouth, 2023) by Mr Dennis Richardson AC, former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Director-General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and Ambassador of Australia to the US. The Institute also held events focusing on Xinjiang, Australia-PRC research cooperation and energy trade and technology cooperation, the PRC's economic outlook, PRC international students studying in Australian universities and US-PRC-Australia relations, among others.

The Institute extended its expertise into the forefront of contemporary debates on the bilateral relationship by welcoming into our team Dr Marina Zhang as Associate Professor – Research and Dr Corey Lee Bell as Project and Research Officer. Associate Professor Zhang's research investigates innovation in advanced manufacturing, semiconductors, biopharmaceuticals, new energy vehicles, and the global value chain (GVC), exploring their impact on Australia-PRC relations, while Dr Bell focuses on the PRC's international relations, geostrategy and Chinese intellectual history.

UTS:ACRI staff, associates and guest writers made timely contributions to a wide array of other key areas, including two-way trade, diplomacy, decarbonisation and energy security, critical mineral exports, geostrategy, political history and advanced technology cooperation. We had a highly productive year, publishing 29 peer-reviewed articles, three book chapters, three major research reports, five conference papers, four briefs, two analyses, one fact sheet, 70 commentary pieces and six *Perspectives* pieces. We produced our second UTS:ACRI Poll in cooperation with the UTS Business School's Centre for Business Intelligence & Data Analytics (BIDA), following up from the success of our inaugural edition. Led by UTS:ACRI senior researcher Elena Collinson and BIDA Deputy Director Professor Paul Burke, the UTS:ACRI/BIDA Poll is the most in-depth survey of the Australian public on Australia-PRC relations. We also ensured the regular release of our well-established *Australia-China monthly wrap-up*, which summarises and analyses major developments in the bilateral relationship.

Our experts have continued to be sought after by domestic and international media outlets providing comment to, writing for, and having their work reported on by, *The Age*, *Agence France-Presse*, *Al Jazeera*, *The Australian*, the *Australian Associated Press*, the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *BBC News*, *Bloomberg*, *The Canberra Times*, *China Daily*, *The Guardian*, *news.com.au*, *Nikkei Asia*, *Reuters*, the *Saturday Paper*, *SBS*, the *South China Morning Post*, the *Straits Times*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Times Higher Education*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Wire China* and *Xinhua*, among others. UTS:ACRI staff also regularly provided briefings to the Australian government and industry, as well as overseas visitors and members of foreign diplomatic corps, reflecting the Institute's standing as a preeminent source for informed analysis on the Australia-China relationship.

In short we continued to deliver on our mission: to inform Australia's engagement with the PRC through research, analysis and dialogue grounded in scholarly rigour.



Professor James Laurenceson
Director, UTS:ACRI



Our People



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Director



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Elena Collinson
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Institute Officer



Marina Yue Zhang
Associate Professor – Research

Management Committee

UTS:ACRI's Management Committee monitors the Institute's activities and performance, and approves the budget and strategic direction of UTS:ACRI's research and other programs.

The Management Committee is headed by UTS Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) Iain Watt and comprises Professor Glenn Wightwick, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Innovation and Enterprise); Associate Professor Grace Li, UTS Faculty of Law; Associate Professor Dongbin Wei, UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology; and Professor James Laurenceson, UTS:ACRI Director.





Advisory Board

The role of the UTS:ACRI's Advisory Board is to provide advice for the UTS:ACRI Management Committee's consideration.



Mr Berkeley Cox

(Chair of the UTS:ACRI Advisory Board, April 2020 – June 2022)

Mr Berkeley Cox was the Chief Executive Partner of King & Wood Mallesons, Australia. He led the strategic direction of KWM's Australian business and drives execution against firm priorities and on its international, client, people and innovation agenda. Mr Cox became a partner of legacy Mallesons Stephen Jaques in 2001 and managed a successful legal practice covering debt capital markets, funds management, structured finance, securitisation and derivatives including practice in the US in the late 90s when he was admitted to the New York Bar.



Mr Rowan Callick OBE

Author and columnist Rowan Callick worked for almost 20 years for *The Australian Financial Review (AFR)*, finally as Asia Pacific Editor. He was China Correspondent for the *AFR*, based in Hong Kong, from 1996-2000. He worked for *The Australian* from the start of 2006 until mid-2018, twice serving as China Correspondent in Beijing, and also as Asia-Pacific Editor. He continues to write regularly for the newspaper. He was awarded an OBE in 2015 for services to journalism and to the training of PNG journalists.



Professor Wanning Sun

(Acting Chair of the UTS:ACRI Advisory Board, June 2022 – present)

Wanning Sun is a Professor of Media and Communication in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at UTS. She is a specialist in a number of areas, including Chinese media and cultural studies; rural-to-urban migration and social change in contemporary China; and soft power, public diplomacy and diasporic Chinese media. She is the author of three single-authored monographs: *Leaving China: Media, Migration, and Transnational Imagination* (2002); *Maid in China: Media, Morality, and the Cultural Politics of Boundaries* (2009); and *Subaltern China: Rural Migrants, Media, and Cultural Practices* (2014).



Mr Clinton Dines

Mr Clinton Dines is the Non-Executive Director of the Port of Newcastle, Freedom Road Travel and Fonterra Cooperative Group Limited. He served as the President of BHP Billiton China from 2001 to 2009. He has extensive frontline operational and commercial management positions in China and was BHP Billiton's senior country executive in China for 21 years. He also held senior positions at Jardine Matheson Group, Santa Fe Transport Group and Asia Securities Venture Capital.



Professor Jane Golley

Professor Jane Golley is a Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University. Her research has covered a wide range of Chinese transition and development issues, including industrial agglomeration and regional policy; demographic change and economic growth; household consumption and carbon dioxide emissions, and rural-urban inequalities in education. Professor Golley has published a book on *The Dynamics of Chinese Regional Development: Market Nature, State Nurture*.



Professor James Laurenceson

Professor James Laurenceson is Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at UTS. He has previously held appointments at the University of Queensland (Australia), Shandong University (China) and Shimonoseki City University (Japan). He was President of the Chinese Economics Society of Australia from 2012-2014. His academic research has been published in leading scholarly journals including *China Economic Review* and *China Economic Journal*. Professor Laurenceson also provides regular commentary on contemporary developments in China's economy and the Australia-China economic relationship.



Ms Renae Lattey

Renae Lattey is the Chief Executive Partner, Australia for King & Wood Mallesons. Prior to her appointment, Ms Lattey was the Managing Partner, Clients and Mergers & Acquisitions. Before her time in management, Renae had established a strong international profile having acted for major telecommunications clients throughout the Asia Pacific, particularly on projects in Singapore, Malaysia and New Zealand as well as in UK and Europe. Her work included advice to regional governments on World Bank telecommunications projects in developing countries and advising international communications providers on the Australian regulatory environment.



Mr Peter Osborne

From 2009 to February 2020 Mr Osborne was Managing Director Asia for Blackmores Limited, Australia's leading ASX listed natural healthcare company. Mr Osborne was responsible for the overall strategy for Blackmores' growth objectives in Asia. Prior to working for Blackmores, Mr Osborne was Australia's most senior trade diplomat in China as the Minister (Commercial) and Austrade's Country Manager for China in the Australian Embassy Beijing. Mr Osborne also previously held Australia's Senior Trade Commissioner positions in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Taipei.



Professor Richard Rigby

Professor Richard Rigby is an Emeritus Professor in the College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University. Professor Rigby joined Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs in 1975, where he worked until the end of 2001: postings included Tokyo, Beijing (twice), Shanghai (Consul-General 1994–1998), London, and Israel (Ambassador, 2000–2001). He then joined the Office of National Assessments as Assistant Director-General, responsible for North and South Asia. He was also the Founding Director of the ANU China Institute and Associate Director of the Australian Centre on China in the World.



Dr Garry Willinge

Dr Garry Willinge is Managing Director of Cbridge Limited (HK), a management consulting, corporate advisory, capital markets and leadership development firm. He has interests in companies across a number of sectors around the world and facilitated early stage companies' growth, IPO and exits. He is an Adjunct Professor of Business Studies at Curtin University in Australia and previously served a full term of nine years on the Advisory Board of Curtin Business School. In November 2013, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Technology from Curtin University.



Dr Merriden Varrall

Dr Merriden Varrall is Director of the Australia Geopolitics Hub at KPMG, where she provides business-relevant insights into global, regional and local geopolitical trends. From 2014– 2018, Dr Varrall was the Director of the Lowy Institute's East Asia Program, where she is a non-resident fellow. Before joining the Institute, Dr Varrall was the Assistant Country Director and Senior Policy Advisor at United Nations Development Programme, China. Prior to that she worked for the Australian Government Treasury and the Department of Family and Community Services.

Honorary Appointments

Through its honorary appointments program, UTS:ACRI values its engagement with research, educational and industry partners.

UTS:ACRI honorary appointments are made in line with the UTS Honorary Titles and Awards Policy.

Adjunct academic titles are awarded to academics from other universities on the basis of their achievements and expertise.

Adjunct industry titles are awarded on the basis of expertise and recognition in business, public sector, not-for-profit, professional or cultural communities.

Emeritus Professors



Professor David Goodman
Professor of Chinese Politics,
University of Sydney

Adjunct Professors



Professor Mark Beeson
Professor of International Politics,
University of Western Australia



Dr Michael Clarke
Senior Fellow, Centre for Defence Research, Australian
Defence College



Professor Jocelyn Chey AM
Former Australian Consul General
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Professor Louise Edwards
Emeritus Professor of Chinese History, School of
Humanities and Languages, University of New South
Wales and Honorary Professor, School of Modern
Languages and Cultures, University of Hong Kong



Professor Greg McCarthy

Former BHP Chair of Australian Studies, Peking University



Professor Tao Xie

Dean, School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Beijing Foreign Studies University



Professor Guanghua Wan

Director, Institute of World Economy, Fudan University

Adjunct Associate Professors



Dr James Cheong

Associate Professor, Hang Seng University of Hong Kong



Professor Junji Xiao

Associate Professor, Lingnan University of Hong Kong



Dr Chengxin Pan

Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Government and Public Administration, University of Macau



Dr Jingdong Yuan

Associate Professor, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney





Adjunct Industry Fellows



Mr Murray Davis
Trade & Investment Commissioner –
Greater China, New South Wales Government

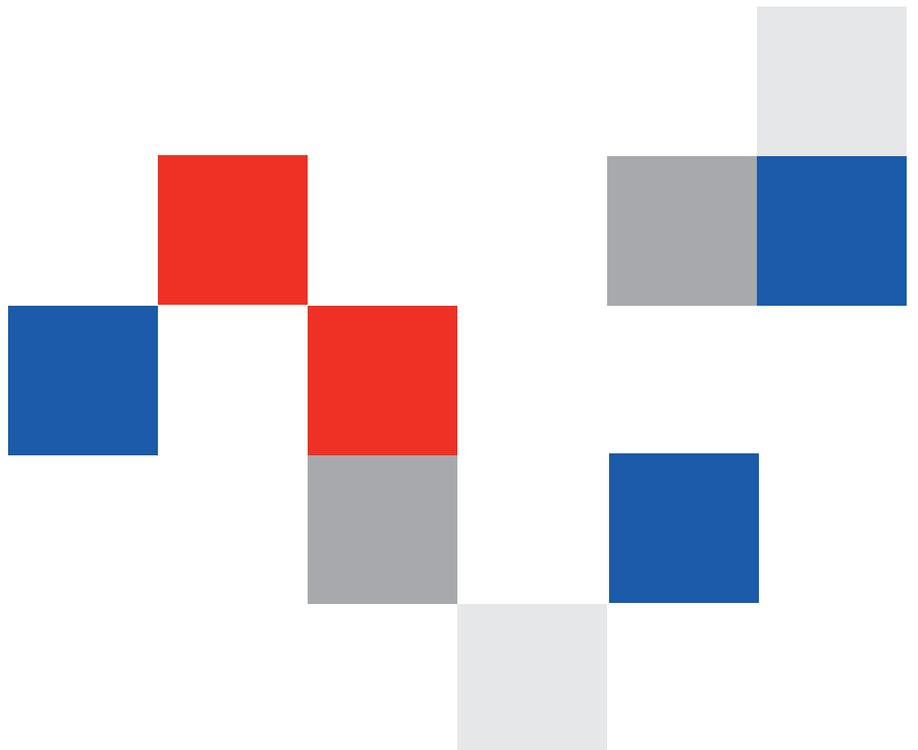


Ms Glenda Korporaal OAM
Writer and columnist, *The Australian*

Adjunct Fellows



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UTS Science

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UTS Business School

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UTS Business School

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UTS Health

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UTS Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building

Associate Professor Natalie Stoianoff

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Professor Kathy Walsh

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Professor Stuart White

UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures

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UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

Dr Litao Yu

UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

Dr Yi Zhang

UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

Visiting Scholars

UTS:ACRI maintains an active visiting academic program. Visitors are PhD students from other institutions.

Name	Institute	Position	Research Topic	Start Date	Duration (Months)
Xianneng Ai	Beijing Institute of Technology	PhD Student	Energy and environmental economics	1/06/2022	12
Qin Li	Beihang University	PhD Student	Climate change policy	1/06/2022	12
Yadong Wang	China University of Mining and Technology	PhD Student	Energy system engineering	12/10/2022	12
Qi Wei	China University of Petroleum	PhD Student	Natural gas market	12/10/2022	12



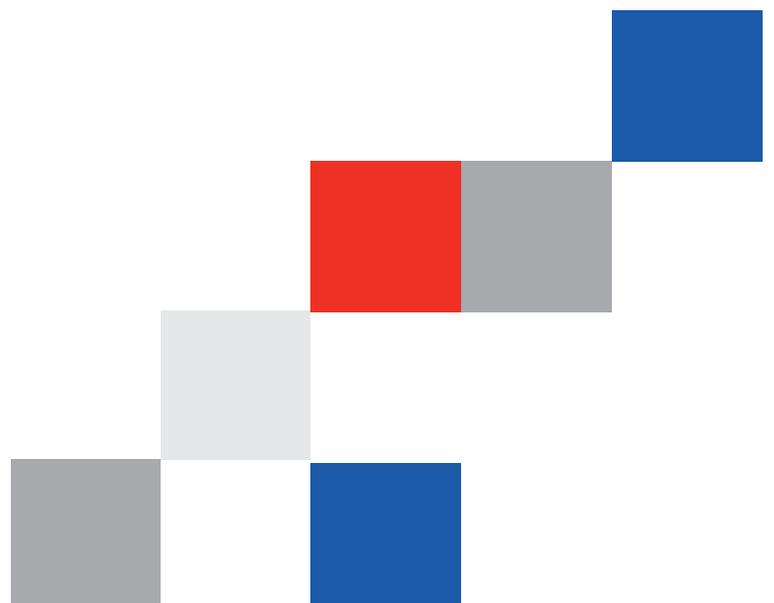
Research Grants Program

UTS:ACRI offers a research grants program to support the development of research by academics in UTS faculties and institutes across a variety of disciplines that will help inform Australia-China relations.

In 2022, four recipients were awarded UTS:ACRI Research Grants.

- **Dr Lai-Ha Chan**, UTS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, *Can like-minded unilateralism help Australia to defend itself from the China challenge?*
- **Associate Professor Grace Li**, UTS Faculty of Law, *Surveying Chinese students' attitudes to studying law in Australia*
- **Professor Kathy Walsh**, UTS Business School, *The impact of short selling on stock market manipulation in China*
- **Associate Professor Jianxin Wang**, UTS Business School, *China's financial opening and the risks and benefits for Australia*

Grant applications undergo strict and rigorous assessment by the UTS:ACRI Grants Assessment Committee. The Committee is comprised of academics with extensive experience and research credentials.





Institute Operating Principles

UTS:ACRI is a UTS entity providing rigorous and independent scholarly research and evidence-based analysis of the highest quality to key stakeholders in the Australia-China relationship, including the Australian public.

UTS:ACRI's day to day activities and the strategic actions of the Management Committee and Members are bound by UTS policies and procedures relating to academic integrity, independence and transparency.

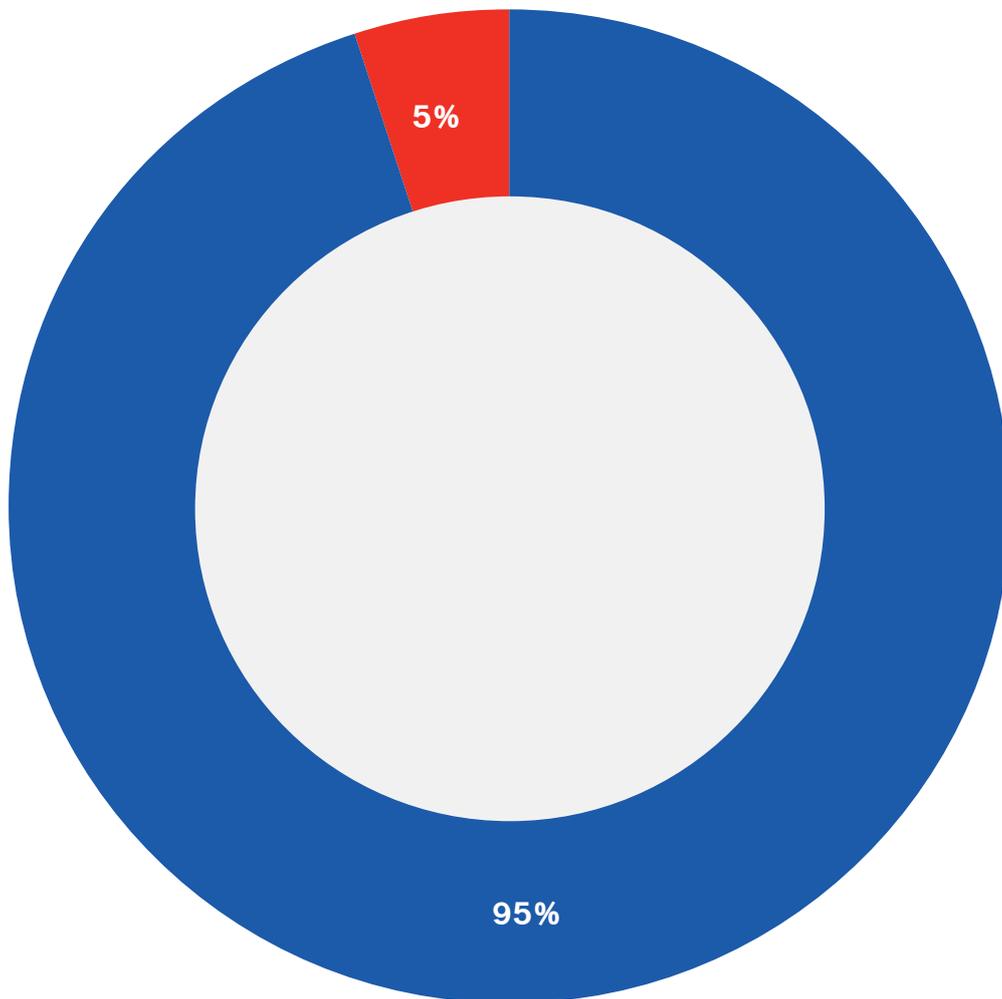
Key UTS policy instruments relating to the work of UTS:ACRI include:

- Code of Conduct
- Expression and Practice of Religious, Political and Other Values, Beliefs and Ideas at UTS
- External Relations
- Gifts and Benefits
- Honorary Titles and Awards
- Invitations and Dignitaries
- Research Management

All policies are available online at:

<http://www.gsu.uts.edu.au/policies/index-a-z.html>.

Funding



■ UTS contributions ■ External contributions

UTS contributions \$1,323,413

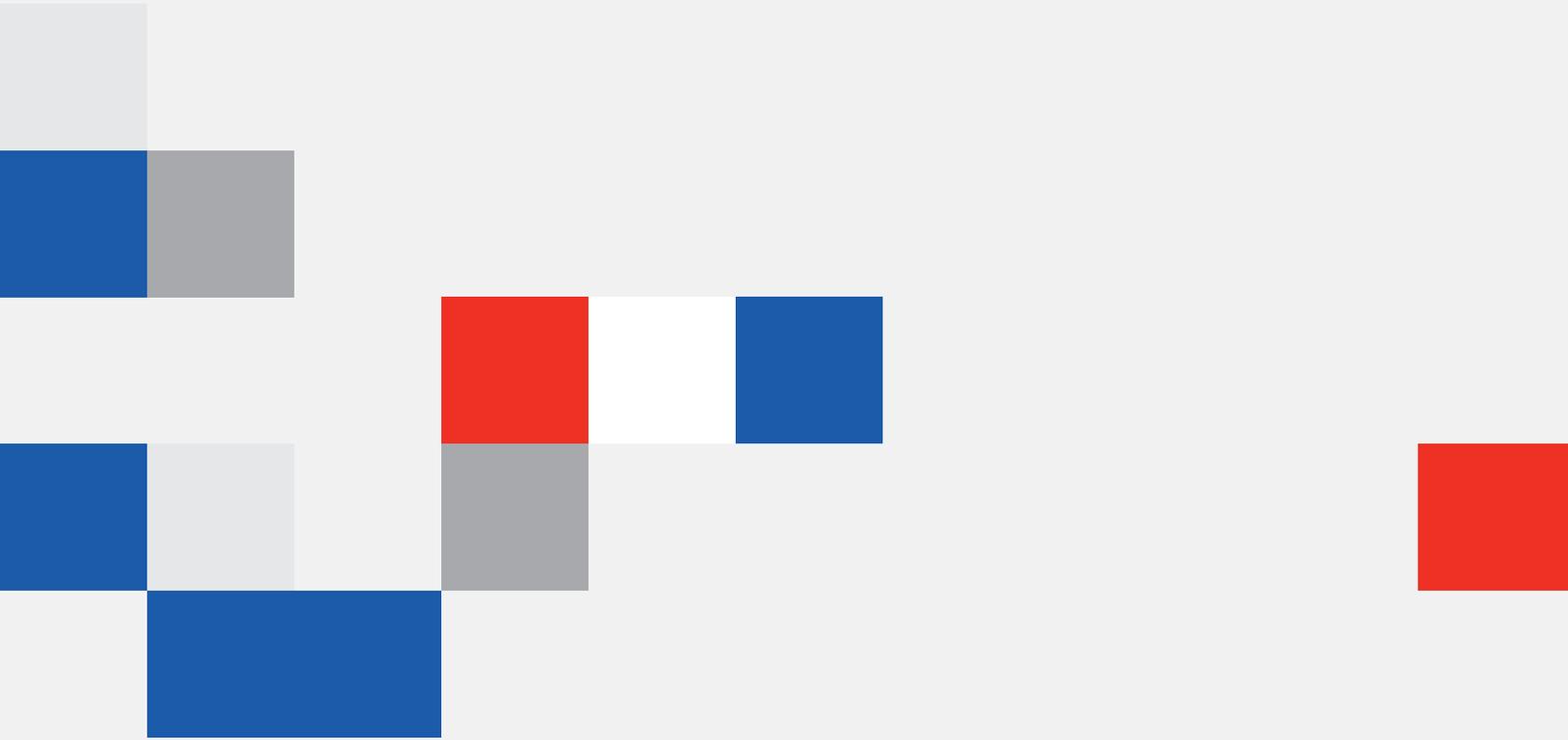
95 percent of UTS:ACRI's funding in 2022 was derived from contributions by the University of Technology Sydney.

External contributions \$75,819

5 percent of UTS:ACRI's funding in 2022 was derived from industry supporters. Industry contributions were received from China Construction Bank, John Holland, King & Wood Mallesons, MA Financial Group and the University of Birmingham.

UTS:ACRI receives funding from industry partners to support its mission to inform Australia's engagement with the PRC through research, analysis and dialogue grounded in scholarly rigour. Industry partners do not provide strategic direction nor do they shape or influence UTS:ACRI's research and other programs.

Total income \$1,399,232



Research and Analysis

Overview

Research is the basis on which UTS:ACRI seeks to inform Australia's engagement with the PRC. By uncovering facts and deepening understanding through undertaking and supporting evidence-based analysis, UTS:ACRI research serves to promote sound public and private sector decision-making, as well as raising the level of Australia-China relations literacy amongst the general public.

Traditional academic output such as scholarly journal articles and conference papers are complemented by a flow of research reports, polls, fact sheets, briefs and commentary pieces that explore contemporary developments.

In 2022 UTS:ACRI published:

 **29** journal articles

 **1** report chapter

 **2** analyses

 **3** book chapters

 **5** conference papers

 **4** briefs

 **1** poll

 **9** Australia-China monthly wrap-ups

 **1** fact sheet

 **3** major research reports

 **6** *Perspectives* series pieces

 **70** commentary pieces

(see 'Media & Public Commentary' for a full list)



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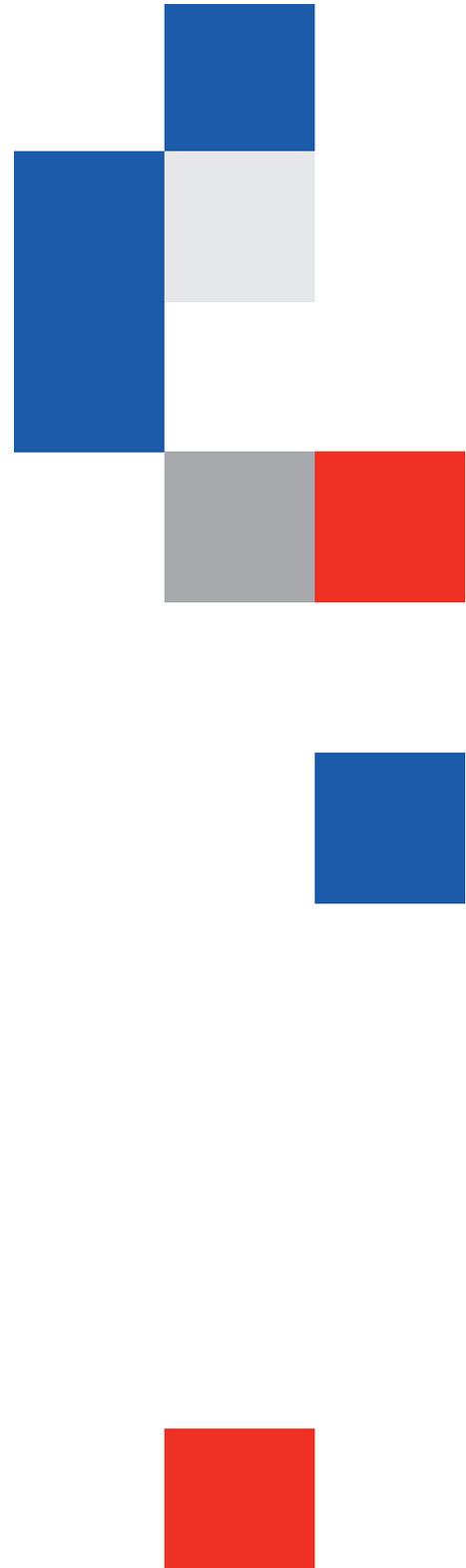
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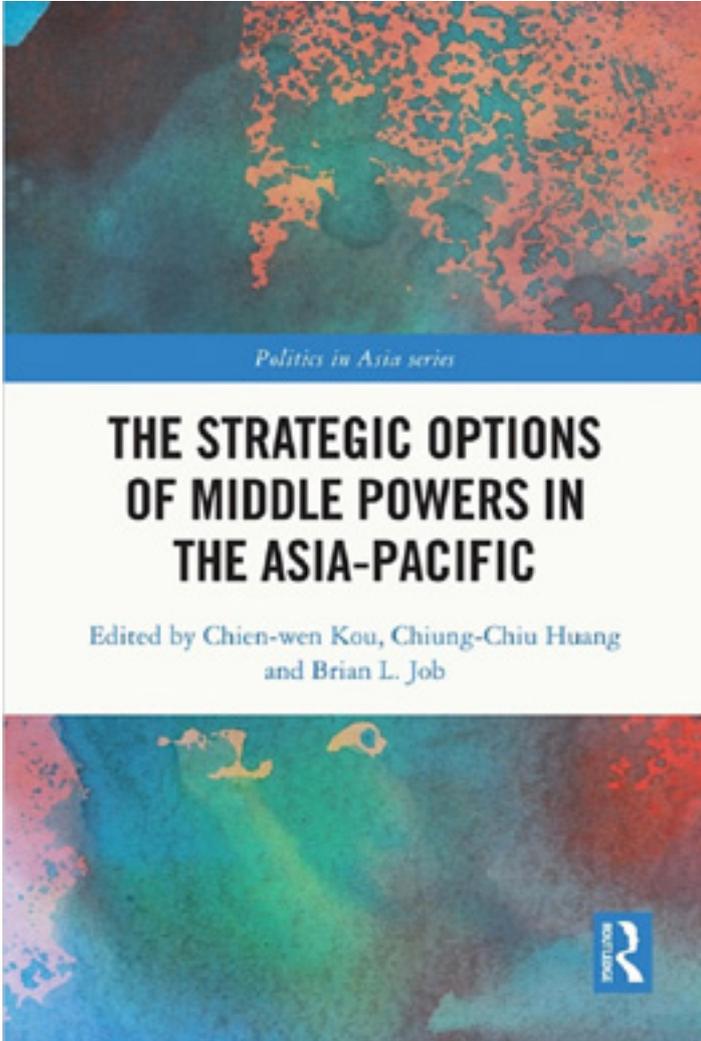
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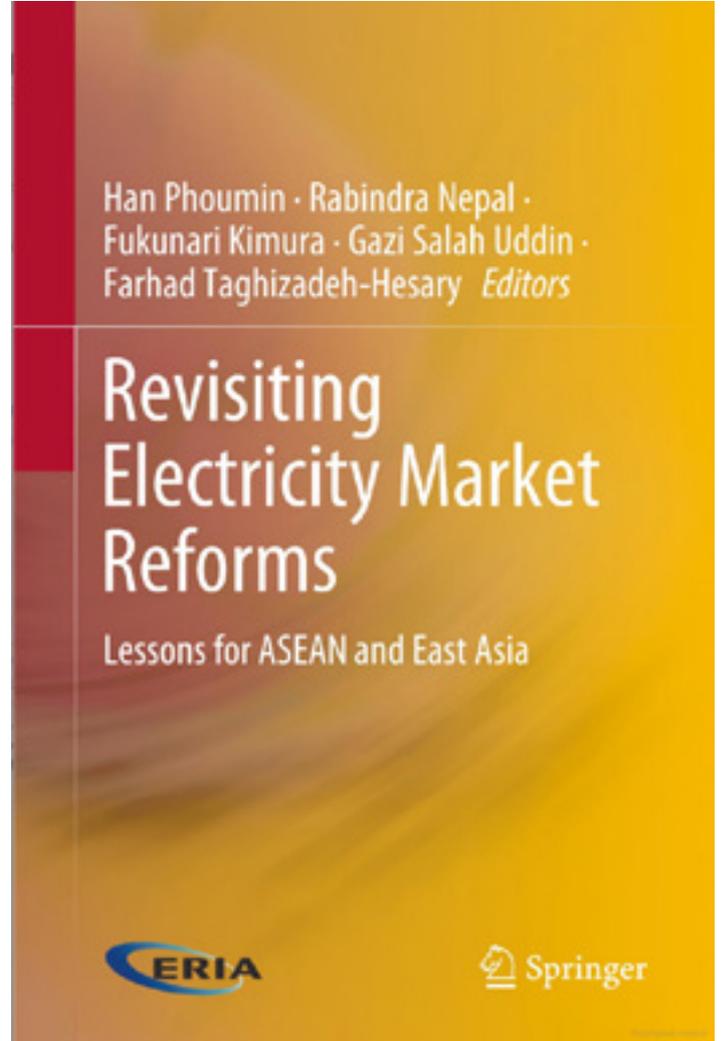




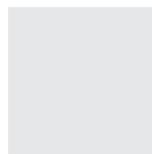
Book Chapters



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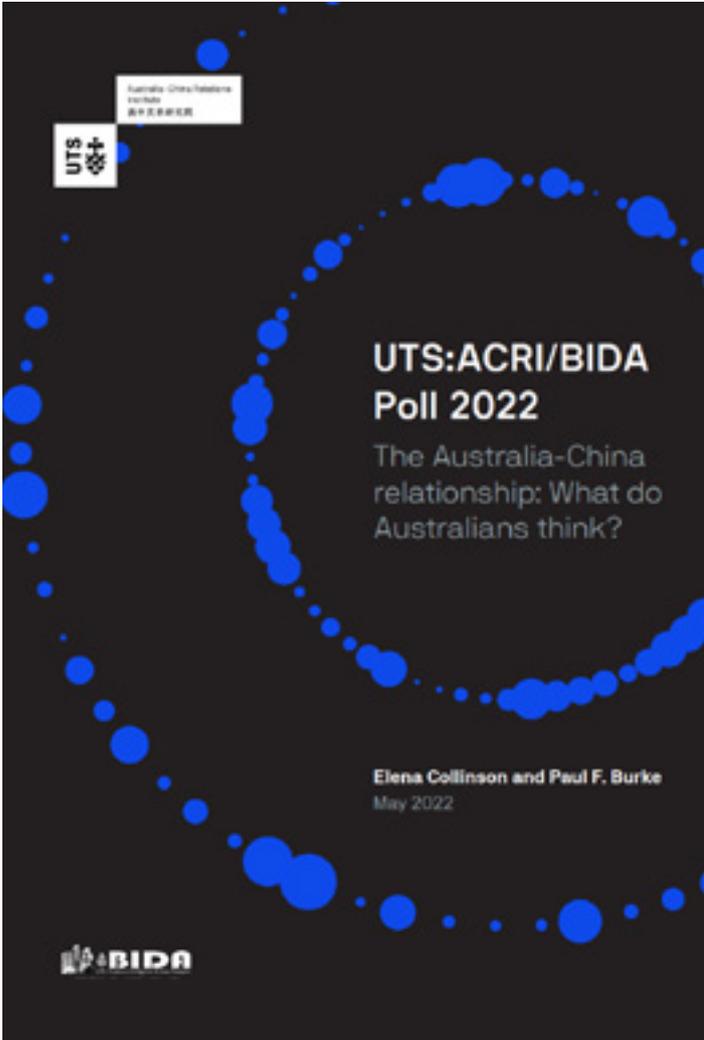


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Polling

UTS:ACRI/BIDA Poll 2022: Australian views on the Australia-China relationship



Elena Collinson and Paul Burke

May 12 2022

Now in its second year, the *UTS:ACRI/BIDA Poll 2022* by the Australia-China Relations Institute and the Centre for Business Intelligence & Data Analytics at the University of Technology Sydney takes the Australian public's pulse on current aspects of, and recent events in, the Australia-China relationship with a view to better understanding this immediate past and some of the trends which may shape its future.

It examines how views have changed since the inaugural *UTS:ACRI/BIDA Poll 2021* and lays out divisions in opinion within four demographic areas: age groups, state/territory of residence, geographical location (urban or rural) and how the respondent voted in the 2019 federal election.

The polling data show that public opinion with respect to Australia-China relations remains in a state of flux. The results do not paint a neat picture. But by their very complexity they play a critical role in charting the intricacies of the bilateral relationship and helping think through the challenges. All in all, they serve to underline that this is the most challenging period Australian diplomacy has faced since Japan threatened the East Asian order in the 1930s.



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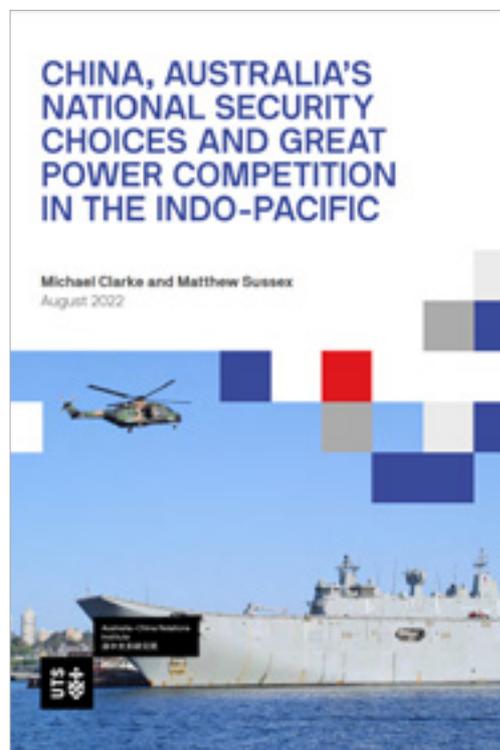


The China consensus: A pre-election survey of Coalition government and Australian Labor Party policies on the People's Republic of China

Elena Collinson

March 14 2022

In a detailed study, UTS:ACRI senior researcher Elena Collinson examines government and opposition approaches to national security and Australia's relations with the PRC, highlighting areas of convergence and divergence. The qualitative survey of 16 policy positions 'demonstrates that the incumbent Coalition government and the opposition Labor Party broadly coalesce on national security and, in particular, their respective approaches towards PRC policy.'



China, Australia's national security choices and great power competition in the Indo-Pacific

Michael Clarke and Matthew Sussex

August 8 2022

This report by Dr Michael Clarke, UTS:ACRI Adjunct Professor and a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Defence Research at the Australian Defence College, and Dr Matthew Sussex, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Defence Research, Australian Defence College, assesses Australia's current security and defence policy trajectory and examines what strategies Australia might pursue to serve its interests in the fractured and complex regional order emerging in the Indo-Pacific strategic space.

In making this assessment, the report traces the Sino-Australian relationship, identifying the main rationales for Canberra's decision to pivot away from the hedge posture it pursued under prime ministers John Howard through to Tony Abbott.

The report then re-examines Australia's past defence and security policy postures, focusing especially on notions of 'forward defence' and the 'Defence of Australia', but also incorporating newer attempts at regional coalition-building such as networked security and middle power diplomacy.



China-Russia cooperation in advanced technologies: The future global balance of power and the limits of 'unlimited' partnership

John Lee

November 3 2022

Author John Lee, director of the consultancy East West Futures, explores the impact Sino-Russian technology cooperation might have on the evolving international balance of power and implications for Australia. It provides an overview of collaboration across four broad fields: telecommunications, artificial intelligence and cyberspace; machine tools, 'fourth industrial revolution' applications and microelectronics; defence-oriented technologies; and uses of outer space.

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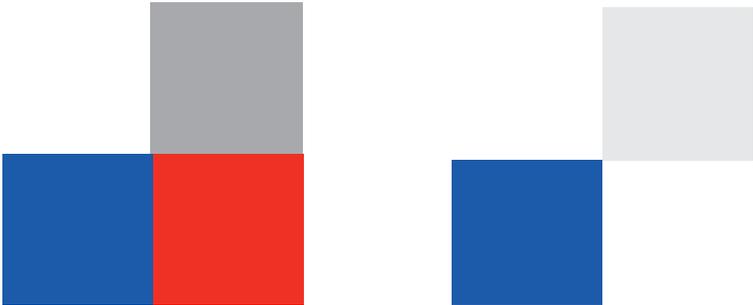
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- Tim Harcourt, *A tale of two Olympics - The economics of the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022*, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, February 4 2022.
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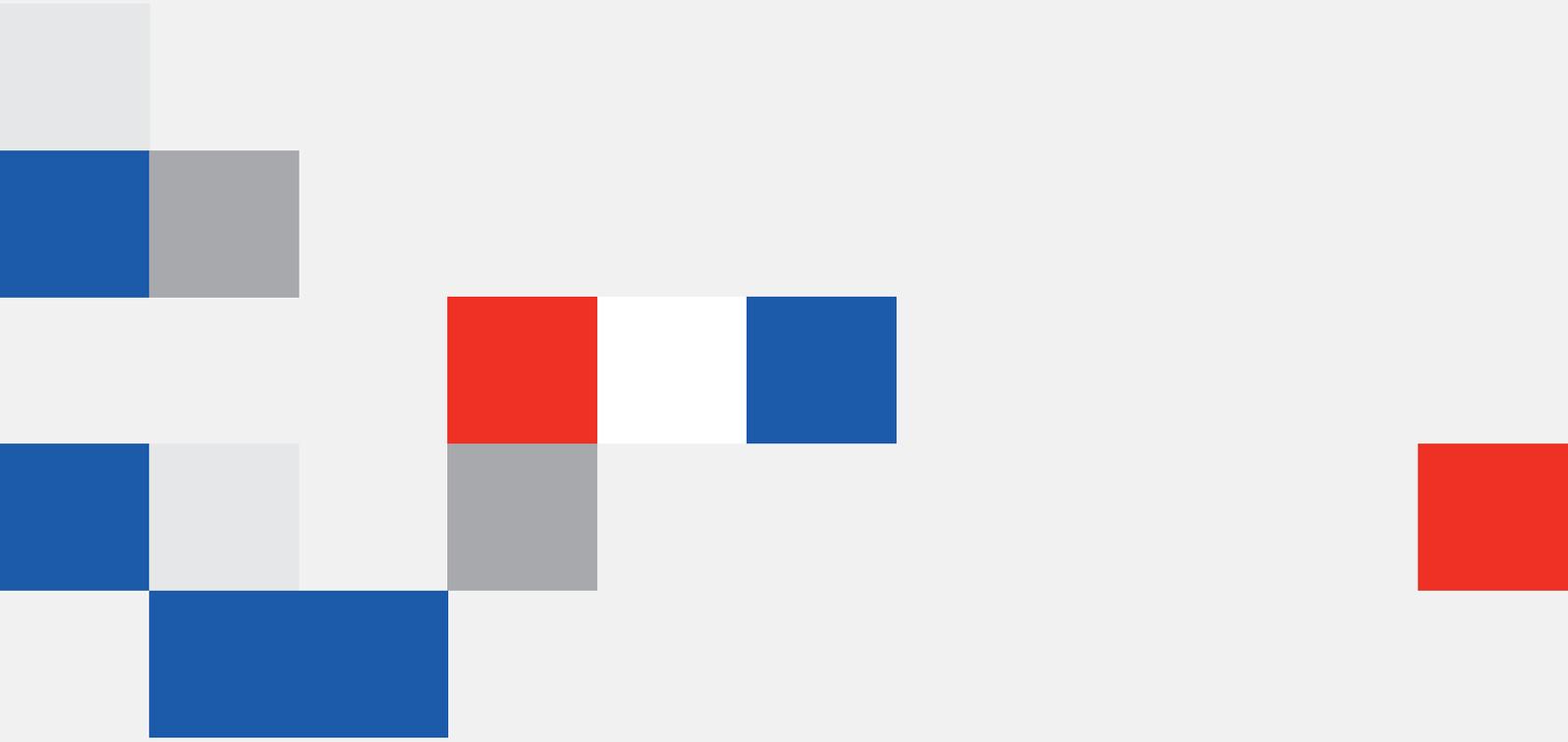
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Media and Public Commentary

Overview

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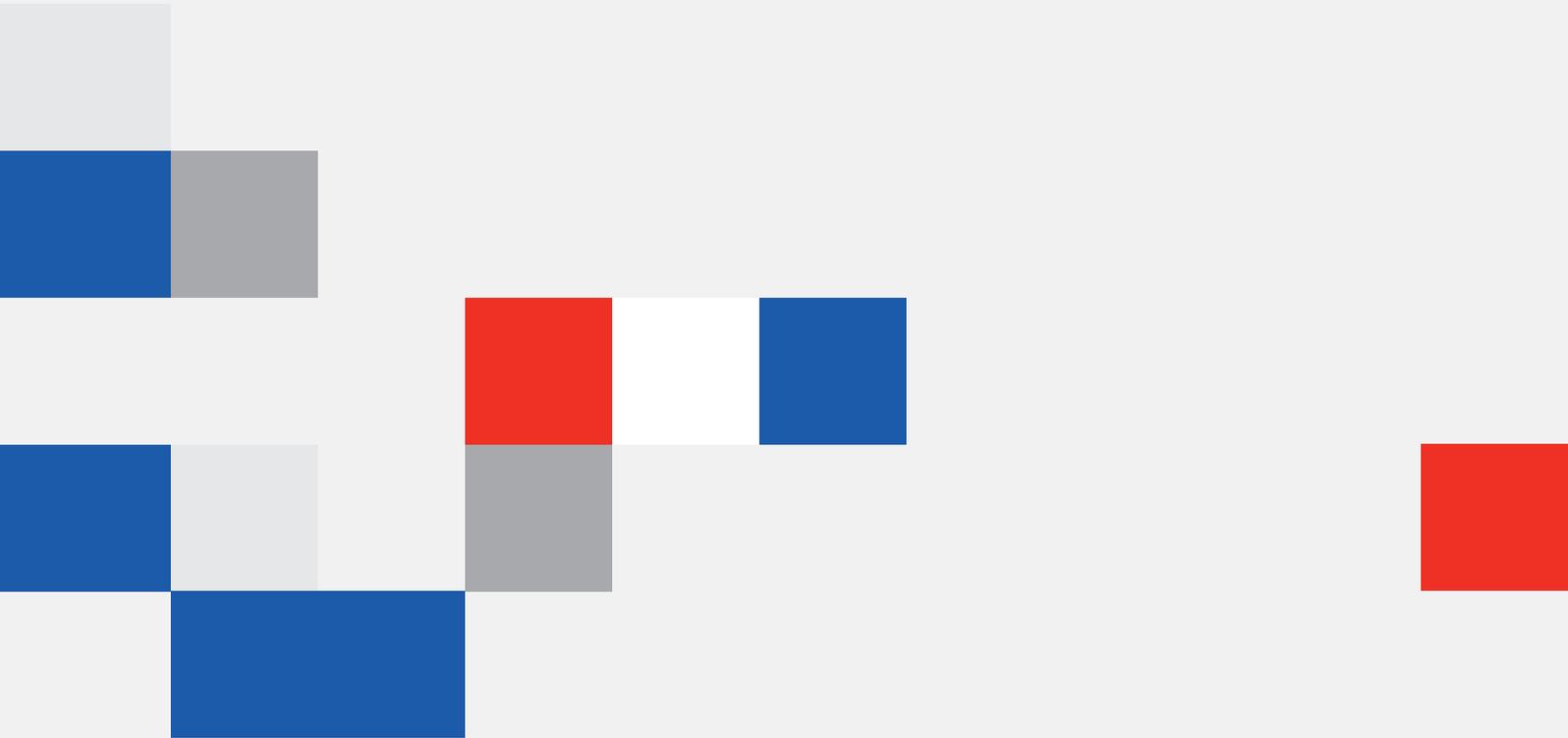
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Events

Overview

In 2022, UTS:ACRI hosted 13 events, including public addresses, panel discussions, roundtables and webinars.

The Institute's events were covered extensively by domestic and international media outlets, including *7NEWS*, the *Australian Associated Press*, *The Age*, the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation*, *The Australian*, *The Australian Financial Review*, *The Canberra Times*, *The Courier Mail*, *Daily Telegraph*, *The Diplomat*, *Financial Times*, *The Guardian*, *news.com.au*, *Reuters*, *SBS*, *Sky News*, the *South China Morning Post*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Times Higher Education* and *Yahoo News*, among others.



Events List



Australia-PRC relations in 2022 - Reflections and projections, February 9 2022, online

Panelists Dr Minglu Chen, senior lecturer in the China Studies Centre and the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney; the Hon Warwick Smith AO, Chairman of the Global Engagement Committee – Business Council of Australia and Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs; and Wang Feng, Editor-in-Chief for the Chinese-language portal of the *Financial Times*, joined UTS:ACRI Director James Laurenceson to discuss key developments in Australia's relationship with the PRC over 2021 and explore the outlook for 2022.



The Xinjiang Emergency – In conversation with Michael Clarke, March 2 2022, online

Dr David Brophy, senior lecturer on modern Chinese history at the University of Sydney, interviewed the editor of *The Xinjiang Emergency* (Manchester University Press, 2022), Dr Michael Clarke, UTS:ACRI Adjunct Professor and Senior Fellow at the Centre for Defence Research at the Australian Defence College. Their discussion touched on developments in the Xinjiang crisis since the book's publication; Australia's response and how it can further contribute to broader international action; whether the term 'genocide' can be applied to actions by the Communist Party of China; possible medium to long-term consequences for the PRC government, among other topics.

Roundtables: Australia-China research collaboration – challenges and opportunities, March 9 and 11 2022, UTS:ACRI and online

UTS:ACRI hosted two roundtables discussing the challenges and opportunities around research collaboration with the PRC under the Chatham House rule. Academics from Australian universities were invited to share their experiences with the process and outcomes from collaboration with PRC institutions and scholars.



The PRC's 2022 economic outlook – What Australia needs to know, April 27 2022, online

UTS:ACRI Director James Laurenceson moderated a discussion with panellists Professor Yiping Huang, Deputy Dean and Sinar Mas Chair Professor of Finance and Economics at the National School of Development at Peking University; Professor Jane Golley, UTS:ACRI Advisory Board member and Professor at the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University; and Su-Lin Tan, Asia correspondent for the *South China Morning Post*. The panel discussed the short and long term structural challenges facing the PRC's economy, the PRC's economic decision-making, and the degree to which fluctuations in Australia and the PRC's diplomatic relationship affects their trade relationship.



UTS:ACRI address: China's Ambassador to Australia, Xiao Qian, June 24 2022, UTS Great Hall and online

Ambassador of the PRC to Australia, His Excellency Mr Xiao Qian delivered an address on the state of relations between Australia and the PRC, focusing on 'five major areas where it is important for China and Australia to make joint efforts.' His address was preceded by a welcome speech by Professor Andrew Parfitt, Vice-Chancellor and President of UTS, and was followed by a discussion with UTS:ACRI Director Professor James Laurenceson.

The discussion covered Beijing's response to Canberra's call for an independent, international inquiry into the origins and global spread of COVID-19, the 14-point list that became known as the 14 demands or 14 grievances, Australian concerns that the PRC's political system gives it an unfair advantage in relationship dealings, Beijing's trade actions against numerous Australian export sectors, the arrest and continuing detention of Australian citizens Cheng Lei and Dr Yang Hengjun, the plight of Uyghurs in Xinjiang, and the state and trajectory of the Australia-PRC relationship in the lead up to the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Australia and the PRC.





The fourth ISETS energy transition forum, June 29 2022, online

UTS:ACRI, in partnership with *Energy Observer* and the Collaborative Innovation Center for Emissions Trading System co-constructed by the Province and Ministry, co-hosted the fourth energy transition forum organised by the International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS).

The forum discussed how Australia and the PRC might navigate energy crises during the energy transition towards net zero over the next few decades with a focus on the electricity market.



Dreams of Flight – In conversation with Fran Martin, July 28 2022, online

Professor Fran Martin, author and Associate Professor and Reader in Cultural Studies at the University of Melbourne joined UTS:ACRI Adjunct Professor Louise Edwards to launch her book *Dreams of Flight* (Duke University Press, 2022). Professor Martin was interviewed on the experiences of female students from China in Australian universities; their aspirations to leverage educational advantages to overcome gender bias, and their struggles to negotiate the discovery of agency in Australia and parental and societal pressures from home.



Book launch – *Australia's China Odyssey*, August 3 2022, UTS Chancellery

Mr Dennis Richardson AC, former Secretary of the Department of Defence, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Director-General of the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and Ambassador of Australia to the United States, launched historian and *Australian Financial Review* columnist Professor James Curran's new book *Australia's China Odyssey: From Euphoria to Fear* (NewSouth, 2022). Mr Iain Watt, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) at UTS delivered a welcome speech.

Australia's China Odyssey explores the crucial and complicated relationship between Australia and the PRC through the prism of the prime ministers who have handled relations with Beijing since Whitlam in 1972. As noted by the speakers on the evening, the book injects informed historical insights, nuance and national introspection into modern Australia's discussion of Australia-PRC relations.





Between a rock and a hard place: What can Australia do as US-PRC rivalry intensifies?, September 14 2022, online

This UTS:ACRI webinar featured a presentation by Professor Zhiqun Zhu, Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Bucknell University, US, and currently a US Fulbright Scholar based at Griffith University. Professor James Laurenceson, UTS:ACRI Director, then moderated a discussion with Professor Zhu and Dr Lai-Hai Chan, UTS:ACRI Research Associate and Senior Lecturer in the Social and Political Sciences Program, School of Communication at UTS.

Professor Zhu's presentation outlined different ways in which Australia might be able to confront strategic challenges posed by growing superpower rivalry, including by reaching out to other middle powers in the region to help empower its agency and play an active role in mitigating tensions.

In the discussion that followed, Dr Chan spoke about the scale of the challenges facing Canberra and the obstacles it may meet in trying to play a mediating role. Professor Laurenceson raised a number of questions to the panellists, including which nations in the region may provide a model for Australia to enjoy stable relationships with both powers.



Can the PRC's economy still become number one?, October 26 2022, online

This UTS:ACRI webinar featured a presentation by Professor Guanghua Wan, Director of the Institute of World Economy at Fudan University and former Director of the Department of Research at the Asian Development Bank. This was followed by a discussion moderated by UTS:ACRI Director Professor James Laurenceson.

Professor Wan's presentation discussed how the problems of deglobalisation, the ageing population of the PRC and rising geopolitical tensions, might impact on the trajectory of the PRC's economic growth and delay its expected assumption of the mantle of the world's largest economy. During the discussion attention was given to issues including the economic impact of Beijing's Covid-zero policy, automation and its effects on employment, the PRC's weak domestic consumption and structural imbalances, the uneven distribution of the benefits of globalisation, and growing trade confrontation with the US.



China-Russia cooperation in advanced technologies – Report launch, November 16 2022, online

John Lee, director of the consultancy East West Futures, delivered a presentation based on a report authored for UTS:ACRI, *China-Russia cooperation in advanced technologies: The future global balance of power and the limits of ‘unlimited’ partnership*, and was interviewed by UTS:ACRI Associate Professor – Research Marina Zhang.

Mr Lee’s presentation discussed key areas of advanced technology cooperation between the PRC and Russia in the context of heightening geotechnological competition, including in the areas of machine tools, defence-oriented technologies and space. The discussion touched on the motivations underlying cooperation, the impact of the Russo-Ukrainian war on the partnership and the prospects for the relationship moving forward.



50 years of Australia-China relations: Views from the envoys, December 7 2022, online

To reflect on how relations have fared in the 50 years since Gough Whitlam’s Labor government established formal relations with the PRC in December 1972., and where they may be heading, UTS:ACRI welcomed current and former ambassadors from both nations to mark the occasion.

His Excellency Mr Graham Fletcher, Ambassador of Australia to the PRC and His Excellency Mr Xiao Qian, Ambassador of the PRC to Australia delivered opening remarks, followed by addresses by Her Excellency Madame Fu Ying, former Ambassador of the PRC to Australia (2004-2007); Vice-Chairperson, the Foreign Affairs Committee of China’s 13th National People’s Congress (2018-2023) and Dr Stephen FitzGerald AO, former Ambassador of Australia to the PRC (1973-1976). Madame Fu and Dr FitzGerald were then joined in conversation by UTS:ACRI Director Professor James Laurenceson. The participants discussed their experiences, their assessment of the current state of the Australia-PRC relationship and prognoses for the relationship moving forward.





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