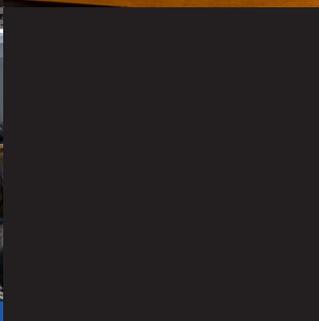




# ACRI Annual Report 2018



**UTS:ACRI**  
AUSTRALIA-CHINA RELATIONS INSTITUTE  
澳大利亚-中国关系研究院

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# About us

## Overview

In 2014, the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) established the Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI) as an independent, non-partisan think tank to illuminate the Australia-China relationship. ACRI was formally launched by Australian Foreign Minister the Hon Julie Bishop.

Chinese studies centres exist in other universities. The Australia-China Relations Institute, however, is the first think tank devoted to the study of the relationship of these two countries.

The Prime Minister who opened diplomatic relations with China, Gough Whitlam, wrote in 1973: 'We seek a relationship with China based on friendship, cooperation and mutual trust, comparable with that which we have, or seek, with other major powers.' This spirit was captured by the 2014 commitments by both countries to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and the 2015 signing of a Free Trade Agreement.

The Australia-China Relations Institute is building an energetic platform that offers:

- a rich calendar of events;
- a flow of fact sheets and briefings;
- sponsorship of visits to Australia by overseas policymakers and experts;
- research papers from academics;
- public analysis in the media from the Director, Deputy Director and other staff;
- collaboration with think tanks and universities in Australia and around the world; and
- polling of Australian and Chinese public opinion.

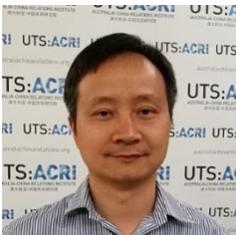
## Our people



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Director and Professor  
in International  
Relations



**James Laurenceson**  
Deputy Director and  
Professor



**Xunpeng Shi**  
Principal Research  
Fellow



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Research Officer



**Daniel Bolger**  
Public Programs  
Manager



**Ming Liang**  
Institute Officer



**Simone van  
Nieuwenhuizen**  
Project and Research  
Officer

## Management Committee

ACRI's Management Committee monitors the Institute's activities and performance, and approves the budget and strategic direction of ACRI's research and other programs. The Management Committee is headed by UTS Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (International) Professor Iain Watt and comprises Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Kate McGrath; Vice President, Global Partnerships and Director, UTS International Leo Mian Liu; ACRI Director Professor the Hon Bob Carr; ACRI Deputy Director Professor James Laurenceson; and UTS Law Faculty Associate Professor and Director of Courses Colin Hawes.

## Advisory Board

ACRI established its Advisory Board in 2016. It meets up to four times a year.

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

Members of the Advisory Board are appointed by the Director for a three-year term in the first instance with the possibility of extension. Invitations to join the Advisory Board are extended to a select group of internationally renowned academics, senior diplomats and thought leaders who have expertise and influence in their professions.

Advisory Board members are:

### Chair

- The Hon Philip Ruddock, Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

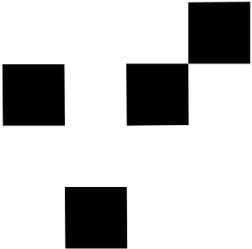
### Members

- Professor the Hon Bob Carr, Director, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney
- Mr Edmund Capon AM OBE, Adjunct Professor, University of Technology Sydney
- Professor Jocelyn Chey AM, Adjunct Professor, Australia-China Institute for Arts and Culture, Western Sydney University
- Mr Berkeley Cox, Chief Executive Partner, King & Wood Mallesons
- Dr Jane Golley, Acting Director, Australian Centre on China in the World, Australian National University
- Mr Joseph Law, CEO, Rodarick Corporation
- Mr Leo Mian Liu, Vice President, Global Partnerships and Director, UTS International, University of Technology Sydney
- Professor David Michalk, Adjunct Professor, Charles Sturt University
- Mr Warren Mundine AO, Chairman & Managing Director, Nyungga Black Group
- Mr Ian Robertson, Managing Partner, Holding Redlich

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- Mr James White, Portfolio Manager, Lessip Investment Management
  - Dr Gary Willinge, Managing Director, Cbridge Limited, Hong Kong
  - Dr Jingdong Yuan, Associate Professor, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney



## Chairman's Council



The Chairman's Council comprises chief executives, chairpersons or senior executives of industry. Membership is by invitation only.



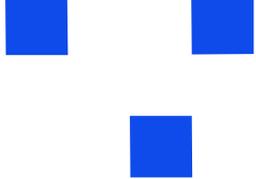
On at least four occasions a year its members are invited for privileged boardroom briefings from senior business leaders, diplomats and political leaders and academics on aspects of the Australia-China relationship. Members of the Chairman's Council also receive monthly economic updates.

The Chairman's Council does not provide strategic direction and does not shape or supervise ACRI's academic activities and academic pursuits.

Chairman's Council members include:

- Ashurst
- Bank of China
- Bloomberg
- China Construction Bank
- China Merchants Bank
- Crown Resorts
- Deloitte
- EG Funds
- Guantao Law
- Holding Redlich
- HSBC
- King & Wood Mallesons
- KJR Advisory
- Macquarie Group
- PwC
- Star Entertainment
- Qantas
- Yancoal Australia Ltd





## Institute's operating principles

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.



The Institute'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 the Institute include:

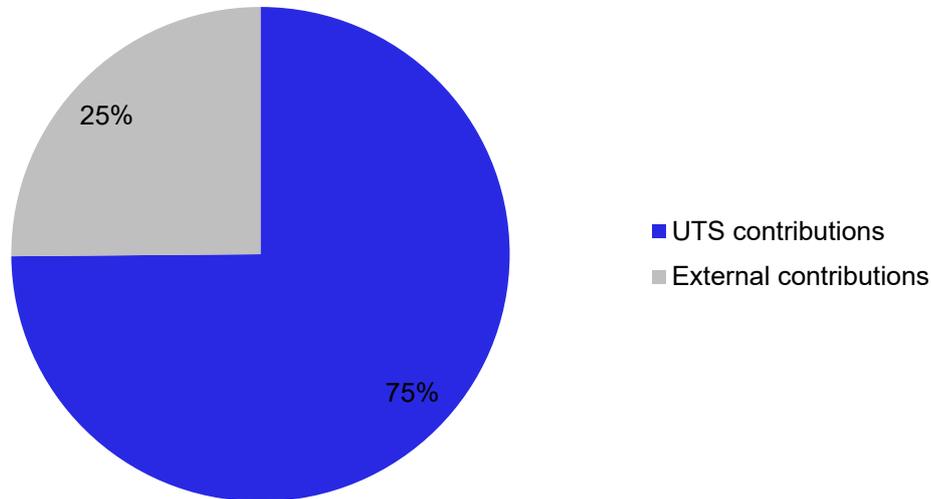
- Research Management Policy;
- Code of Conduct;
- Expression and Practice of Religious, Political and Other Values, Beliefs and Ideas at UTS;
- External relations;
- Gifts and Benefits;
- Invitations and Dignitaries; and
- Research (Ethical and Responsible Conduct of).

All policies are available online at <http://www.gsu.uts.edu.au/policies/index-a-z.html>.



## Funding

### 2018 ACRI Funding



#### UTS contributions

**\$1,346,000**

Seventy-five percent of ACRI's funding in 2018 was derived from contributions by the University of Technology Sydney.

#### External contributions

**\$452,000**

Twenty-five percent of ACRI's funding in 2018 was derived from corporate contributors and registration fees received from the hosting of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Chinese Economics Society Australia (CESA). Corporate contributions were received from Air China, Ashurst, Bank of China, China Construction Bank, China Merchants Bank, Crown Resorts, Deloitte, EG Funds, Guantao Law, Holding Redlich, HSBC, King & Wood Mallesons, KJR Advisory, Macquarie Group, PwC and Virgin Australia.

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#### Total income

**\$1,798,000**

# Research

## Overview

Research is the basis on which ACRI seeks to illuminate the Australia-China relationship. As befitting a think-tank, ACRI research aims to have impact. It does this by expanding academic knowledge, providing evidenced-based analysis to inform public and private sector decision-making, as well as raising awareness and understanding of Australia-China relations in the general public.

Traditional academic output such as scholarly journal articles are complemented by a flow of research reports, fact sheets and commentary pieces that explore contemporary developments. A focus of attention this year was the continuing freeze in bilateral relations evident through the first half of 2018, a state of affairs that was abruptly 'reset' in the second half, most notably with then-Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's upbeat address at the University of New South Wales on August 7. In November ACRI released a major report that documented the many claims appearing in Australian media reporting and commentary since 2015 concerning China and Australia-China relations, highlighting the sometimes substantial gap between claims and evidence. The report, *Do the claims stack up? Australia talks China*, concluded that if the gap between claims and facts and evidence were to become entrenched, it would make it harder to respond to the serious challenges that China's behaviour presents to Australia's national interests.

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Wilson, J. *Connecting the Asia-Pacific: Australian participation in China's regional infrastructure initiatives*, Australia-China Relations Institute, Sydney, July 2018.

## Research reports

Laurenceson, J. *Do the claims stack up? Australia talks China*, Australia-China Relations Institute, Sydney, November 2018.



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Laurenceson, J. 'Chinese investment in Australian infrastructure assets: local public preferences and implications for the Belt and Road Initiative', presented at the *International Workshop: Sino-Australia economies*, Macquarie University, Sydney, March 27 2018.

Shi, X. 'Will China's Belt and Road initiative deteriorate the environment in other countries?', presented at the *International Workshop: Sino-Australia economies*, Macquarie University, Sydney, March 27 2018.

Shi, X. 'Long run relation of electricity access and development', presented at the *2nd Meeting of ERIA's Working Group on Energy Poverty in ASEAN, India and China*, Bangkok, April 9-10 2018.

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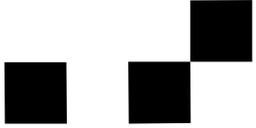
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Shi, X. 'Is ASEAN gas market integration desirable?', presented at the *10th International Conference on Applied Energy*, Hong Kong, August 23 2018.



Laurenceson, J. 'Assessing the risks of Australia's economic exposure to China', presented at the *6th Foundation for Australian Studies in China (FASIC) Conference*, Chengdu, November 1-3 2018.

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Shi, X. 'Will China's BRI deteriorate the environment in BRI countries?', presented at the *Beijing Humboldt Forum*, Beijing, September 16 2018.

Shi, X. 'Will China's BRI deteriorate the environment in BRI countries?', presented at *Green and Low Carbon Belt and Road*, Changan University, Xian, September 26 2018.





# Events

## Overview

In 2018, ACRI held 22 events in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.

ACRI welcomed a range of speakers including the Hon Steven Ciobo MP, then-Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment; Philip Lowe, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia; Dr Merriden Varrall, Director, East Asia Program, Lowy Institute for International Policy; Ivan Chu, Chairman of John Swire & Sons (China) and former CEO of Cathay Pacific; David Beirman, Senior Lecturer in Tourism, Management Discipline Group, UTS Business School; Su-Lin Tan, journalist at *The Australian Financial Review*; John Keane, Professor of Politics, University of Sydney; and Dr Geoff Raby, former Australian Ambassador to China.

ACRI also hosted the 30th Annual Conference of the Chinese Economics Society Australia (CESA) 2018, with support from the Australian National University's *China Update*, and led a delegation of Australian journalists to Guangzhou and Shanghai.

## Australia-based events

### **Second ACRI emerging leaders networking evening, February 14 2018, NSW Parliament House (Sydney)**

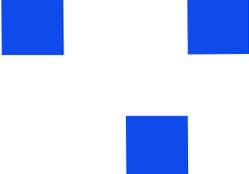
ACRI held its second emerging leaders networking evening, having established the series in 2017. ACRI's emerging leaders networking evenings provide young professionals with an interest in Australia-China relations the chance to network with their peers and learn from their insights. ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr and Deputy Director Professor James Laurenceson spoke to attendees about the latest developments in the Australia-China bilateral relationship.

### **John Keane: *When Trees Fall, Monkeys Scatter*, March 6 2018, UTS Business School (Sydney)**

John Keane, Professor of Politics at the University of Sydney, discussed his book *When Trees Fall, Monkeys Scatter* (World Scientific, 2017). Following his presentation, Professor Keane was joined by Professor He Baogang, Chair in International Relations at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University for a panel discussion chaired by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.

### **ACRI Chinese History Series: *The New Chinese*, March 14 2018, UTS Moot Court (Sydney)**

In conjunction with the Chinese Australian Historical Society, ACRI hosted author Barry Li, who spoke about his book *The New Chinese* (Wiley, 2017). Following his presentation, Mr Li joined Vic Edwards, Visiting Fellow in Banking and Finance at the Australian School of Business, University of New South Wales and Jingyuan (Jeanette) Wang, Executive Committee Member, Chinese Australian Historical Society for a panel discussion on the history of Chinese migrants and the implications of Chinese immigration for multiculturalism in Australia today.



**What Chinese farmers are learning from Australia, April 11 2018, NSW Parliament House (Sydney)**

ACRI, in association with the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and the Sydney Institute of Agriculture at the University of Sydney, presented a panel discussion on the management of grasslands in China. Professor David Michalk of Charles Sturt University gave a presentation on the cooperation between Australia and China on the management of grasslands then joined Dr Warwick Badgery, Research Leader in Rangelands and Tropical Pastures for the NSW Department of Primary Industries, and Dr Lachlan Ingram, Senior Lecturer in Sustainable Grassland Management at the University of Sydney, for a panel discussion moderated by Ms Andrea Koch, Honorary Associate at the Sydney Institute of Agriculture, University of Sydney.

**China from a Hong Kong perspective, April 20 2018, King & Wood Mallesons (Sydney)**

ACRI welcomed Ivan Chu, Chairman of John Swire & Sons (China) to give a view of China from a Hong Kong perspective. He discussed developments in the Pearl River Delta including bridge and rail projects; the Belt and Road Initiative and what it means for rail links between China and London; and the notion of a Euro-Asian Century, as opposed to a Pacific Century.

**Chinese students in Australia, April 26 2018, UTS Moot Court (Sydney)**

ACRI hosted a panel of scholars to discuss the latest developments in the Australian tertiary education sector for Chinese students, who comprise the largest cohort of international students on Australian campuses. Fran Martin, Reader in Cultural Studies, University of Melbourne; Wanning Sun, Professor of Media and Communication Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UTS; and Merriden Varrall, Director, East Asia Program, Lowy Institute for International Policy, explored the education experience of Chinese students in Australia and the choices students make. The discussion was moderated by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.

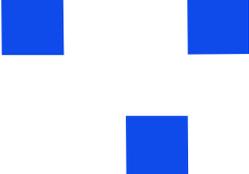
**Third ACRI emerging leaders networking evening (Guest speaker: Xiao Xiao, April 30 2018, UTS ACRI (Sydney))**

ACRI hosted its third emerging leaders networking evening, with guest speaker Xiao Xiao, a director and deputy general manager within the China Hongqiao Group. She spoke to the young professional participants about the future competitiveness of Chinese manufacturing, the prospect of increased American tariffs and opportunities for cutting-edge Chinese firms in the world economy.

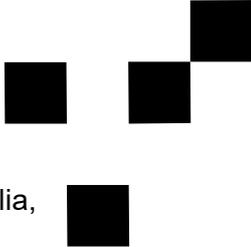
**Australia's deepening economic relationship with China: Opportunities and risks - Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, Philip Lowe, May 23 2018, UTS Great Hall (Sydney)**

Philip Lowe, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, delivered an address on the bank's assessment of China's economic performance and financial system, and the implications for Australia. Mr Lowe was then interviewed by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.





**ACRI/Urban Taskforce industry breakfast, June 21 2018,  
King & Wood Mallesons (Sydney)**



This annual industry breakfast hosted by ACRI and Urban Taskforce Australia presented updates on the property development industry in both China and Australia, and how the two nations interact on property issues. Industry leaders Jason Gao, Regional Director, Shokai Ausbao, and Sherwood Luo, Managing Director, Greenland (Australia) Investment, provided insights into future trends, including the move towards larger-scale developments with shared amenities (such as parks, shops and child care) and trends towards more urban living in both countries. Following their presentations, they joined a panel discussion with Su-Lin Tan, Journalist, *The Australian Financial Review* and Stuart Dixon-Smith, Partner, King & Wood Mallesons. The discussion was chaired by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.

**China-Australia Free Trade Agreement: Future opportunities, June 28 2018,  
Parliament House (Canberra)**

ACRI hosted then-Trade Minister Steven Ciobo MP to deliver an address on the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA). Minister Ciobo provided an update on how ChAFTA has benefited the Australian economy in 2018 and where negotiations over the review mechanism could lead.

**30th Annual Conference of the Chinese Economics Society Australia (CESA),  
July 15-18 2018, UTS Business School (Sydney)**

ACRI hosted the 30th Annual Conference of the Chinese Economics Society Australia (CESA) with support from the Australian National University's China Update. The conference was attended by more than 300 delegates from Australia and overseas. Former Australian Ambassador to China, Dr Geoff Raby, delivered a keynote address at the opening plenary.

**Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Symposium, 'Connecting the Asia-Pacific:  
Australian participation in China's regional infrastructure activities', July 17  
2018, UTS Business School (Sydney)**

ACRI and Deloitte hosted a symposium which explored how Australia could develop a coherent policy of engagement with China-led regional infrastructure projects. Experts provided insights into how the BRI and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank can be leveraged to fill the infrastructure gaps in the Asia-Pacific region. Speakers included Derek Lai, Vice Chair, Deloitte China; James Riddell, Global Leader Infrastructure M&A, Deloitte; and Dr Jeffrey Wilson, Head of Research, Perth USAsia Centre. Dr Wilson presented the findings of his new report for ACRI, 'Connecting the Asia-Pacific: Australian participation in China's regional infrastructure activities'. Speakers then joined a panel discussion moderated by former *Sky News* reader Nicole Webb.

**ACRI/CESA joint event: Where to for the Australia-China economic  
relationship, July 17 2018, UTS Business School (Sydney)**

As part of the 30th annual conference of the Chinese Economics Society of Australia (CESA), ACRI presented a panel discussion on the future of the Australia-China economic relationship with ACRI Deputy Director Professor James Laurenceson; Professor Kathy Walsh, Finance Discipline Group, UTS Business School; and Dr Xinchuang Li, President, China Metallurgical Industry Planning and Research Institute; Vice Chairman, China Iron & Steel Association.



**Russia and China in the Pacific: Alexey Muraviev, August 16 2018, UTS Moot Court (Sydney)**

Dr Alexey Muraviev, Associate Professor of National Security and Strategic Studies, Curtin University, gave a presentation on Russia's projection in the Asia-Pacific region and its relationship with China. Dr Muraviev was then interviewed by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.

**John Keane, *When Trees Fall, Monkeys Scatter*, August 27 2018, Deakin University (Melbourne)**

ACRI and Deakin University hosted John Keane, Professor of Politics at the University of Sydney, to discuss his book *When Trees Fall, Monkeys Scatter* (World Scientific, 2017). Following his presentation, Professor Keane was joined by Professor He Baogang, Chair in International Relations at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University for a panel discussion chaired by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.

**The Australia-China tourism relationship, September 11 2018, UTS Business School (Sydney)**

ACRI hosted a panel discussion on trends in Australia-China tourism. The panel comprised Dr David Beirman, Senior Lecturer in Tourism, Management Discipline Group, UTS Business School; Dr George Chen, Principal Analyst and Manager of National Tourism Forecasts, Tourism Research Australia (TRA), Austrade; and Ms Sharon Dai, Head of Data Solutions, Centre for Aviation (CAPA). The discussion was moderated by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.

**ACRI Chinese History Series: *Chinese Whispers: In Search of Ivy*, September 18 2018, UTS ACRI (Sydney)**

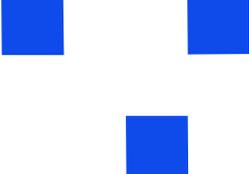
Author Alison Choy Flannigan gave a presentation on her book *Chinese Whispers: In Search of Ivy* (Black Quill Press, 2018). She then joined her co-researcher, Malcolm Oakes, a member of the Chinese Australian Historical Society, for a panel discussion moderated by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.

**Fourth ACRI emerging leaders networking evening (Guest speaker: Daniel Street), October 3 2018, King & Wood Mallesons (Sydney)**

ACRI hosted its fourth emerging leaders networking evening, with guest speaker Daniel Street, a senior strategist for the private-sector arm of the World Bank Group, the Washington-based International Finance Corporation (IFC). He spoke to the young professional participants about his experience enabling finance for development and crafting country economic development strategies for emerging economies across the region.

**The macroeconomic effects of coal price shocks on China's coal capacity, October 23 2018, UTS ACRI (Sydney)**

Visiting scholar Yanfang Zhang, School of Management, China University of Mining and Technology, gave a presentation on her research on the macroeconomic effects of coal price shocks on China's coal capacity.



**Launch of ACRI Report: *Do the claims stack up? Australia talks China*, November 12 2018, UTS Moot Court (Sydney)**



ACRI launched the report *Do the claims stack up? Australia talks China* by ACRI Deputy Director Professor James Laurenceson. Professor Laurenceson presented the findings of his report before being interviewed by ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr.



**The US vs China: Who will dominate tech?, December 3 2018, UTS Business School (Sydney)**

ACRI hosted a panel discussion on the competition for technological supremacy between the US and China, featuring Sandy Plunkett, founder of Innovation Clearinghouse consultancy, and Associate Professor Hussain Rammal of the UTS Business School. ACRI Director Professor Bob Carr moderated the discussion.



## China-based events

### Journalist study tour to China

In November 2018 ACRI conducted its sixth journalist study tour of China. The delegation inspected the Greater Bay Area in Guangzhou and the inaugural China International Import Expo in Shanghai. Briefings were held with Australian and Chinese companies, think tanks and the Australian Minister for Trade and Investment Simon Birmingham.

Dates	Cities visited
November 1 - 7 2018	Guangzhou, Shanghai



*Philip Lowe, Governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia, delivering the address 'China's economic performance and financial system, and the implications for Australia', May 23 2018*



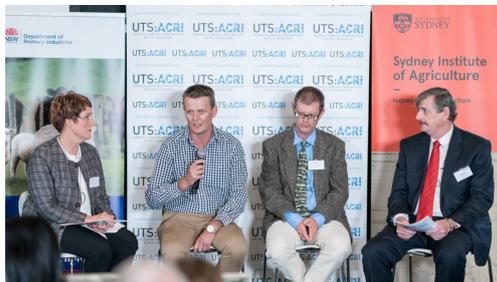
*Professor Wanning Sun, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UTS; Dr Merriden Varrall, East Asia Program Director, Lowy Institute; and Associate Professor Fran Martin, University of Melbourne on the panel of 'Chinese students in Australia', April 26 2018*



*Then-Trade Minister Steven Ciobo MP delivering the address 'China-Australia Free Trade Agreement: Future opportunities', June 28 2018*



*Professor Bob Carr, Director, ACRI; Sherwood Luo, Managing Director, Greenland (Australia) Investment; Su-Lin Tan, Journalist, The Australian Financial Review; Jason Gao, Regional Director, Shokai Ausbao; and Stuart Dixon-Smith, Partner, King & Wood Mallesons at the annual industry breakfast hosted by ACRI and Urban Taskforce Australia, June 21 2018*



*Andrea Koch, Honorary Associate, Sydney Institute of Agriculture, University of Sydney; Dr Warwick Badgery, Research Leader, NSW Department of Primary Industries; Dr Lachlan Ingram, Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney; and Professor David Michalk, Charles Sturt University on the panel of 'What Chinese farmers are learning from Australia', April 11 2018*



*Former Australian Ambassador to China Dr Geoff Raby delivering the opening address at the 30th annual conference of the Chinese Economics Society of Australia (CESA), July 17 2018*



*Dr George Chen, Principal Analyst, Tourism Research Australia; Dr David Beirman, UTS Business School; Professor Bob Carr, Director, ACRI; and Sharon Dai, Head of Data Solutions, Centre for Aviation on the panel of 'The Australia-China tourism relationship', September 11 2018*



*Professor Bob Carr, Director, ACRI; Sandy Plunkett, founder, Innovation Clearinghouse consultancy; and Associate Professor Hussain Rammal, UTS Business School on the panel of 'The US vs China: Who will dominate tech?', December 3 2018*

# Media

## Overview

In 2018, ACRI researchers continued to contribute to analysis of Australia-China relations in the media. ACRI experts were asked to provide comment by a range of domestic and international media outlets.

ACRI experts were regular contributors to a wide range of publications, both in Australia and overseas. The list of published articles appears below.

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# The ACRI Podcast

## Overview

Since July 2017 ACRI has produced a podcast series focusing on a range of areas pertinent to the Australia-China relationship, including economics, business, foreign policy, domestic politics, history and culture. The podcast is a stand-alone series available through SoundCloud, iTunes and on the ACRI website. In 2018 guests included Fran Martin, Associate Professor and Reader in Cultural Studies, University of Melbourne; Merriden Varrall, Director, East Asia Program, Lowy Institute for International Policy; Philipp Ivanov, CEO, Asia Society Australia; and Nick Bisley, Head of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations at La Trobe University.

## Episodes

- *Australia-China relations: The view from China*, with Diane Hu, Assistant Professor, Australian Studies, Beijing Foreign Studies University, February 15 2018.
- *Learning Chinese in Australia*, with Tom Shugg, Director and Co-Founder, My Education Group, March 1 2018.
- *China's phantom democracy*, with John Keane, Professor of Politics, University of Sydney, March 15 2018.
- *China's ageing population*, with Lauren Johnston, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Melbourne, March 22 2018.
- *Chinese and Australian attitudes towards regionalism*, with He Baogang, Alfred Deakin Professor and Chair in International Relations, Deakin University, April 5 2018.
- *The New Chinese in Australia*, with Barry Li, author, *The new Chinese: How they are shaping Australia*, April 12 2018.
- *China's aid in the Pacific*, with Merriden Varrall, Director, East Asia Program, Lowy Institute for International Policy, April 19 2018.
- *Expectations and experiences of Chinese students in Australia*, with Fran Martin, Associate Professor and Reader in Cultural Studies, University of Melbourne, May 3 2018.
- *Cultural diversity in Australian leadership*, with Philipp Ivanov, CEO, Asia Society Australia, May 17 2018.

- *China policy in New Zealand and Australia*, with Jason Young, Acting Director, New Zealand Contemporary China Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington, May 31 2018.
- *Chinese-Australians and the Australia-China relationship*, with Jieh-Yung Lo, June 14 2018.
- *Australian responses to a changing world*, with Nick Bisley, Head of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of International Relations, La Trobe University, July 5 2018.
- *Australian participation in Asia-Pacific infrastructure initiatives*, with Jeffrey Wilson, academic, policy analyst and consultant; Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University; Head of Research, Perth USAsia Centre, July 19 2018.
- *Australian and PRC government conceptions of the international order*, with Simone van Nieuwenhuizen, Project and Research Officer, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, August 2 2018.
- *Russia-China relations: Strategic intimacy or soft competition?* with Alexey Muraviev, Associate Professor of National Security and Strategic Studies, Curtin University, October 4 2018.
- *Australian media discourse on China*, with James Laurenceson, Deputy Director, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, November 15 2018.
- *Australia's South China Sea policy*, with Andrew Chubb, Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia-Harvard China and the World Program; Fellow, Perth USAsia Centre, November 29 2018.
- *Xinjiang's re-education camps*, with Fergus Ryan, Analyst, and Nathan Ruser, Researcher, International Cyber Policy Centre, Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), December 20 2018.

The episodes are available on the ACRI website:  
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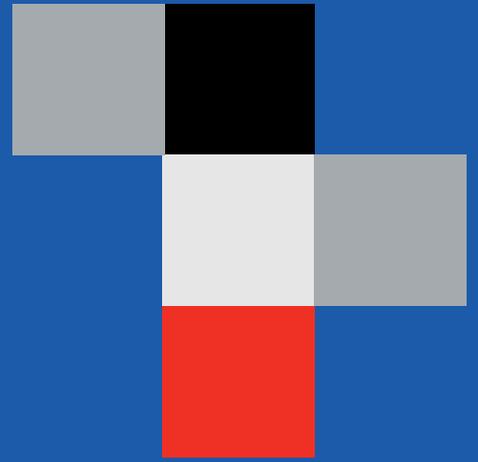
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