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There is great interest throughout the Indo-Pacific in the role of the United States (U.S.) in the region, similarly there is equal interest in the importance of the Indo-Pacific to Australia-US relations. The Centre will deliver programs that concern the Australia-US partnership in the Indo-Pacific, seeking to promote an understanding of the role the US plays in upholding security and economic norms in the region.

The Centre will continue to collaborate extensively with the United States Studies Centre (USSC) in developing its programs concerning Australia-US relations in the region.

ALLIANCE 21 FELLOWSHIP

The Alliance 21 Fellowship was established by the Perth USAsia Centre, the United States Studies Centre (USSC) and the United States Department of State to foster multi-disciplinary policy-oriented learning between the US and Australia. The program involves a 3 to 10 month exchange of senior scholars and policy analysts between Australia and the US. During the fellowships, Alliance 21 Fellows conduct policy-related research on strategic opportunities and challenges facing the Australia-US Alliance in the Indo-Pacific.

The Perth USAsia Centre collaborated with USSC to identify the 2018 Alliance 21 Fellow, Madelyn Creedon, former Principal Deputy Administrator of the US National Nuclear Security Administration. Madelyn spent 14 days in Perth, meeting with Minister Paul Papalia, the Minister for WA Defence Issues, The Hon Kim Beazley AC, and the Commanding Officer of HMAS Stirling, Brian Delamont. We hosted a foreign policy roundtable for Madelyn which focussed on “Nuclear Security in the Zone Above” preceding our annual In The Zone conference in October.

AUSTRALIA-US RELATIONS

This program seeks to provide insights on evolving political, economic and security changes in the US; and how these changes impact both upon the Australia-US alliance, and Australia's broader position in the Indo-Pacific. Hosting prominent experts and leaders from the US was a major component, to share with Australian audiences insights and analyses of developments in US politics and policy settings. In 2018, these included John Boehner (former Speaker of the House of Representatives), Lt. Gen James Clapper (former Director of National Intelligence), Rob Bishop (Chair, House Natural Resources Committee) and James Caruso (Charge d'Affaires, US Embassy).

In February, the Centre also partnered with the US Embassy to host a significant conference on Australia-US Relations and an Indo-Pacific Security Strategy. The conference included both a high-level policy dialogue involving Australian and US officials and analysts, followed by a public event at the University of Western Australia. The outcomes of the conference were summarised in a major report - *A New Region? Building Partnerships for Cooperating Institutions in the Indo-Pacific* – which explored policy options for Australia and the US to collaborate for Indo-Pacific institution building.



“Despite concerns the Trump Administration may have prompted, its actions have presented a perfect opportunity to go around the region, building a regional view about how to deal with uncertainty.”

The Hon Richard Court AC,
Australia’s Ambassador
to Japan

JAPAN SYMPOSIUM

Bringing together international experts – from both government and business, and Australia, Japan, the US and other regional countries – the Symposium discussed developments in the regional politics of the Indo-Pacific.

The Symposium focussed on the trilateral relationship/s between Australia, Japan and the US in the context of an evolving regional order. As the long-standing notion of the ‘Asia-Pacific’ region is gradually transforming to the extended ‘Indo-Pacific’ concept, how will the economic, diplomatic and security ties between our countries need to adapt to a changing regional context?

Discussions revealed a strong consensus behind the importance of the new Indo-Pacific regional concept, but that this will require significant renovations to the bilateral, minilateral and multilateral mechanisms for regional cooperation. While developments in the maritime security sphere have progressed significantly (including but not limited to the recent “Quad 2.0” announcement), much remains to be done in the economic space (particularly in terms of trade agreements and infrastructure cooperation).

 **187**
GUESTS

 **27**
5 SPEAKERS
FROM
COUNTRIES

 **33**
STUDENTS

 **72**
ORGANISATIONS
REPRESENTED

 **16**
GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS





EVENT	GUESTS
<p>TURBULENCE AND VOLATILITY: AUSTRALIA'S FOREIGN AID AND SECURITY</p>	<p>Helen Szoke, Chief Executive, Oxfam Australia Linda Reynolds, Senator, Australian Government Madeleine King, Member of Parliament, Australian Government Anne Aly, Member of Parliament, Australian Government</p>
<p>TRUMP IN ASIA: THE NEW WORLD DISORDER</p>	<p>Kim Beazley, Governor of Western Australia, Government House, Perth</p>
<p>OUR TIME HAS COME: HOW INDIA IS MAKING ITS PLACE IN THE WORLD</p>	<p>Alyssa Ayres, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations</p>
<p>THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA: A FREE AND OPEN INDO-PACIFIC</p>	<p>Walter T Douglas, Deputy Assistant Secretary, United States Department of State Kim Beazley, Governor of Western Australia, Government House, Perth Chikako Kawakatsu Ueki, Professor, Waseda University Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India</p>
<p>NORTH KOREA MISSILE STANDOUT: PREPARE FOR WAR</p>	<p>Kim Beazley, Governor of Western Australia, Government House, Perth Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre</p>
<p>SOUTH KOREA AT THE CROSSROADS</p>	<p>Scott Snyder, Senior Fellow for Korea Studies, Council on Foreign Relations</p>
<p>BUSINESS STRATEGIES FOR THE INDO-PACIFIC ERA</p>	<p>Andrew Parker, Executive General Manager, Australia Post Jemma Green, Co-Founder and Chair, Power Ledger Bill Johnston, Minister for Asian Engagement, WA State Government Jason Clare, Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment, WA State Government Brendan Augustin, General Manager, Woodside Energy Limited Bonnie Lin, Managing Director, B2 Rainmakers</p>
<p>VIETNAM IN THE INDO-PACIFIC: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN A NEW REGIONAL LANDSCAPE</p>	<p>Stephen Smith, Former Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australian Government Kyle Springer, Program Manager, Perth USAsia Centre Huong Le Thu, Senior Analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre</p>
<p>STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE CHANGING POLITICAL & ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE IN THE US</p>	<p>John A. Boehner, Former Speaker, United States House of Representatives John Criscuolo, Public Policy Advisor, Squire Paton Boggs David Stewart, Principle, Squire Paton Boggs</p>
<p>IN CONVERSATION WITH DR DINO PATTI DJALAL ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO NORTH KOREA</p>	<p>Dino Patti Djalal, Former Indonesian Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Indonesia</p>



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REGIONAL RESPONSES TO THE TRUMP TRADE SHOCK	<p>Taeho Bark, Former South Korean Trade Minister, Republic of Korea Andrea Gleason, WA State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Jeffrey Wilson, Head of Research, Perth USAsia Centre Frank Lavin, Former Under Secretary for International Trade at the US Dept Commerce, Former United States Ambassador to Singapore, current Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Export Now Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre Andrew Parker, Executive General Manager, Australia Post</p>
INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT	<p>Daniel Baldino, Senior Lecturer, The Politics and International Relations Program, Notre Dame University</p>
IN THE ZONE 2018 - THE ZONE ABOVE: THE INDO-PACIFIC ERA IN SPACE LAUNCH IN TOKYO, JAPAN	<p>Brett Biddington, Principal, Biddington Research Pty Setsuko Aoki, Professor of Law, Keio University Richard Court, Australian Ambassador to Japan, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Hiroshi Yamakawa, President, Japan Aerospace Deidre Willmott, Non Executive Director, Australia post</p>
CHINA IN CONVERSATION	<p>Jia Qingguo, Dean, School of International Studies, Peking University, Beijing, China Kent Anderson, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Community and Engagement, The University of Western Australia</p>
THE INDO-PACIFIC: A WESTERN AUSTRALIA PERSPECTIVE	<p>Frances Adamson, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>
AUSTRALIA-INDIA RELATIONS AND AUSTRALIA'S INDIA ECONOMIC STRATEGY	<p>Peter Varghese, Former Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Arvind Thakur, Senior Representative, Confederation of Indian Industry Harinder Sidhu, High Commissioner to India, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>
AUSTRALIA'S PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC	<p>Pradeep Mehta, Secretary General, Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS) International Peter Varghese, Former Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Dino Patti Djalal, Former Indonesian Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Indonesia Sanjaya Baru, Political Commentator and Policy Analyst, India Stephen Smith, Former Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australian Government Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre</p>
INDIA-AUSTRALIA RELATIONS IN A CHANGING GEOPOLITICAL LANDSCAPE	<p>Peter Varghese, Former Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre Stephen Smith, Former Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australian Government Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India</p>



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<p>AUSTRALIA-INDIA-INDONESIA RELATIONS</p>	<p>Dhruva Jaishankar, Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings Peter Varghese, Former Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Stephen Smith, Former Minister for Defence and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australian Government Dino Patti Djalal, Former Indonesian Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Indonesia Shivshankar Menon, Distinguished Fellow, Brookings India</p>
<p>EXPANDING HORIZONS: INDONESIA'S REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE INDO-PACIFIC ERA</p>	<p>Poppy Winanti, Lecturer in the International Relations, Gadjah Mada University Muhammad Faris, Al-Fadhat, International Relations Faculty Member, Muhammadiyah University of Yogyakarta Jeffrey Wilson, Head of Research, Perth USAsia Centre Kyle Springer, Program Manager, Perth USAsia Centre</p>
<p>LAUNCH OF THE KOREAN INVESTMENT REPORT, SEOUL</p>	<p>Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre Jeffrey Wilson, Head of Research, Perth USAsia Centre Taeho Bark, Former South Korean Trade Minister, Republic of Korea James Choi, Ambassador, Australia's Ambassador to Korea Chul Chung, Senior Vice President, Korea Institute for Technology In Kyo Cheong, Professor, Inha University Chun Il Park, Director, Center for Trade Studies & Cooperation, KITA Hye Min Lee, Professor of Graduate School of International Studies, Seoul National University</p>
<p>EXPANDING HORIZONS: INDONESIA'S REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE INDO-PACIFIC ERA</p>	<p>Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre Jeffrey Wilson, Head of Research, Perth USAsia Centre Caroline Turner, Deputy Director, Indonesia Institute Arianto Patunru, Fellow; Policy Engagement Coordinator, The ANU Indonesia Project, Australian National University Greg Fealy, Associate Professor and Senior Fellow, Indonesian Politics, Department of Political and Social Change, Australian National University</p>
<p>LAUNCH OF THE KOREAN INVESTMENT REPORT, CANBERRA</p>	<p>Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre Mathias Cormann, Senator, Australian Government Baek Soon, Republic of Korean Ambassador to Australia, Republic of Korea Jeffrey Wilson, Head of Research, Perth USAsia Centre</p>
<p>WA-ASEAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT DIALOGUE: THE POWER OF PROXIMITY</p>	<p>Gordon Flake, Chief Executive Officer, Perth USAsia Centre Muhamad Chatib Basri, Former Minister of Finance, Republic of Indonesia Gemma Manning, Founder and Managing Director, Manning & Co. and Gemstar Technology Rebecca Brown, Director General, Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation Shinto Ekopuri, Chief of Policy and Government Affairs, Go-Jek Cat Thao Nguyen, Director, Global Ready LLC Michelle Guthrie, Director, Starhub Syed Nabil Aljeffri, Founder, Malaysian Association of ASEAN Young Entrepreneurs</p>
<p>LOWY INSTITUTE ASIA POWER INDEX</p>	<p>Herve Lemahieu, Director of the Asian Power and Diplomacy Program, Lowy Institute Rikki Kersten, Dean, School of the Arts, Murdoch University Michael Fullilove, Executive Director, Lowy Institute</p>



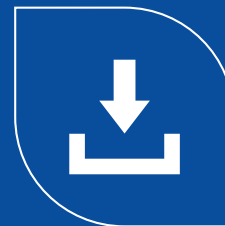
PODCAST: 30% increase in plays, a collective series of **43** Podcasts with over **14,000** listens. "Police Corruption in Indonesia" being the most listened to in 2018



WEBSITE: Over **100,000** page views, **23,000** users with ITZ 2018 being the most visited



15% annual increase in the database with over **7,000** subscribers in 2018 representing more than **45** countries



Most downloaded publication "Expanding Horizons: Indonesia's Regional Engagement"



Number of blog posts posted by the centre tripled for the year, with "The Contested Economic Architecture of the Indo-Pacific" being the most viewed



The Centre's Twitter presence has had **588,000** impressions in 2018, a growth of **20%** from previous year



Our online community has over **3,000** followers on Facebook and over **500** followers on LinkedIn

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