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About us

OVERVIEW

The Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI) is an independent, non-partisan research institute established in 2014 by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). 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



At the end of last year I was delighted to be appointed Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS:ACRI).

The year just passed also served as a milestone for UTS:ACRI as an organisation: May 2019 marked five years since its establishment.

Unlike other China studies centres, the vision for UTS:ACRI was that it would have an exclusive focus on the Australia-China bilateral relationship. My predecessor, Professor the Hon Bob Carr, former Minister for Foreign Affairs and longest-serving Premier of NSW, signed on for a five-year term as UTS:ACRI's foundational director and wasted no time driving a full program of research, events, commentary and exchanges.

During its five years of operation UTS:ACRI has published more than 20 major research reports, in the order of 60 peer-reviewed journal articles, 200 commentary pieces and over 100 fact sheets and briefings. UTS:ACRI launched a podcast in 2017 which now has over 40 episodes. The Institute has also hosted about 150 events, including major conferences, panel discussions and roundtables, and led six study tours to China for Australian journalists. In 2019 UTS:ACRI also launched a masterclass for senior executives of industry and a new series of monthly analytical briefings.

Consistent with UTS practice, a five-year review of UTS:ACRI was undertaken in 2019, which concluded that the university should continue to support and build the Institute. It remains Australia's only research institute with an exclusive focus on the bilateral relationship.

As outlined in this annual report, UTS provides 82 percent of UTS:ACRI's income, covering all operational costs including staff salaries, an enviable funding structure that underpins the Institute's independence and commitment to academic freedom.

In launching UTS:ACRI in 2014, then-Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said that Australians must become more China-literate and '[t]hat is why UTS:ACRI, which seeks through research to increase our understanding and deepen our relationship...is so valuable'.

On the bilateral relationship more generally she offered at the time an upbeat assessment: 'We can have every reason to be optimistic about China's future and our relationship and the opportunities our friendship presents for both our nations'.

In 2014 it was already clear that in any conceivable future scenario China would loom large for Australia. In 2009 China had replaced Japan as Australia's biggest customer and this was, of course, a country not only different in history, language and culture, but also one with an authoritarian political system that existed outside the US alliance system. But even so, developments since then have been on a scale that very few were predicting. China purchased \$83 billion of Australia's goods exports in 2014, 31 percent of the total. By the end of 2019, this had climbed to just shy of \$150 billion, 38 percent of the total. And the economic relationship has proven to be about far more than just iron ore. Last year, for example, a report by UTS:ACRI revealed that China was on the cusp of overtaking the US as Australia's most important research partner, as measured by the number of joint scientific publications.

Yet in other spheres, China's rise has proven more challenging to Australia's interests, testing Minister Bishop's initial outlook. In 2016 China rejected the decision of an arbitration panel that declared its actions in the South China Sea in contravention of international law. This shook Australia's confidence in whether a more powerful China would support the current iteration of the rules-based international order upon which Australia relies to protect its interests. In late 2017, then-Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull singled China out when introducing new laws designed to counter foreign interference, prompting retaliation from Beijing in the form of a diplomatic freeze that largely continues today. In November 2019, former ASIO head Duncan Lewis put on the record that it was 'overwhelmingly' interference from China that preoccupied Australian authorities.

The strategy for UTS:ACRI I have put in place is simple in its mission: 'to inform Australia's engagement with China through research, analysis and dialogue grounded in scholarly rigour'. That China's rise presents both opportunities and challenges for Australia is plainly evident. UTS:ACRI will strive to provide facts and evidence of use to stakeholders in the public and private sectors as they engage with China. The national interest is harmed by the alternative where decisions are made based on either blind optimism or irrational fears.

Professor James Laurenceson
Director



OUR PEOPLE



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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 Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Innovation and Enterprise) Professor Glenn Wightwick; Vice President, Global Partnerships & Director, UTS International Leo Mian Liu; UTS Law Faculty Associate Professor and Director of Courses Colin Hawes; and UTS:ACRI Director Professor James Laurenceson.

ADVISORY BOARD

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

Chair

- The Hon Philip Ruddock, Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

Members

- Professor the Hon Bob Carr, Director (2014-April 2019), Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney (*to April 2019*)
- Professor James Laurenceson, Acting Director, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney (*commenced April 2019*)
- 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
- Professor Jane Golley, Director, Australian Centre on China in the World, Australian National University
- Mr Joseph Law, CEO, J 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 AO, Managing Partner, Holding Redlich

- Mr James White, Portfolio Manager, Lessep Investment Management
- Dr Garry Willinge, Chief Executive, Cbridge Limited
- Dr Jingdong Yuan, Associate Professor, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

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

ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

UTS:ACRI's adjunct academic titles are awarded to academics from other universities on the basis of their achievements and expertise.

UTS:ACRI's adjunct professors are eminent individuals who have made a notable contribution within the Australia-China space.

- Professor Greg McCarthy, former BHP Chair of Australian Studies at Peking University; Senior Honorary Research Fellow, University of Western Australia
- Professor Tao Xie, Dean, School of International Relations and Diplomacy, Beijing Foreign Studies University

VISITING SCHOLARS

UTS:ACRI maintains an active visiting academic program. Visitors range from senior academics through to PhD students from other institutions.

Visiting scholars commencing 2019

	INSTITUTE	POSITION	RESEARCH TOPIC	START DATE	DURATION (MONTHS)
Yunfei An	Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronauts	PhD Student	Climate change policy	08/08/2019	12
Ye Cao	Beijing Institute of Technology	PhD Student	Energy and climate change	09/09/2019	12
Ning Liu	Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications	Professor	Pension policy	07/09/2019	12
Yan Wu	Beijing Technology and Business University	Associate Professor	Trade and environment	01/11/2019	6
Hua Yang	Jiangsu University	PhD Student	Climate change management	09/09/2019	12
Wenjie Zhang	Qilu University of Technology	Lecturer	Australia-China relations	31/08/2019	12
Zhibo Zhao	Ocean University of China	PhD Student	Urbanisation and environment	16/10/2019	12

A full list of visiting scholars, past and current, is available on UTS:ACRI's website.

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.

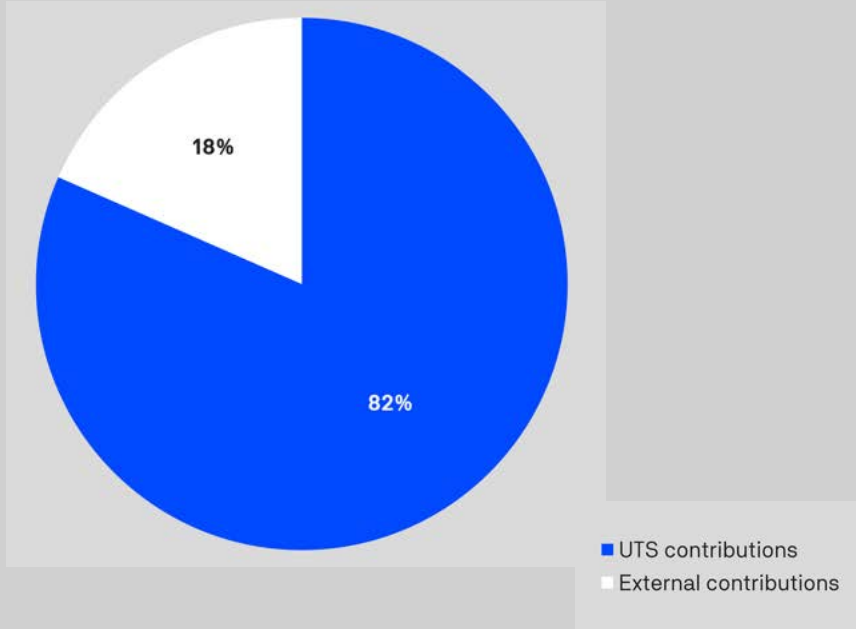
Key UTS policy instruments relating to the work of UTS:ACRI include:

- 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 **\$1,195,900**

82 percent of UTS:ACRI's funding in 2019 was derived from contributions by the University of Technology Sydney.

External contributions **\$269,590**

18 percent of UTS:ACRI's funding in 2019 was derived from industry supporters and registration fees received from the hosting of the inaugural China Masterclass. Industry contributions were received from China Construction Bank, HSBC, King & Wood Mallesons, Moelis Australia, PwC, Star Entertainment and Yancoal.

UTS:ACRI receives funding from industry partners to support its mission to inform Australia's engagement with China 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 **\$1,465,490**

Research & analysis



OVERVIEW

Research is the basis on which UTS:ACRI seeks to inform Australia's engagement with China. 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 are complemented by a flow of research reports, fact sheets, briefings and commentary pieces that explore contemporary developments. At the end of the year UTS:ACRI also launched the *Australia-China monthly wrap-up*, a concise monthly summary and analysis of major developments in the Australia-China relationship.

A focus of 2019 was examining the breadth and resilience of Australia's economic relationship with China amidst ongoing strategic and diplomatic tensions.

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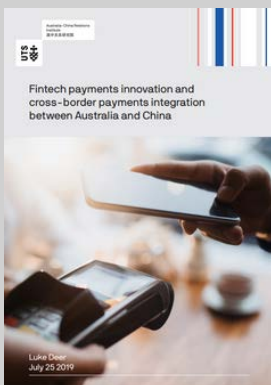
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Events

OVERVIEW

In 2019, UTS:ACRI hosted 15 events in Sydney, including public lectures, panel discussions, roundtables and seminars, as well as networking functions for young professionals. UTS:ACRI also launched a new initiative, an annual China masterclass for senior executives of industry.

EVENTS LIST

Fifth ACRI emerging leaders networking evening, February 18 2019, NSW Parliament House (pictured)

UTS:ACRI hosted its fifth emerging leaders networking evening, with guest speaker Murray Hurps, UTS' Director of Entrepreneurship and former Fishburners CEO. Discussion topics included the divergent challenges startups face in the Australian and Chinese markets.



China's economic statecraft in Asia and Europe: James Reilly, February 25 2019, UTS Business School

James Reilly, Associate Professor in Northeast Asian Politics in the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney, discussed his book *Tales from the Road: Following China's Economic Statecraft Across Asia and Europe*, describing the People's Republic of China's (PRC) unique approach to economic statecraft and exploring how PRC leaders deploy economic resources to advance foreign policy objectives. Following his presentation Dr Reilly was interviewed by Professor Bob Carr.

Human rights: how to manage an effective dialogue, March 4 2019, UTS Moot Court (pictured)

UTS:ACRI hosted a panel with former Australian diplomats Professor Jocelyn Chey AM and Richard Broinowski, and the Hon. Philip Ruddock, former Attorney-General and Australia's first Special Envoy for Human Rights, to discuss the best way to address human rights issues and manage an effective dialogue within the Australia-China relationship.



Aiming high: Chinese language capacity in Australian schools, March 11 2019, UTS:ACRI (pictured)

UTS:ACRI welcomed Kate Wang, Chinese language coordinator at Rouse Hill High School, to revisit Dr Jane Orton's report *Building Chinese language capacity in Australia* (UTS:ACRI, 2016). She outlined the current state of Chinese language in NSW schools and the need to strengthen language pathways before students enter high school and university. Ms Wang was then joined by John Meng from the Chinese Language Teachers' Association (CLTA) NSW on a panel moderated by Professor Bob Carr.

Experiences of Chinese international students in Australia, April 11 2019, UTS:ACRI

UTS:ACRI visiting scholar Disi Ma (Lecturer, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law) presented in a seminar preliminary findings from survey work undertaken on PRC students' perceptions and experiences before and after coming to Australia. Her survey focused on three aspects of PRC international student experience: social interaction and integration, political attitudes and behaviour, and study experiences and views of Australia and China.



UTS:ACRI/Australia Piano Quartet - 'Meeting Points' concert, April 16 2019, UTS Chancellery (pictured)

A special event presented by UTS:ACRI in partnership with the Australia Piano Quartet (APQ), UTS' ensemble in residence, to celebrate the works of Australian composers of Chinese heritage. Julian's Yu's Piano Quartet drew on the practice of ornamentation found in traditional Chinese instrumental folk music to create a dramatic original work which uses Brahms first symphony as inspiration. Lisa Lim's Amulet for solo viola evoked Chinese performance aesthetics.

Understanding Australia's economic dependence on China, May 22 2019, PwC Australia

UTS:ACRI in partnership with PwC Australia's Asia Practice hosted a boardroom lunch to present on the findings of UTS:ACRI research report *Small grey rhinos: understanding Australia's economic dependence on China*. The report analysed the risks that economic exposure to China presents for Australia.



Roundtable: Australia-China energy policy, May 23 2019, UTS:ACRI

UTS:ACRI hosted a roundtable discussion on Australia-China energy policy, featuring a presentation from Gao Shixian, Deputy Director General of the Energy Research Institute at China's National Development and Reform Commission, and a response from Jason Russo, General Manager of Onshore Minerals at the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science. The discussion, conducted under the Chatham House Rule, focused on China's energy transition and the impact it will have on Australia, as well as potential areas for Australia-China energy cooperation. Senior executives from major energy companies were in attendance.

Fintech payments innovation in China and Australia - divergence or convergence?, May 27 2019, UTS Business School (pictured)

Dr Luke Deer, researcher at the University of Sydney Business School, gave a presentation on his report for UTS:ACRI *Fintech payments innovation and cross-border payments integration between Australia and China*. He was then joined by industry experts Lucy Anderson, Head of Payments Innovation at Australian Payments Network Limited (AusPayNet), and Harry Zheng, Chief Risk Officer of RoyalPay, to discuss opportunities for cross-border payments integration between the Australian and Chinese markets.



Australia's strategic hedging in the Indo-Pacific: a 'third way' beyond either China or the US, July 8 2019, UTS:ACRI (pictured)

This seminar featured a presentation and discussion on a commissioned research report released by UTS:ACRI earlier in the year *Australia's strategic hedging in the Indo-Pacific: a 'third way' beyond either China or the US*, led by its author, Dr Lai-Ha Chan, Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at UTS.

Reflections on Australia-China relations: Greg McCarthy and David Walker, August 8 2019, UTS Balcony Room

Two former BHP Billiton Chairs of Australian Studies at Peking University, Professor Greg McCarthy (Chair 2016-2019) and Professor David Walker (inaugural Chair, 2012-2015), provided perspectives on how the Australia-China bilateral relationship has been discussed in China, the state of the relationship now, and where it might be headed on a panel moderated by Professor James Laurenceson.



Australia-China energy sectors, August 13 2019, UTS:ACRI

Two UTS:ACRI visiting scholars presented the findings of their energy-based research. Dr Yan Liu (Lecturer, Dalian Minzu University) analysed the dynamics of Australia's LNG export performance from 1989 to 2017. Li Xu (PhD student, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronauts) discussed the effects of restrictions to government subsidies and bank loans on the financing process for solar-power companies in China.

China Masterclass 2019, August 16 2019, UTS Business School (pictured)

UTS:ACRI hosted a highly interactive one-day masterclass presented by Australia's leading China experts for senior executives of industry. The China Masterclass was launched in response to the vital need for industry leaders to gain a deeper understanding of today's China. Productive and insightful discussions were had as some of Australia's leading China specialists shared their expertise on China's economy, politics, and foreign policy, including a rapidly expanding strategic rivalry with the US.



Australia, China and human rights – is a step change needed?, September 18 2019, UTS Chancellery

Panellists Professor Jocelyn Chey AM, former Australian Consul-General to Hong Kong and Dr Michael Clarke, Associate Professor at the National Security College of the Australian National University discussed concerning actions taken by the PRC affecting both its own citizenry and foreign nationals in recent years and the efficacy of Australia's responses to date. They explored whether a recalibration in Australian policy is needed on a panel moderated by Professor James Laurenceson.

US-China tensions: how vulnerable is the Australian economy? – in conversation with John Edwards, November 28 2019, UTS Business School (pictured)

Dr John Edwards, former Reserve Bank of Australia board member, chief economist for Australia and New Zealand for HSBC, and senior economics adviser to Prime Minister Paul Keating, discussed developments in the US-China trade war, its potential trajectory and what the actual impact on Australia has been thus far.





**Media
& public
commentary**

OVERVIEW

In 2019, 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 a range of domestic and international media outlets, including the *ABC*, *Al Jazeera*, *The Australian*, *The Australian Financial Review*, the *BBC*, *Bloomberg*, *The Guardian*, *news.com.au*, *Reuters*, *SBS*, *Sky News Australia*, the *South China Morning Post* and *The Straits Times*, among others.

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

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