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Welcome to the seventh edition of Strategic Capital,

It is a busy time of year at SDSC as we welcome new staff into our research and teaching programs and students prepare for final assessments for first semester. We warmly welcome Dr Marigold Black who joins SDSC as the newest Australian Army Research Centre Fellow. Dr Black has been hired to work collaboratively as an SDSC scholar embedded with the AARC, working on future strategic issues.

Recently, the Masters of Security Studies cohort joined SDSC staff for an immersive engagement weekend at the ANU's Kioloa Campus. The camp included a hypothetical role playing scenario or 'war game' where students played roles of certain ministries from different countries faced with a regional security crisis. This, along with the excellent speech on "strategic imagination" by our new honorary professor, Brendan Sargeant, capped off an excellent weekend of being challenged and enthused about how to grapple with strategic and defence issues.

As always, SDSC has maintained its efforts to produce timely and policy relevant research in response to major developments in Australia and abroad. This newsletter captures recently published work by our team of scholars and is intended as a community service. We welcome all [constructive feedback](#).

**Professor John Blaxland**

Head, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre



## SDSC represented at ASEAN-Australia Dialogue

Professor Evelyn Goh and Professor John Blaxland recently participated in the *ASEAN-Australia Dialogue: Partnering for Security and Prosperity in Uncertain Times*. The purpose of the dialogue, hosted alongside the ASEAN Summit, was to address contemporary multilateral issues, including shared economic, security and political challenges and opportunities. Professor Goh sat on the *Security* panel which examined major security challenges that ASEAN and Australia currently face and Professor Blaxland was the Chair for the speakers dinner preceding the one-day dialogue.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### ASIS Director-General launches new book

Paul Symon AO, Director-General, Australian Secret Intelligence Service helped launch the latest work by Dr Rhys Crawley and Dr Daniel Baldino titled *Intelligence and the Function of Government*.

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### SDSC contributes to Australian Army 'Building Partner Capacity' Seminar

Professor John Blaxland was the keynote speaker for the conference and PhD Candidate Deborah Jeppesen spoke about the personal attributes required to effectively advise foreign national security forces in various roles.

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### Greg Raymond's latest book launch in Australia & Thailand

SDSC celebrated the launch of Dr Greg Raymond's latest book *Thai Military*



**Power: A Culture of Strategic Accommodation** with representatives from the Thai Embassy. The book was also launched at the 'Dream Thailand' Public Forum Series at Chulalongkorn University.

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### **SDSC PhD Candidate participates in Indonesia-Australia Dialogue**

SDSC PhD Candidate Natalie Sambhi recently participated in the Australian Institute of International Affairs Indonesia-Australia Dialogue. She also acted as a chair for the session titled *Promoting a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership*.

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### **SDSC to co-host upcoming Counter-Terrorism Conference**

SDSC and the Defence Science & Technology (DST) Group will present a conference to consider Australian and key regional partners defence roles in counter-terrorism. Experts will discuss current and prospective roles in domestic and international counter-terrorism from the point of view of each region.

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## **MEET OUR ACADEMICS**



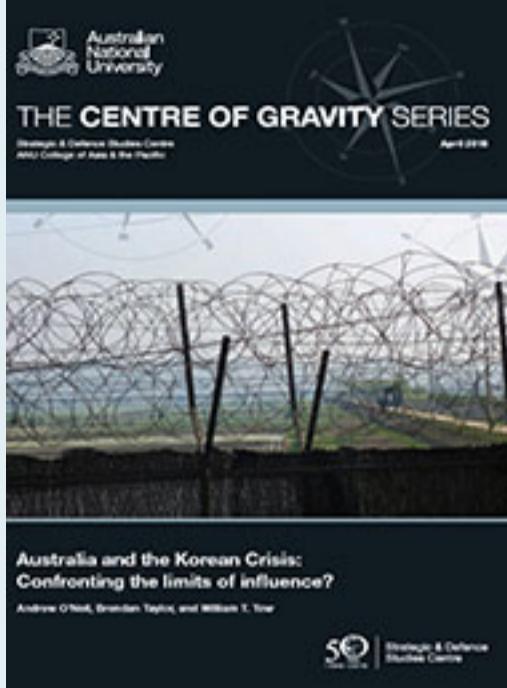
### **Dr Garth Pratten**

Senior Lecturer Dr Pratten is currently investigating the history of army-to-army cooperation between Australia and Indonesia in collaboration with the Australian Army History Unit and the Indonesian Army History Department - *Disjarahad*. He is also preparing for the second iteration of the SDSC's Borneo field trip, offered to Masters students across the College of the Asia and the Pacific, which will focus on the Oboe operations of 1945. The latest volume of the *Official History of Australian Peacekeeping and Post-Cold War Operations* titled *The Limits of Peacekeeping: Australian Missions in Africa and the Americas, 1992-2005*, to which Dr Pratten is a contributor, will be published later this year.

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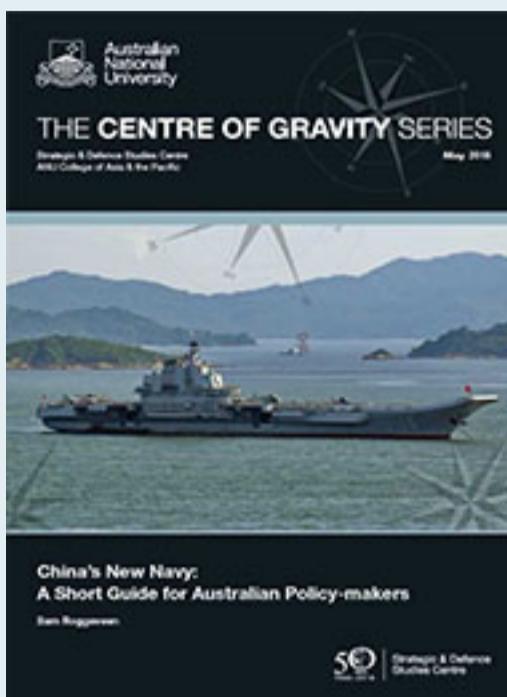
## **FEATURED PUBLICATIONS**

**Australia and the Korean Crisis: Confronting the limits of influence?**



Andrew O'Neil, Brendan Taylor and William Tow argue that the apparent optimism surrounding the upcoming 'season of summitry' on the Korean Peninsula should be tempered by the potential risks attached to engaging the North Korean leadership without preconditions. Australian policy-makers should look to develop a more integrated approach to the Korean Peninsula beginning with a whole-of-government review, managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This would identify and implement policy initiatives where Australia can pursue a distinctly national approach on the Korean Peninsula.

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## China's New Navy: A short guide for Australian policy-makers

In this upcoming *Centre of Gravity* paper, Sam Roggeveen, Senior Fellow at the Lowy Institute and Visiting Fellow at the SDSC, argues that China is well on the way to becoming the foremost power in Asia. The fact that China is developing a large ocean-going surface fleet indicates its growing ambitions and Australia faces its most challenging maritime security environment since World War II. To meet the challenges, the Australian Defence Force needs a force structure that is itself inspired by the lessons from China.

*This Centre of Gravity paper is set to be released in mid-May.*

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## A Pilot Fish Returns to School: Australia Explores New Approaches in East Asia's Evolving Regional Order

Dr Andrew Carr contributes to the latest *Asia Policy* roundtable which examines the tensions between U.S. and Chinese visions of regional order in East Asia from the perspective of nations in the region. An outcome of a workshop convened late last year by the Regional Security Architecture Programme (S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies), this paper investigates the challenges of the evolving order in East Asia. Dr Carr focuses on the Australian perspective in this roundtable to highlight the increasing complexities of the 'twin tracks' relationship in modern Australian foreign policy.

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## Vietnam and the New US: Developing 'Like-minded' partners

Dr Huong Le Thu contributes a chapter to the latest *Perth USAsia Centre* publication titled *Vietnam in the Indo-Pacific: Challenges and opportunities in a new regional landscape*. This publication explores the opportunities and challenges associated with the modern dynamic between Australia, Vietnam and the Indo Pacific. Dr Le Thu's chapter argues that Trump's presidency, while not



without concerns, is not likely to hamper the positive momentum in the bilateral security cooperation. Vietnam is ultimately likely to play a stronger role in the American vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific arena.

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## SDSC IN THE MEDIA



### **Australia and the Korean Crisis: Confronting the limits of influence?**

Brendan Taylor, Andrew O'Neil, William T. Tow

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### **As a new defence chief comes in, Australia must focus its attention on its neighbours**

Professor John Blaxland

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### **If China builds a military base in Vanuatu, what are the implications for Australia's defence planning?**

Emeritus Professor Paul Dibb

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### **Is Putin's nuclear boasting for real?**

Emeritus Professor Paul Dibb



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## Is it a ship or a network?

Professor John Blaxland

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## Defend the 'rules-based order' in Asia at any cost?

Professor Hugh White

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## Explainer: how the Australian intelligence community works

Professor John Blaxland

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## Is China changing the 'rules' in the Pacific Islands?

Dr Joanne Wallis

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## Reflecting on the ASEAN-Australia relationship



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## PODCASTS



### **Central Bureau and Australia's Code-Breaking Operations in the Second World War**

David Dufty

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### **Unwinnable Wars: Afghanistan and the Limits of Western Military Power**

Professor Theo Farrell

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### **Australia's new intelligence jigsaw**

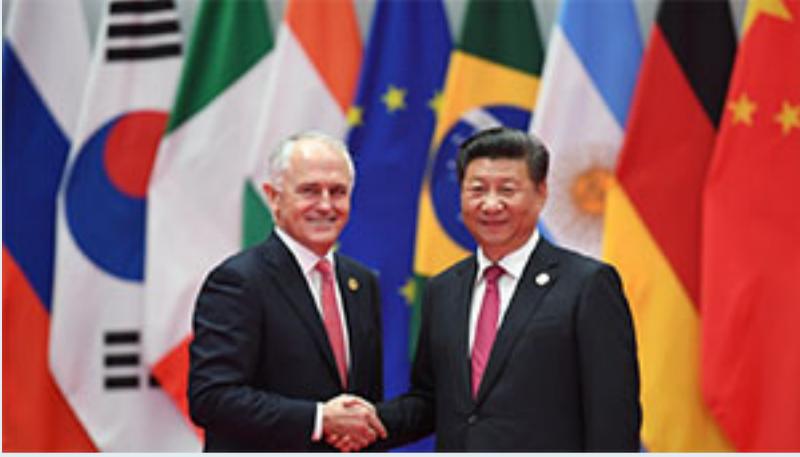
Professor John Blaxland, Jacinta Carroll, Dr Andrew Davies & Maya Bhandari

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### **Australia, China and the fallout from the foreign influence debate**

Adam Ni, Maree Ma, Su-Lin Tan & Jason Li

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Making it in the Military**

**24th May, 5-6:30pm**

Lieutenant Colonel Clare O'Neill and Wing Commander Hannah Jude-Smith will speak at this interactive seminar addressing career related questions. This Career Features Seminar is the second of the *Women in International Security: Theory and Practice Seminar Series 2018-2019*, jointly sponsored by the ANU Gender Institute and the SDSC.

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