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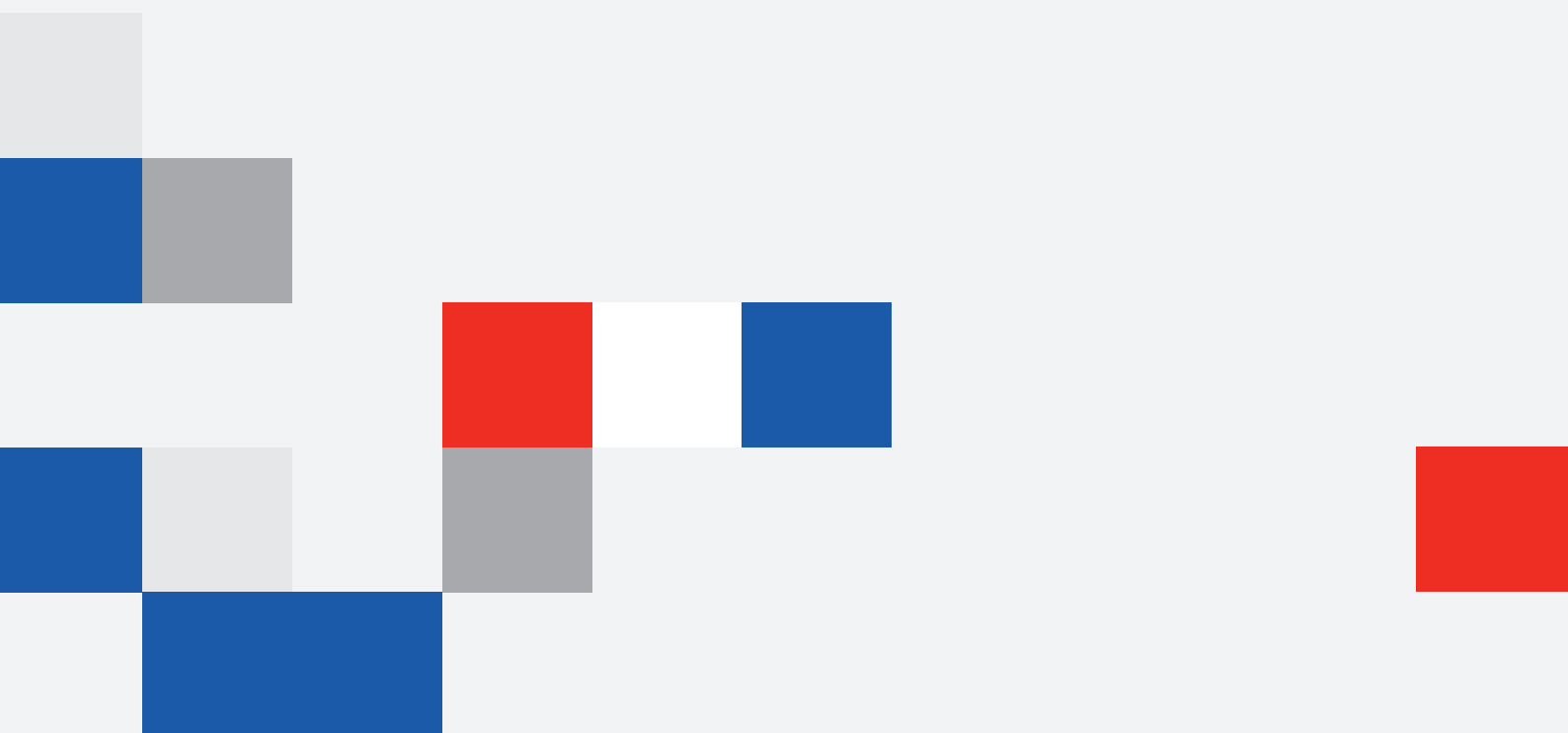
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About Us



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



In 2024, the Australian Labor government under the prime ministership of Anthony Albanese continued with its policy of stabilisation with respect to the People's Republic of China (PRC). Both Canberra and Beijing remained committed to engaging in dialogue and exchange, including a visit to Australia by the PRC's Premier Li Qiang in June, the first Australian parliamentary delegation visit to Beijing in five years in October and a meeting between Prime Minister Albanese and PRC President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G20 in Rio de Janeiro in November. Trade restrictions on a range of Australian exports imposed by Beijing in 2020-2021 formally ended with the rescinding of a de-facto ban on Australian rock lobsters in October, following the lifting of punishing duties on Australian wine in March and restrictions on beef in May. Bilateral trade more generally has remained robust, with Australian exports to the PRC in 2024 finishing at their second highest ever level and with the small decline compared with 2023 attributable to falling commodity prices. People-to-people ties have also remained vibrant, as evidenced by a 22 percent increase in Chinese student commencements and a doubling of tourist arrivals through to September 2024. Australian visitors to China also benefited from Beijing extending visa-free stays for Australian passport holders to 30 days.

Despite marked improvements it has by no means been all smooth sailing. A Beijing court imposed a suspended death sentence on Australian citizen Dr Yang Jun for national security-related charges in February 2024, and, more recently, a seven-year sentence was handed down in Hong Kong to the Australian democracy activist Gordon Ng. Australian officials also expressed deep concerns about unsafe manoeuvres that endangered Australian defence personnel operating in international waters in the Yellow Sea, and Canberra issued numerous statements criticising Beijing's bellicose behaviour in the South China Sea, its human rights abuses in Xinjiang and Tibet and erosion of rights, freedom and autonomy in Hong Kong. At present, none of these challenges, nor the two nations' ongoing disagreements on regional security, have altered

the fundamental trajectory of the Australia-PRC rapprochement.

Canberra has shown that it can skillfully balance its strong trade ties with the PRC and its close security partnership with Washington. The prosecution of this balancing act will be one of the issues to watch in 2025. While the Australia-US alliance is set to remain firm on the security front, the implementation of an extensive US tariff regime, flagged by President Donald Trump prior to his inauguration and now underway, and the prospect of Washington placing greater pressure on Australia to engage in efforts to economically decouple from the PRC, will amplify the diplomatic pressures on Canberra.

In 2024, the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS:ACRI)



hosted a range of events featuring prominent figures from government, industry, academia and media. Addressing diplomacy and foreign policy, UTS:ACRI convened a roundtable with a visiting delegation from the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs prior to the delegation's participation in the 8th Australia-China High Level Dialogue. The Institute also hosted a rich discussion on the present state and the future of Australia-PRC relations with then-Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate Simon Birmingham.

On the economic front, we hosted Shadow Trade Minister Kevin Hogan to share the opposition's views on the prospects for Australia-PRC trade. Joint efforts to address climate change was the central theme of the *Australia-China Energy Transition Forum 2024*, led by UTS:ACRI Research Principal Xunpeng Shi, in which experts and industry representatives from both countries discussed cooperation in the industrial chain of electric vehicles. The forum was supported by a grant from the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (NFACR), an Australian government initiative.

People-to-people and business exchanges and the complexities of Australia-PRC bilateral ties were the subject of a discussion featuring Australian journalist Cheng Lei, detained in the PRC for allegations of espionage, and her partner, Nick Coyle, a former CEO of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Beijing.

The area of security was addressed in March by a presentation from economist Peter Robertson, who introduced best in class methodologies for measuring the PRC's military rise. These concerns, as well as the potential for cooperation, were touched on in a discussion on the history and recent developments in Australia-PRC interactions in Antarctica.

Complementing the impact of these high-profile events were the timely, insightful and widely viewed contributions of UTS:ACRI scholars and honorary appointees. Reflective the breadth of the expertise UTS:ACRI brings to the table, these contributions covered a range of key issues including two-way trade, the Australia-PRC political relationship, critical minerals, science, technology and innovation, high-tech supply chains, green energy collaboration, media representations of the PRC, Australian-Chinese communities and social cohesion, Taiwan

Strait issues, strategic competition in the Pacific, defence, security and resilience planning, and the impact of great power competition and US-PRC tech wars.

In yet another highly productive year for UTS:ACRI, we published, in total, 29 peer-reviewed journal articles, one major research report, 11 conference papers/presentations, six analyses, two briefs, one factsheet, 89 commentary pieces and seven *Perspectives* pieces. We also released the fourth UTS:ACRI Poll, our flagship publication, in cooperation with the UTS Business School's Centre for Business Intelligence & Data Analytics (BIDA). Led by UTS:ACRI Manager, Research Analysis, Elena Collinson and BIDA Deputy Director, Paul Burke, the UTS:ACRI/BIDA Poll is the most in-depth survey of Australian public opinion on the Australia-PRC relationship.

2024 also saw UTS:ACRI scholars continue to be sought after contributors in prominent domestic and international media outlets. Among the wide list of publications which have published and broadcast the contributions of our experts in this year are the *ABC, Agence France-Presse, Associated Press, The Australian, Australian Associated Press, The Australian Financial Review, BBC, Bloomberg, Canberra Times, Channel News Asia, China Daily, CNN, Crikey, Deutsche Welle, The Diplomat, Financial Times, Forbes, The Guardian, Nature, Nikkei Asia, Reuters, The Saturday Paper, SBS, Sky News Australia, South China Morning Post, The Straits Times, Sydney Morning Herald, Times Higher Education, Voice of America, The Washington Post, and The West Australian*, as well as foreign-language mastheads based in the PRC, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and across Southeast Asia and Europe. UTS:ACRI experts also continued to deliver briefings to the Australian government and industry, in addition to members of foreign diplomatic corps and overseas research institutes.

In this spirit of engagement, UTS:ACRI Deputy Director Wanning Sun spent two months in the latter half of the year at the University of Pennsylvania as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Contemporary China. Professor Sun also crafted a media literacy module for use in a civics participation and media literacy course for members of Australian-Chinese communities delivered by the Chinese Australian Forum with support from the NFACR.



UTS:ACRI was delighted to welcome a new Advisory Board, chaired by the Hon Warwick Smith AO, former Chairman, Global Engagement Committee – Business Council of Australia, and continued to receive support from its industry partners, China Construction Bank, John Holland, King & Wood Mallesons and MA Financial Group. The Institute continued to support the work of UTS academics, awarding eight research grants and welcoming new members to our network of research associates.

Again, I feel that I can proudly state that UTS:ACRI has lived up to its founding values and has delivered in its 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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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.



The Hon. Warwick Smith AO
(Chair)

The Hon Warwick Smith AO is Chairman of the Advisory Board at Australian Capital Equity, holders of interests in Seven Group Holdings of which he is a Board Director, Seven West Media, Coates Hire, Beach Energy, WesTrac and Caterpillar industrial services and equipment in Western Australia and New South Wales. He is a Board Director at Estia Health Ltd, SGSPAA and Jemena Northern Gas Pipeline. He is the Chairman of Ord Minnett. He is the Chairman of the National Museum of Australia. With Rio Tinto, he is a China Advisory Panel Member and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. At the Business Council of Australia, he is the Chairman of the Global Engagement Committee. He has served as Chairman of the Australia-China Council for over 8 years and was the inaugural Chair of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations.



Ms Heidi Yaqi Han JP

Heidi Yaqi Han JP is a former journalist, community leader, and Head of Marketing and Communications of eBest Pty Ltd. Born in China and educated in New Zealand and Australia, she is an experienced multicultural media and communication professional in Australia, excelling as a bilingual journalist and specialist in cross-cultural communications. She has over a decade of impactful experience in community media, *SBS*, *The Australian*, and consultancy roles for major CALD marketing campaigns, events, and cultural policy. She has worked with organisations including the City of Sydney, Cultural Perspectives, and NSW Health, and with advertising and PR agencies such as Publicis and M&C Saatchi. She was a fellow of the Asialink Leadership Program and the Dr John Yu Fellowship and served as a committee member for the Australian Chinese Charity Foundation for over 12 years. Currently, she is a committee member of Chinese Australian Forum and Vice-president of the Australia Shandong Association.



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.



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.



Dr Angela Lehmann

Dr Lehmann is a leading voice in the Australia-China education and research relationship and has published widely on China-Australia's education relationship. She speaks regularly at conferences and symposia about international education and China-Australia higher education ties. Dr Lehmann is the Head of Research at The Lygon Group. She also holds the position of Vice President of the Australia China Business Council's Australian Capital Territory branch and has previously worked with Universities Australia in Canberra. Dr Lehmann was awarded a PhD in sociology from the Australian National University.



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.



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 Daojiong Zha

Professor Daojiong Zha is a professor of international political economy in the School of International Studies, Peking University, where he also directs a Center on Transnational Issues and holds a professorship in the University's Ocean Research Institute. He specialises in studying non-traditional security issues in China's foreign relations, with a particular focus on energy, food, and trans-boundary water issues. His recent research interest has expanded to political risk management for Chinese investments overseas, which took him on field trips to Africa, Australia, and Southeast Asia.



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 Greg Austin
China cyber and strategic policy
expert



Professor Louise Edwards
Emeritus Professor of Chinese History, School
of Humanities and Languages, University of
New South Wales; Honorary Professor, School
of Modern Languages and Cultures, University
of Hong Kong



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



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Former BHP Chair of Australian
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Visiting Scholars

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

Name	Institute	Research Topic	Start Date	Duration (Months)
Ming Chen	Beijing Institute of Technology	Economic cost and strategic choice for the achievement of carbon neutrality in China	17/04/2023	12
Xi Chen	East China Normal University	China-Australia Antarctic cooperation: Preservation and development	10/11/2023	18
Jinqi Mao	China University of Mining and Technology	Forecasting and regulation of coal power overcapacity based on multi-source heterogeneous data	22/09/2023	12
Shengpeng Wang	East China Normal University	The reshaping of global innovation patterns and China's strategic response in the context of unprecedented changes witnessed over a century	01/11/2023	12
Yanhui Wei	Shandong Technology and Business University	From surplus promotion to open symbiosis: Research on coevolution of sleeping patent sharing value	16/09/2024	12
Lei Zhang	PetroChina Planning and Engineering Institute	Recognition of competitive patterns in China's refined oil market	01/05/2024	3
Yibo Zong	Renmin University of China	Stranded assets in China: Regional heterogeneity and economic impact	16/11/2023	12





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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-PRC relations.

In 2024, eight recipients were awarded UTS:ACRI Research Grants.

- **Professor Mark Beeson**, UTS:ACRI, *Understanding China-Australia relations: Time for a quantum leap?*
- **Dr Lai-Ha Chan**, UTS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, *A new frontier in the South Pacific geopolitics: How Nauru's advocacy of deep-sea mining and resumption of diplomatic relations with China affect Australia's strategic interests?*
- **Dr Sameera Durrani**, UTS Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, *How does China challenge Australian soft power? Exploring regional playbooks of adversarial branding*
- **Professor Youguang Guo**, UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, *Analysing the role of electric vehicles in shaping the future Australia-China research and economic relationship*
- **Associate Professor Colin Hawes**, UTS Faculty of Law, *Comparing Australian and European perspectives and policies on Chinese in-bound corporate investment*
- **Associate Professor Kaveh Khalilpour**, UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology, *Electrifying tomorrow - Advancing cooperation in the industrial chain of electric vehicles in Australia and China*
- **Dr Minran Liu**, UTS:ACRI, *Revisiting Chinese-Australian perspectives on indigenous policies*
- **Professor Kathy Walsh**, UTS Business School, *RMB internationalisation and implications 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-PRC relationship, including the Australian public.

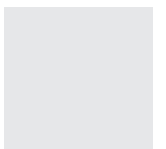
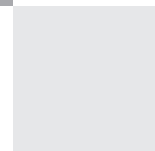
UTS:ACRI's day to day activities and the strategic actions of the Management Committee and Members are bound by UTS policies and procedures relating to academic integrity, independence and transparency.

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

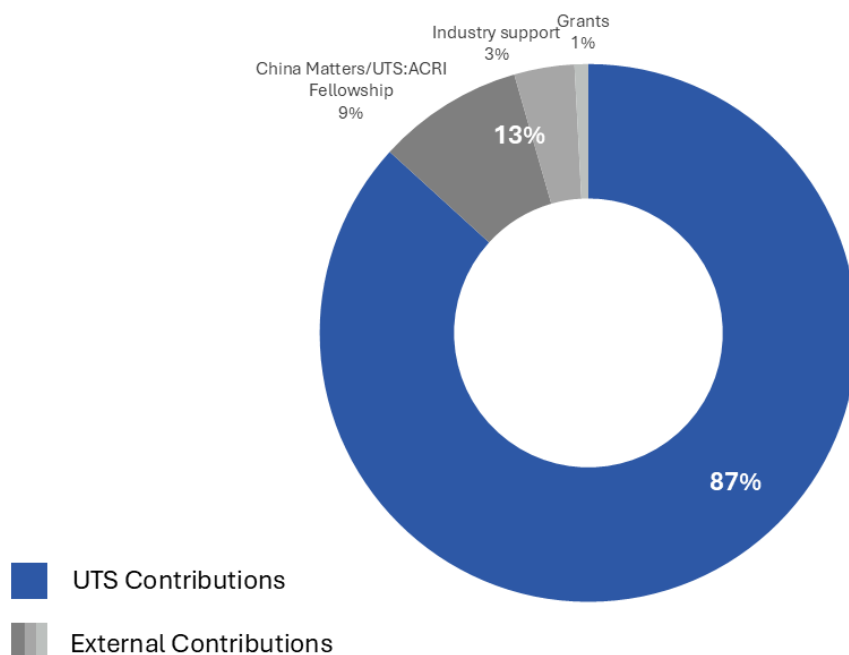
- Code of Conduct
- Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression
- Academic Integrity
- Industry Advisory
- Gifts and Benefits
- Honorary Titles and Awards
- Research Policy

All policies are available via UTS Governance online at:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/uts-governance/policies/uts-policy>.



Funding



UTS contributions \$1,657,903.78

87 percent of UTS:ACRI's funding in 2024 was derived from contributions by the University of Technology Sydney.

External contributions \$253,083.71

13 percent of UTS:ACRI's funding in 2024 was derived from external contributions from the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, the Australia China Business Council, China Matters, the Chinese Australian Forum NSW Inc, the Japan Institute of International Affairs and industry supporters.

Grants

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Industry support

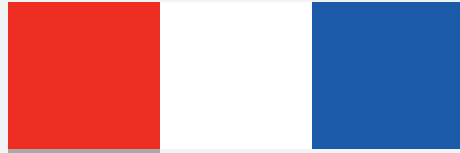
Industry contributions were received from China Construction Bank, John Holland, King & Wood Mallesons and MA Financial Group.

China Matters/UTS:ACRI Fellowship

Contributions were received from China Matters, an Australian policy institute, to maintain the China Matters/UTS:ACRI Fellowship, which commenced in 2024.

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

Total income \$1,910,987.49



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-PRC 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.

The analysis and conclusions in these publications are formulated independently by their authors. UTS:ACRI does not take an institutional position on any issue.

In 2024 UTS:ACRI staff published:

 **29** Journal Articles

 **11** Conference Papers and Presentations

 **1** Factsheet

 **1** Book Chapter

 **5** Australia-China Monthly Wrap-ups

 **2** Briefs

 **1** Poll

 **7** Perspectives Series Pieces

 **89** Commentary Pieces

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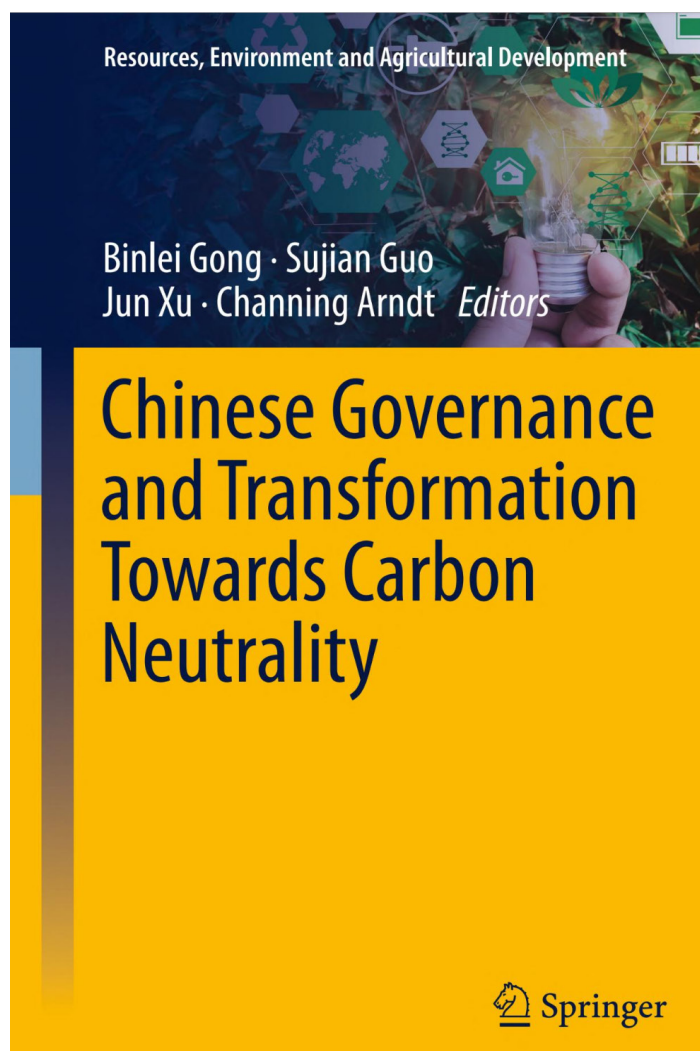
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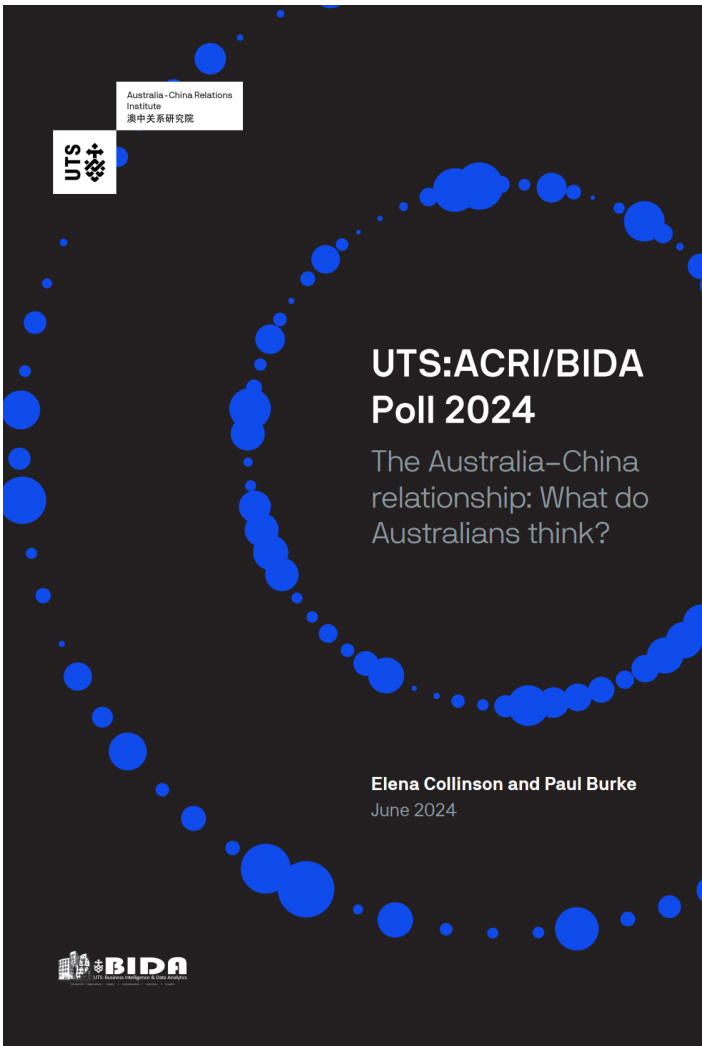
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Polling

UTS:ACRI/BIDA Poll 2024: The Australia–China relationship: What do Australians think?

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Professor Paul Burke

Now in its fourth year, the *UTS:ACRI/BIDA Poll*, authored by Elena Collinson, UTS:ACRI Manager, Research Analysis, and Paul Burke, Deputy Director of the UTS Business School’s Centre for Business Intelligence and Data Analytics, continues to provide policymakers and the public with a set of comprehensive insights into how Australians approach what is unquestionably Australia’s toughest foreign policy challenge in generations, the Australia-PRC relationship.

It gauges Australian public opinion on a number of aspects of the relationship between Australia and the PRC including:

- overall views on the relationship
- politics and political communication
- military and security
- the triangular Australia-US-PRC relationship
- trade and investment
- society
- university and research; and
- competition and cooperation in the region and beyond

It examines how views have changed over the years since the inaugural 2021 poll. It also tracks opinions in relation to five demographic areas: age groups, state/territory of residence, education, geographical location (urban or rural) and which political party the respondent voted for at the 2022 federal election.

This year’s results again reveal just how deep Australians’ mistrust of the PRC continues to be. The result is not surprising: recent experience with the PRC’s economic coercion and wolf warrior diplomacy can hardly be expected to be forgotten, even as Beijing’s punitive tariffs on Australian exports are gradually released and dialogue has resumed at the leadership level. A growing number of Australians believe that either the US or the PRC will force the country to choose between close relations with Washington or Beijing, but they are relatively evenly split on which of the great powers will force the issue. Another Trump presidency is deemed likely to render that dilemma more acute.

Research Reports

The China factor in Japan and South Korea's rapprochement: Implications for Australia

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THE CHINA FACTOR IN JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA'S RAPPROCHEMENT: IMPLICATIONS FOR AUSTRALIA

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Ms Elena Collinson

2023 saw the beginning of a marked improvement in Japan-South Korea relations, which for decades had been marred by historical animosities. This upward trajectory continued throughout 2024.

Coinciding with the early stages of the rapprochement, both nations' relationships with the PRC deteriorated on several fronts.

Soon after, the two nations moved closer to the US, reinvigorating a trilateral partnership focused on closer security and economic cooperation.

Corey Lee Bell, UTS:ACRI Project and Research Officer, and Elena Collinson, UTS:ACRI Manager, Research Analysis, examine the economic factors propelling Tokyo and Seoul's rapprochement, with a particular focus on the challenges the PRC poses to their electric vehicle and semiconductor industries.

The report also explores how competitive pressures from the PRC contributed to the reinvigoration of the two nations' trilateral partnership with the US, and discusses how Japan and South Korea's tech industry cooperation could provide new opportunities for exports, investment and technology transfer for Australia's critical minerals sector.



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James Laurenceson, 'China as an Australian critical minerals partner', presented at the *Supply Chain Policy Roundtable*, Australian National University, September 25 2024.

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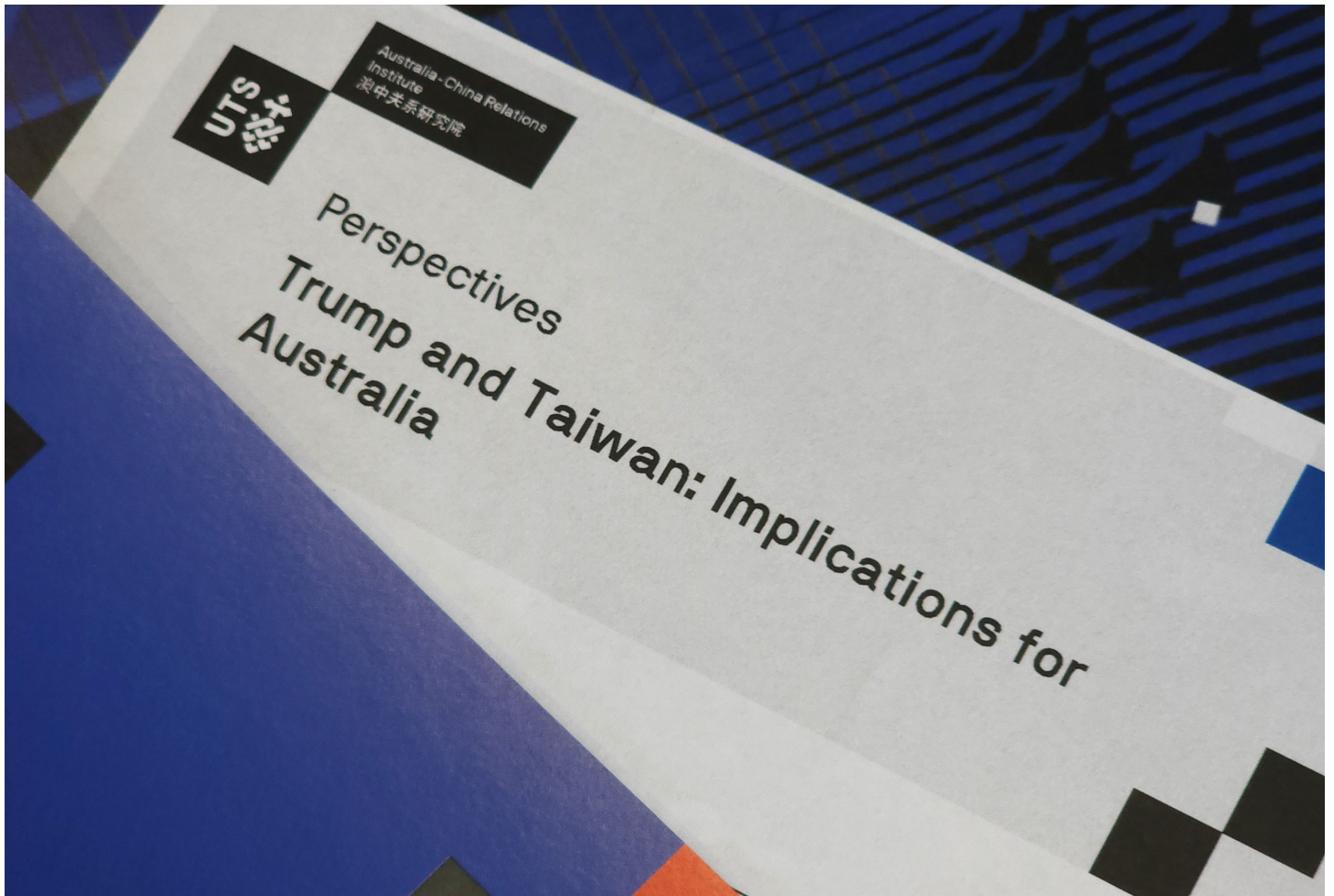




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- Corey Lee Bell and Elena Collinson, 'The Yellow Sea flare incident: Expect more of the same', Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, May 13 2024.
- Elena Collinson, 'The Harris-Trump presidential debate and the PRC', Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, September 11 2024.
- Corey Lee Bell and Elena Collinson, "'Made in America' can't steamroll American allies' tech industries', Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, November 4 2024.
- Kevin Magee, 'What does AUKUS mean for Taiwan?', Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, November 7 2024.
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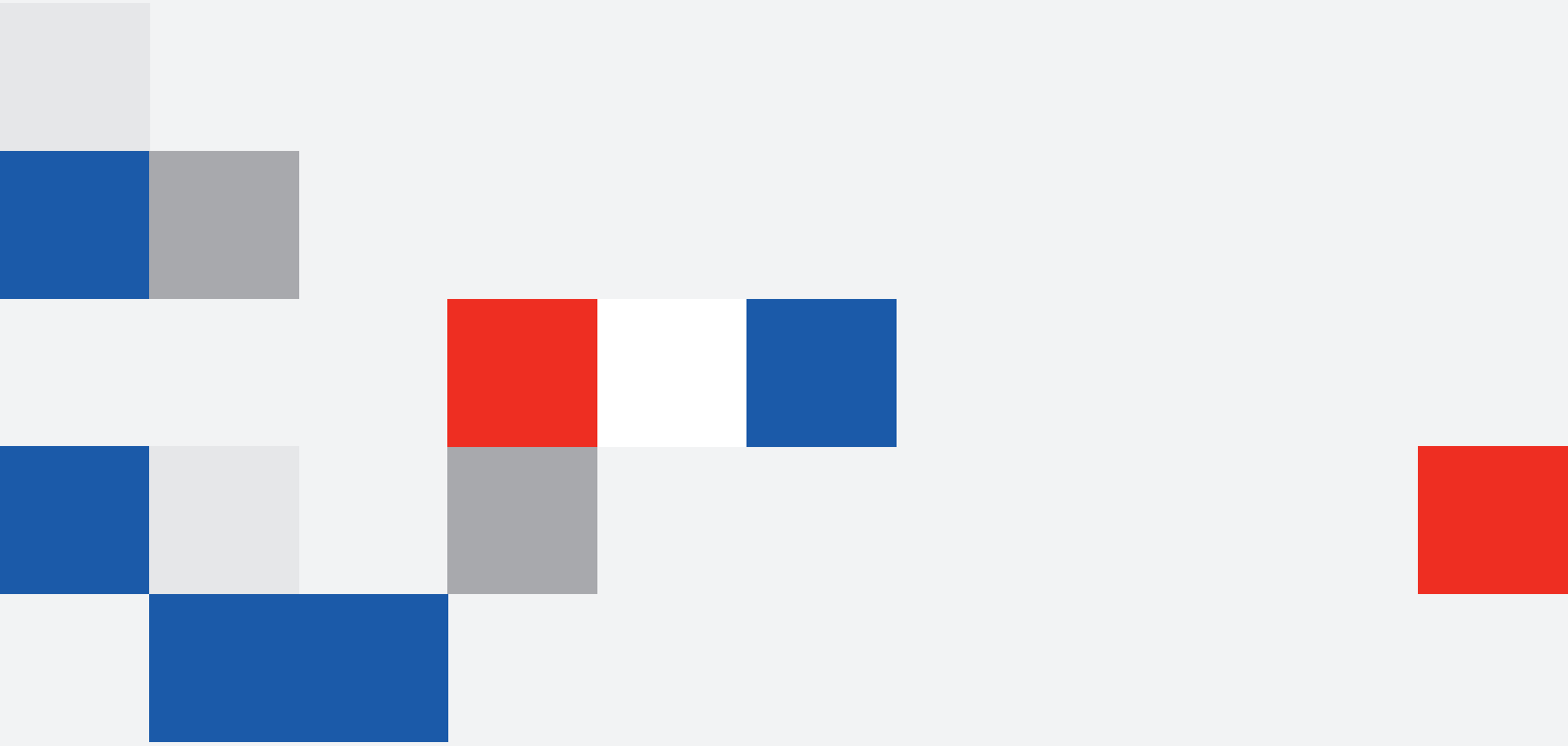
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- Wanning Sun, *Chinese-Australian and Chinese-American views on news: A comparative study*, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, December 16 2024.

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Media and Commentary

Overview

UTS:ACRI experts continued to contribute to analysis of Australia-China relations in the media. They provided comment on various aspects of the bilateral relationship to, and their research was reported on by a range of domestic and international media outlets such as: *2SER, 2GB, 9News, The Age, Agence France-Presse, the Associated Press, The Australian, the Australian Associated Press, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Australian Chinese Daily, Australian Defence Magazine, The Australian Financial Review, the BBC, Bloomberg, The Canberra Times, CGTN, Channel News Asia, China Daily, CNBC, The Conversation, Crikey, Deutsche Welle, Financial Times, Forbes, Global Times, The Guardian, InnovationAus, Le Monde, Nature, The New Daily, news.com.au, Nikkei Asia, Radio New Zealand, Reuters, The Saturday Paper, SBS, Sky News Australia, the South China Morning Post, the Straits Times, the Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney Today, Taipei Times, Times Higher Education, Voice of America, The Washington Post, The Wire China* and *Xinhua*, among others, including foreign-language mastheads based in the PRC, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and across Southeast Asia and Europe.

UTS:ACRI experts were also regular contributors to a wide range of publications, both in Australia and overseas. The list of published articles, featuring in policy forums and domestic media outlets, appears below.





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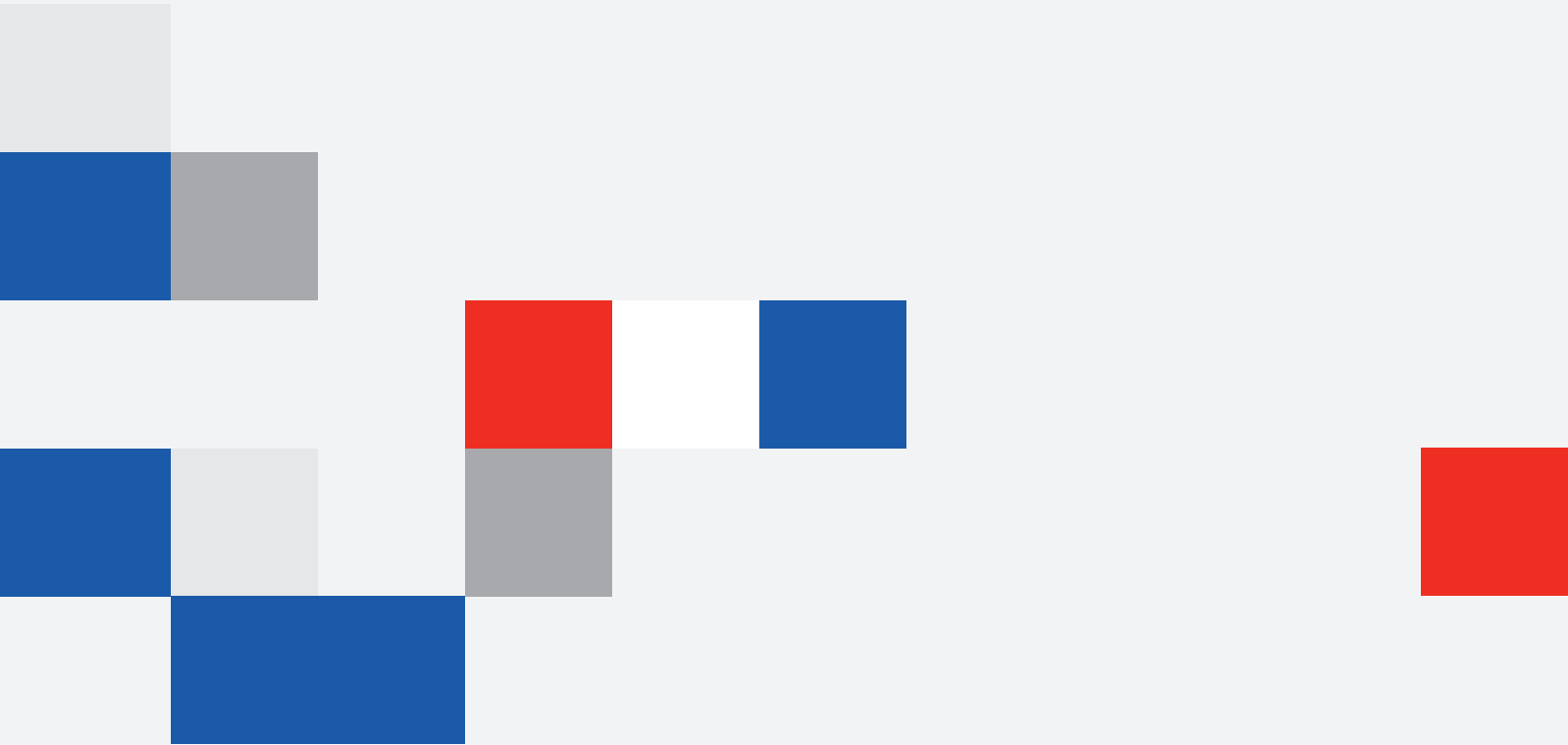
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Events

Overview

In 2024, UTS:ACRI hosted eight events, including public addresses, panel discussions, webinars and invitation-only roundtables:

- Measuring China's military rise and implications for Australia, March 7 2024
- Reassessing Australia-China ties in Antarctica, April 4 2024
- In conversation with Shadow Trade Minister Kevin Hogan on Australia-China trade, April 30 2024
- In conversation with Cheng Lei and Nick Coyle, July 3 2024
- Australia-China Energy Transition Forum: Electrifying Tomorrow - Advancing Cooperation in the Industrial Chain of Electric Vehicles, August 1-2 2024
- Roundtable with the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs visiting delegation, August 14 2024
- In conversation with Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, October 17 2024
- UTS:ACRI Research Roundtable, December 11 2024





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Measuring China’s military rise and implications for Australia, March 7 2024, UTS:ACRI and online

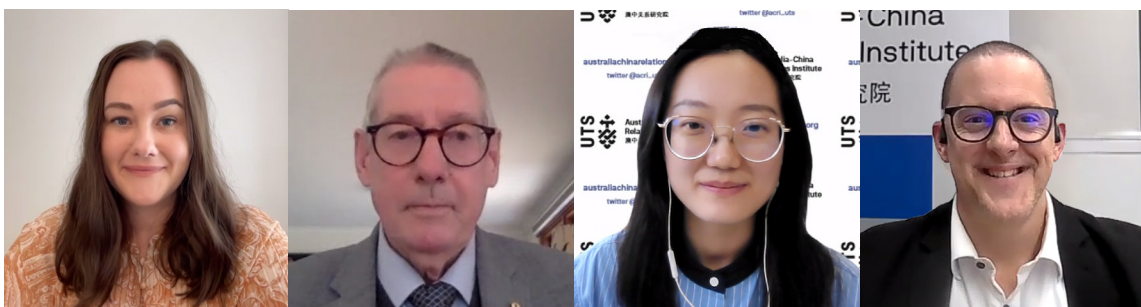
Professor Peter Robertson, Professor of Economics at the University of Western Australia, delivered a presentation on methodologies for measuring the PRC’s military rise before joining Professor James Laurenceson, UTS:ACRI Director, in conversation to discuss the PRC’s military spending, with a focus on how big its defence budget was in relation to the US’ and how fast it has grown, the PRC’s military spending in an international comparative context, Beijing’s strategic intentions and Australia’s navigation of the PRC’s military rise.



Reassessing Australia-China ties in Antarctica, April 4 2024, online

This UTS:ACRI webinar explored the past, present and likely future of ties between Australia and the PRC in Antarctica. Dr Elizabeth Buchanan, Senior Fellow at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute; Professor Tony Press, Adjunct Professor at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies and the Australian Antarctic Program Partnership at the University of Tasmania; and Ms Chen Xi, Research Fellow at the Australian Studies Centre at East China Normal University and UTS:ACRI Visiting Scholar participated in a panel discussion moderated by Professor James Laurenceson, UTS:ACRI Director.

During the discussion attention was given to topics including the the history of cooperation between Australia and the PRC in Antarctica, the PRC’s plans and activities on the continent and the challenges these present, contradictions in the Antarctic Treaty System, and the potential for broader geopolitical tensions to spill over into the Antarctic region.



In conversation with Shadow Trade Minister Kevin Hogan on Australia-China trade, April 30 2024, Aerial UTS Function Centre and online

The Hon Kevin Hogan, Shadow Minister for Trade and Tourism, delivered an address before joining Professor James Laurenceson, UTS:ACRI Director, in conversation.

Mr Hogan's speech touched on the complementary nature and economic importance of Australia's trade relationship with the PRC, while addressing the diplomatic hurdles the two countries have navigated in recent years. The discussion between Mr Hogan and Professor Laurenceson focused on Australia's management of Beijing's trade disruptions, the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement, the importance of the World Trade Organization dispute resolution process, trade diversification strategies and foreign investment review processes.





In conversation with Cheng Lei and Nick Coyle, July 3 2024, Australia-China Relations Institute and online

Cheng Lei, *Sky News Australia* journalist, and Nick Coyle, former CEO of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Beijing (2013-2021), joined Glenda Korporaal, UTS:ACRI Adjunct Industry Fellow and columnist for *The Australian*, in conversation to share their insights on a range of issues pertinent to Australia's relationship with the PRC, drawn from lived experience and observation.

Among the topics discussed were Ms Cheng's detention by Beijing and eventual release and return to Australia, a changing PRC, the role of diplomacy in bilateral relations, foreign interference, people-to-people links and the challenges facing Australian businesses in the PRC.





Australia-China Energy Transition Forum: Electrifying Tomorrow – Advancing Cooperation in the Industrial Chain of Electric Vehicles, August 1-2 2024, UTS Business School and online

The need to address climate change and engage in sustainable development is becoming more urgent and represents major challenges on a global scale. Given Australia and the PRC's pivotal roles in addressing these issues, the Australia-China Energy Transition Forum (ACETF) was established as an annual platform dedicated to facilitating discourse and collaboration in this critical domain.

The inaugural ACETF, *Electrifying Tomorrow: Advancing Cooperation in the Industrial Chain of Electric Vehicles*, brought together participants from Australia and the PRC to address the multifaceted aspects of electric mobility, including critical minerals supply chains. It aimed to uncover opportunities, navigate challenges and highlight the collaborative efforts essential for the successful adoption and integration of electric vehicles in Australia and the PRC.

The ACETF 2024 was co-hosted by UTS and the International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS) and organised by UTS:ACRI and the Faculty of Engineering and IT at UTS. The event received sponsorship from China Construction Bank and was supported by the UTS Business School.







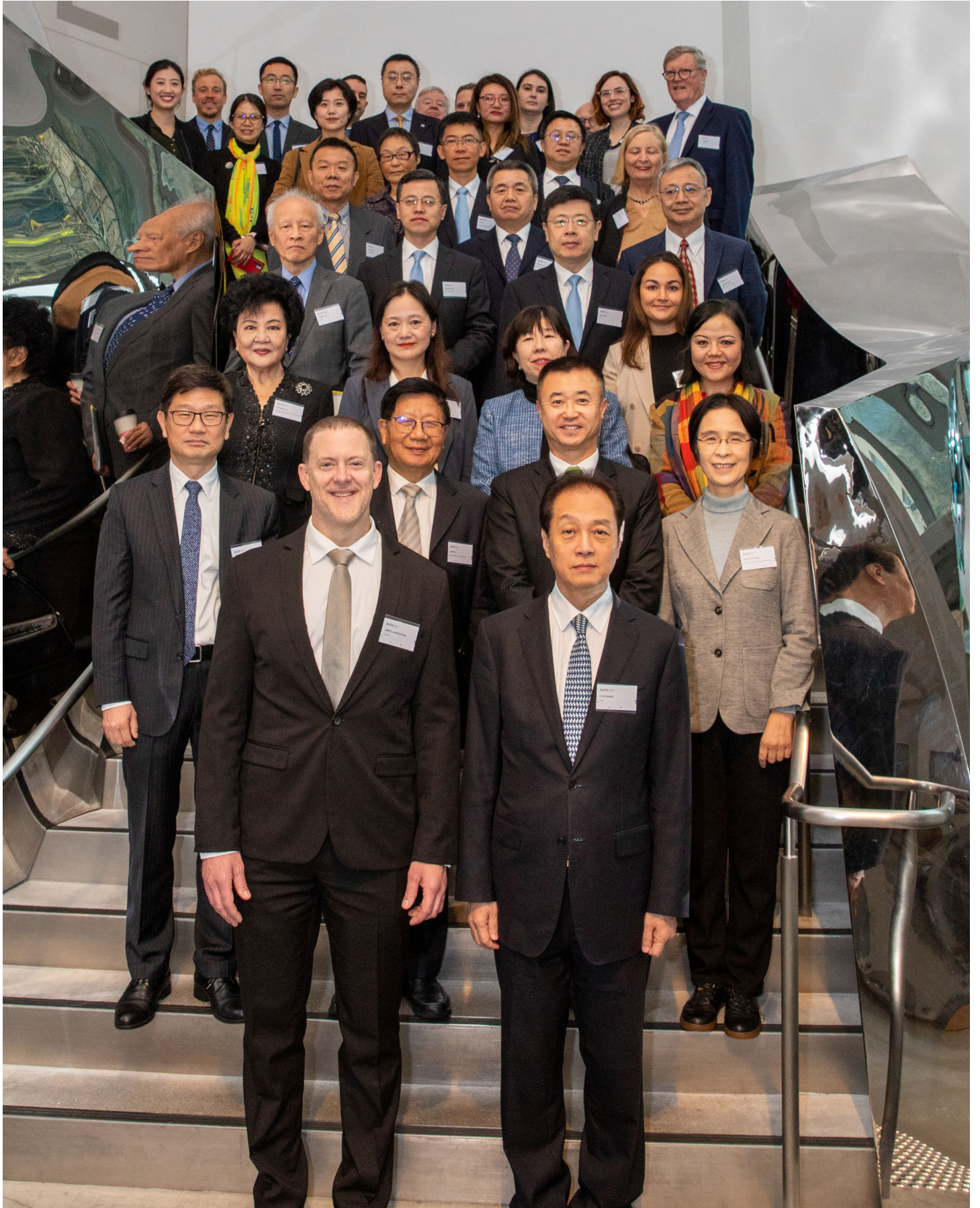
Roundtable with the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs visiting delegation, August 14 2024, UTS Business School

Last year saw the re-establishment of the Australia-China High Level Dialogue, a 1.5 track exchange of perspectives that brings together senior representatives from industry, government, academia, media and the arts.

The 8th Australia-China High Level Dialogue was in August 2024 held in Adelaide. Prior to the Dialogue, UTS:ACRI hosted a roundtable discussion with the visiting PRC delegation in Sydney.

The roundtable aimed to delve into a wide range of bilateral issues concerning Australia and China, with the goal of fostering mutual understanding and cooperation. The discussion was held under the Chatham House Rule.







In conversation with Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, October 17 2024, MA Financial Group and online

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, Australia's Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, delivered an address setting out the federal opposition's approach to relations between Australia and PRC before joining Professor James Laurenceson, UTS:ACRI Director, in conversation.

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UTS:ACRI Research Roundtable, December 11 2024, UTS:ACRI

UTS:ACRI hosted a research roundtable featuring presentations by UTS:ACRI research grant recipients. These included:

- ‘Surveying Chinese students’ attitudes to studying law in Australia’, by Associate Professor Grace Li, UTS Faculty of Law
- ‘Revisiting Chinese-Australian perspectives on indigenous policies’, by Dr Minran Liu, UTS:ACRI Adjunct Fellow
- ‘Analysing the role of electric vehicles in shaping the future Australia-China research and economic relationship’, by Professor Youguang Guo, UTS Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

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







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