



# Strategy Amidst Indifference: Australia's strategic engagement with the southern Indian Ocean islands 1803-2025

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*Strategy Amidst Indifference: Australia and the Indian Ocean Islands 1803-2025* (Routledge London 2026) addresses an Australian strategic blind spot - the southern Indian Ocean. The book argues a long disregard and complacency towards this part of Australia's neighbourhood has opened strategic risk. Robinson assesses the lengthy history of Australia's indifference and flags the consequences of external power intrusion, transnational threat, derisory Australian influence and sovereign risk.

## Speaker

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## Details

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