

## ANU College of Asia & the Pacific



### Politics, International Affairs and Asia-Pacific Culture

6 – 7pm AEST Tuesday 23 June

***Dr Bethwyn Evans, Lecturer, Linguistics, School of Culture, History and Language***

Dr Bethwyn Evans is a Lecturer in the Linguistics Department at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.

Dr Evans' research focus is historical and comparative linguistics and how language can be a window on the linguistic and non-linguistic past.

Her current project focuses on the documentation and description of several languages of southern Bougainville, including Nasioi, Torau and Nagovisi.

***Dr Maria Tanyag, Research Fellow, Department of International Relations***

Maria is a Research Fellow/Lecturer in the Department of International Relations at the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific.

Prior to joining ANU, Maria was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Monash Centre for Gender, Peace and Security. She was also a University Scholar at the University of the Philippines-Diliman.

Dr Tanyag's research interests include global politics of sexual and reproductive health, global political economy and social reproduction in crisis settings, feminist critiques of postconflict and postdisaster crisis response and feminist methodologies in IR.

***Dr Lauren Richardson, Director of Studies, Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy***

Lauren Richardson is Director of Studies and Lecturer at the Asia-Pacific College of Diplomacy. Previously she taught Northeast Asian Relations at the University of Edinburgh.

Dr Richardson has been a visiting fellow at the Japan Institute of International Affairs and Keio University, a recipient of the Prime Minister's Australia-Asia Award (2011), and a participant in the US-Korea NextGen Scholars Program (2015-16) and the German Marshall Fund's Young Strategist Forum (2019).

Her research focuses on the role of non-state actors in shaping diplomatic interactions in Northeast Asia, particularly Japan-Korea relations.

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## Public Policy, Environmental Policy and Economic Policy

3 – 4pm AEST Thursday 25 June

### ***Associate Professor Ben Hillman, Director, Policy and Governance Program***

Associate Professor Ben Hillman is a political scientist, public policy researcher and advisor at the Crawford School of Public Policy.

Ben has spent more than 10 years living and working in China and Indonesia and is author or editor of five books on public policy and governance in those countries. He also has experience working in Japan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Lebanon, Nicaragua and Ukraine. Ben has worked as an advisor to the United Nations and to national governments on governance reform, political inclusion, and conflict.

His research examines policies and mechanisms for promoting political inclusion and safeguarding minority rights. Ben also researches politics and public administration in the People's Republic of China.

### ***Associate Professor Sango Mahanty, Director, Resources Environment and Development Program***

Associate Professor Sango Mahanty is a human geographer and study the politics of social and environmental change.

Dr Mahanty's current research on how communities and civil society cope with dramatic processes of disruption or "rupture" is highly relevant to sudden crises such as COVID-19, especially the different ways in which these can impact diverse groups in society.

Dr Mahanty's areas of expertise include Human Geography, Studies of Asian Society, Natural Resource Management and Environment Policy. Her research interests include political ecology, agrarian change, development studies and Mainland Southeast Asia.

### ***Professor Ligang Song, Professor of Economics***

Professor Ligang Song is Professor of Economics and Head of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics at the Crawford School of Public Policy.

Professor Song's research interests include international economics, institutional economics, development economics and policy studies, and the Chinese economy.

The COVID-19 pandemic broke out at the time when there were heightened uncertainties in the global economy at the turn of the second decade of the 21st century. Professor Song is seeking to understand how these uncertainties can provide an important background for analysing the impact of the pandemic on the global economy,

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## National Security and Strategic Studies

6 – 7pm AEST Thursday 25 June

### ***Professor Rory Medcalf, Head, National Security College***

Professor Rory Medcalf has been Head of the National Security College (NSC) at the Australian National University since January 2015.

His professional background involves three decades of experience across diplomacy, intelligence analysis, think tanks, academia and journalism, including as founding Director of the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute from 2007 to 2015.

Professor Medcalf's research interests include, but are certainly not limited to; Australian security, defence and foreign policy; the development of an integrated Australian national security policy and narrative, including in the context of post-COVID-19 recovery.

***Dr Sue Thompson, Academic Convener and Senior Lecturer***

Dr Sue Thompson has extensive experience in academia, government, the media and the non-government sector.

Prior to joining the ANU, Dr Thompson was the research coordinator at the Australian Civil Military Centre, in the Australian Department of Defence, working on complex issues of coordinating civil, military and police personnel in conflict zones, disaster relief missions, post-conflict reconstruction and peacekeeping missions.

Her research specialisation examines the history of regional cooperation in Southeast Asia during the Cold War with a focus on foreign and defence policy influences in the post-war evolution of Southeast Asian regionalism.

***Dr Jean Bou, Senior Lecturer, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre***

Dr Jean Bou is a lecturer in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University, where he has worked since 2006.

Prior to joining ANU, Dr Bou was a historian in the Military History Section of the Australian War Memorial. He is the author or co-editor of several books on Australian military history.

Dr Bou has a particular interest Australian military history from before federation to today, with an emphasis on aspects of late-colonial/early federation defence, the First and Second World Wars

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