Australia’s Strategic Futures

A conference co-sponsored by the

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8.45am-5.00pm, 1-2 October 2008
Adelaide Town Hall, 128 King William Street, Adelaide

What are the key drivers that will shape Australia’s strategic environment in the first half of the twenty-first century? How will these drivers impact on the framework within which Australia’s future military capabilities and force structures are developed? This conference brings together a range of experts from academia, government, and the private sector to analyse these key questions. Inspired by the scenario building and futures analysis of the US National Intelligence Council and the UK’s Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre, the conference will discuss a range of global and regional issues and themes that will influence Australia’s strategic environment over the next two to three decades and how these might shape Australia’s capability development.

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DAY ONE: Wednesday 1 October

Session 1: Frameworks for Thinking About Strategic Futures

0845-0900   *Conference Opening*: Professor Michael Barber, Vice Chancellor, Flinders University (tbc)

0900-0950   Keynote Address—*Australia’s Strategic Environment Tomorrow*
Professor Hugh White, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU

Panel One: Chair—Dr Wayne Hobbs, DSTO

0950-1035   *How to Think About Futures*: Dr Paul Monk, Director AUSTHINK

1035-1100   Morning Tea

1100-1145   *Australia’s Strategic Analysis Capabilities*: Mr Rory Medcalf, Lowy Institute for International Policy

1145-1230   *Strategic Analysis in an Uncertain World*: Ms Alison Hickman, Joint Operations Division, DSTO.

1230-1300   Panel Discussion

1300-1345   Lunch

Session 2: Analysing and Interpreting Australia’s Strategic Environment

Panel Two: Chair—Dr Andrew O’Neil, Flinders

1345-1430   *Intelligence Analysis Today and Tomorrow*: Professor Mark Phythian, University of Leicester

1430-1515   *Intelligence and Future Threat Environments*: Mr Charles Vandepeer, DSTO and University of Adelaide

1515-1545   Afternoon Tea

1545-1630   *Strategic Intelligence, Policy Issues, and Uncertainty*: Dr Michael Heazle, Griffith University

1630-1700   Panel Discussion

1900-2200   Conference Dinner: Regatta’s Bistro, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide
DAY TWO: Thursday 2 October

Session 3: Issues, Threats and Opportunities—Regional Level Analysis

Panel Three: Chair—Dr Maryanne Kelton, Flinders University

0845-0930  Geopolitical Shifts in Australia’s Region Beyond 2008: A/Prof Nick Bisley, La Trobe University

0930-1015  Failed, Failing, and Fragile States: Prof Andrew Goldsmith, Flinders University

1015-1030  Morning Tea

1030-1115  Territorial Conflict: Mr James Manicom, Flinders University

1115-1200  The Changing Nature of Jemaah Islamiyah: Ms Amanda Schiller, Flinders University.

1200-1300  Panel Discussion

1300-1345  Lunch

Session 4: Issues, Threats and Opportunities—Global Level Analysis

Panel Four: Chair—Mr Charles Vandepeer, DSTO and the University of Adelaide

1345-1430  The Global Strategic Environment in 2020—Key Drivers: Dr Rod Lyon, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

1430-1515  Science and Technology: Dr Wayne Hobbs, DSTO

1515-1545  Afternoon Tea

1545-1630  Climate Change—Strategic Implications and Alternative Futures: Mr Ben Habib, Flinders University.

1630-1700  Panel Discussion

1700-1745  Networking Drinks