

2017 AGENDA

The Perth USAsia Centre located at The University of Western Australia is a non-partisan, not-for-profit institution strengthening relationships and strategic thinking between Australia, the Indo-Pacific and the U.S.A.. The Centre is a leading think tank focusing on geo-political issues, policy development and building a strategic affairs community across government, business and academia. Since the Centre's inception, we have collaborated with over 30 partners to convene more than 400 events across 11 cities in 7 countries, engaging a world class community network of more than 4,500 strategic thinkers and leaders.

The Centre's agenda is designed to support the following regional topics of importance

Indo-Pacific Strategy



Perth sits in a unique position at the fulcrum of the Indo-Pacific region. Recognising Perth as the gateway to the Indian Ocean, the Centre will continue to leverage the geo-political position and economic significance of Western Australia, to shape strategic thinking and encourage stronger relationships within the dynamic Indo-Pacific region.

Australia-Asia-U.S. Strategic Triangle



It is impossible to understand Australia-U.S. relations without understanding the shared concerns and interests in the Indo-Pacific region which drive the increasing integration of our economies, militaries and intelligence communities. Likewise, Australia-U.S. ties and cooperation on a full spectrum of issues in the region, underpin Australia's relations in the region. Following the 2016 election of President Trump in the United States, it is more important than ever for Australia to understand and shape these trilateral relationships.

Education and Outreach



Programs focus on issues relating to the region which raise awareness of Australia's unique and strategically important position in the Indo-Pacific region by innovatively engaging with students and the broader community.



Indo-Pacific Strategy

An Australian institution, upholding Australian values and interests across a dynamic region

In the Zone (ITZ)

The University of Western Australia established In the Zone in 2009 as a strategic forum for business leaders, policymakers and researchers. This globally-significant conference provides an ideal setting for regional leaders, both current and next generation, to grapple with the issues facing nations throughout the Indo-Pacific region. Since its launch, In The Zone has attracted more than 5,000 participants from the Indo-Pacific to Perth, Western Australia. This year's event – The Blue Zone – will focus on the Indo-Pacific maritime realm.

South Asia Program

As the Indo-Pacific system continues to grow in importance and India emerges as an increasingly important strategic player, we will need to understand more about how Delhi's plans will shape the region.

Southeast Asia Program

Recognising that Australia is a part of Southeast Asia and has a national interest in the security and prosperity of its closest neighbours, this program seeks to enhance Australia's relations with Southeast Asia and facilitate the development of sound policy towards the countries and emerging issues in the region.

Indonesia Working Group

Provides a constructive channel of communication that works to improve Australia-Indonesia relations in a meaningful way and to make sure policy pathways towards this goal remain priorities on public and government agendas in both countries.

Northeast Asia Program

This program will build on the Australia-Japan relationship and raise Australia's profile in Korea to help strategic thinkers in Korea recognise the important role Australia will play in the coming decades.



Natural Resource Governance

Australia is the leading resources economy in the Indo-Pacific region and has an opportunity to help shape resources governance policy in emerging economies throughout the region by building consensus on leading practices, exchange information and natural resource governance frameworks.

Energy Security Program

With rapid changes in energy demand and consumption patterns, this program recognises energy security as a significant policy issue for Australia and the Indo-Pacific region.



Australia-Asia-U.S. Strategic Triangle

Strengthening relationships and
cultivating strategic thinking across
the Indo-Pacific



Alliance 21 Fellowship

A multi-disciplinary examination of Australia's relationship with the United States across a wide range of policy domains, focused on Australia's defence relationship with the United States. Established with the support of the United States Studies Centre (USSC) and the United States Department of State, the program involves a three to ten month exchange of senior scholars and policy analysts between Australia and the United States.

America's Role in the Indo-Pacific (ARIP)

A multi-year, public-private research initiative examining the Australia-U.S. relationship, challenges and opportunities ahead. Following on from the successful publication and launch of the previously titled America's Role in the Asia Pacific publication in 2016, the Centre continues to work with USSC, Canon Global Institute, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies and Brookings India to deliver and publish the latest survey results.

Australia-U.S. Partnership in Emerging Asia

The Perth USAAsia Centre supports the G'Day U.S.A. program of events - the premier public and economic diplomacy program promoting Australian capabilities in the U.S.. In collaboration with USSC, the Centre will promote Track Two discussions with a focus on structural changes in the U.S.-Australia Alliance.

Ambassadors' Dialogue

Raising awareness in the Perth community and contributing to a greater understanding of the strategic location and importance of Perth in the Indo-Pacific, this combination of public and private events attracts both Australian Senior Diplomats and those from Indo-Pacific nations that represent their countries in Canberra.

Foreign Policy Roundtables

Informal, invitation only gatherings exploring current affairs in international relations, particularly those of concern for Australia's foreign policy development.



Education and Outreach



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Focussing on issues of direct relevance to Australia's, and Western Australia's, position in the region

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Public Lecture Series

Collaboratively working with other organisations such as the U.S. Embassy and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, bringing to Perth high profile guests and leaders providing insights to the broader public community.

Big Think Breakfast

Establishes a sense of community amongst Western Australian academics to collaborate and discuss topics in international relations, international trade and emerging topics of concern.

Business Leaders' Luncheon

Engaging business leaders to seek input on topics of importance to their companies they would like examined and discussed.

Indo-Pacific Executive Education Program

A high-level course aimed at senior business executives and senior officials seeking to engage strategically with Asia to achieve better outcomes for their organisation providing an up-to-the-minute analysis of regional developments as well as a deeper understanding of the economies, domestic political systems, international relations, history and cultures of countries in the region.

Indo-Pacific Insight Series

Reports of considered analysis and fresh thinking on issues including regional security, energy, economics and political changes.

Research Fellows

A cross-disciplinary team with high level expertise in Indo-Pacific issues that supports the innovation and world class education missions for Western Australian Universities.

Teaching Collaborations

Collaborations with The University of Western Australia (UWA) and USSC designed to enrich the student experience by supporting and enhancing current teaching programs.

Internship Program

A prestigious internship program that focuses on innovative work-integrated and service learning. Roles are focused on Research/Programs and Media/Communications, recruiting high calibre and passionate students.

Study Abroad

UWA undergraduate students are offered the life-changing opportunity to live, study, and work in the United States through the Los Angeles and Washington DC Placement Program and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Study Abroad Program.

Perspective Series

An innovative podcast series capturing the insights of guests, scholars and thought leaders focusing on international relations.