

## THEAUSTRALIA-CHINAYOUTHDIALOGUE 中澳青年对话

2017 REPORT



### THANK YOU

Dear friends of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD),

This report chronicles our further progress in nurturing aspirational exchanges between emerging and current youth leaders from Australia and Greater China. The ACYD Board and Management Team worked energetically over the year to bring together another outstanding group to explore future directions, challenges and possibilities at the eighth ACYD, held in Beijing from 15-18 September 2017.

Again, 30 Australian and Chinese citizens aged 25-40, comprising a multi-disciplinary community of men and women, were brought together by the ACYD Board and its Management Team, drawing on our Global Alumni Network, our Partners, our Leadership Council and many friends. The delegates were distinguished by an identifiable sense of creative leadership, community consciousness and intellectual energy, apparent in their professional, academic, entrepreneurial and other achievements.

This year's delegates add to the 210 ACYD alumni and further extend the group's influence and leadership across the wide range of dynamic Australia-Greater China cooperation and interaction. The growth of the ACYD alumni network has achieved a depth, breadth, and scale of delegates, organisers, and speakers that can be co-ordinated to build a growing range of collaboration, creativity and constructive networking.

The ACYD Board and its Executive Team believes that their talented and highly qualified community of ACYD alumni comprises a unique potential capable of energetic and creative identification and development of initiatives. These can enrich, deepen and advance shared Australian and Chinese visions, initiatives and achievements in future years. This privileged sense of future invention informs ACYD activities and their focus in enhancing Australia-Greater China relations.

The ACYD Board and its Executive Team expresses our deep appreciation for the continuing support of our Partners, our Leadership Council and our Global Alumni Network. With their collective ongoing support, we look forward to planning, preparing and realizing the ninth ACYD in 2018 that will be held in Melbourne, Australia.

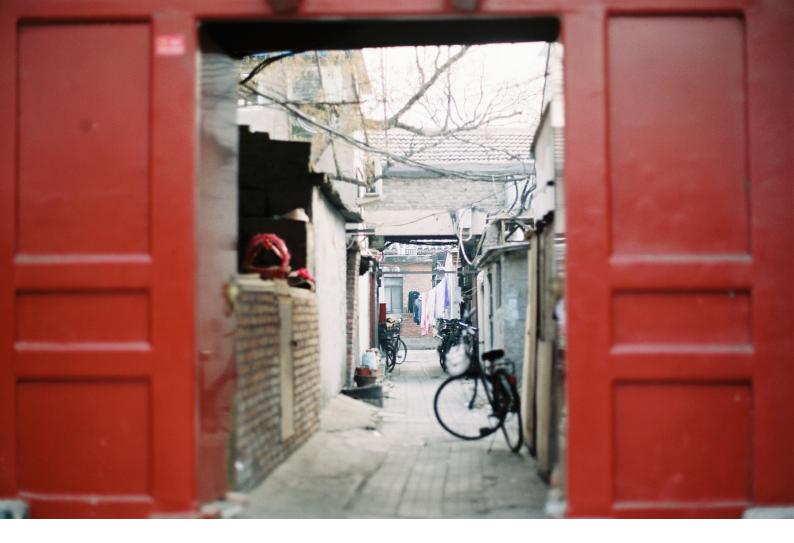
We trust you enjoy this Summary Report.

Natalie Cope Jade Little

Chair Executive Director



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## WHAT IS THE ACYD?

The Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD) is the preeminent inter-disciplinary early career leaders dialogue between Australia and Greater China.

Every year 30 outstanding Australian and Greater Chinese citizens between 25-40 years of age participate in ACYD: a powerful platform that identifies, then meaningfully connects, high-potential leaders in Australia-Greater China affairs. ACYD advances the Australia-Greater China relationship by promoting frequent and meaningful dialogue between young leaders from the two regions.

ACYD's core objectives are to:

- Develop a community of Australian and Greater Chinese young leaders from a range of backgrounds to create long-term, mutually beneficial relationships;
- Position young influential leaders to be active, visible and constructive figures in Australia and Greater China affairs; and
- Leverage ACYD's community to promote awareness and understanding of culture and society in the public interest.

## THESITUATION

Australia and China have cultures, languages and thought and value systems that are fundamentally different



## THECHALLENGE

Australia and China have a relationship that continues to grow in importance - trade (resources, agriculture, education), diplomacy (as China grows in regional and global influence), and even culture



## **THEOUTCOMES**

Invest in talented and committed Australian and Chinese emerging leaders, and nurture a growing bond between these people

## **ABOUT US**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

ACYD represents young professionals bridging the Australia-China gap which is exemplified through the diversity of our Board of Directors' experience studying and working internationally.

The Board of Directors includes:

- Natalie Cope
- Cindy Gottinger
- Benjamin Leigh
- Jade Little
- Henry Makeham
- Michael Power
- Elizabeth Reside
- Michael Ting

#### LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

ACYD's Leadership Council consists of prominent, well-respected, forward thinking individuals who are recognised as leaders in the Australia-China Space. The Leadership Council includes:

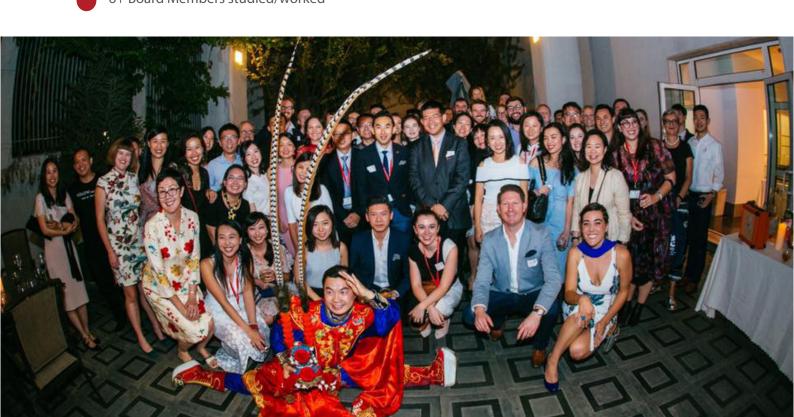
- Hon. Jan Adams
- Hon. Professor Bob Carr
- John W.H. Denton
- Hon. Kevin Rudd
- Hon. Warwick L. Smith



#### Over

years experience

- 1 Board Member studied/worked
- 2-3 Board Members studied/worked
- 6+ Board Members studied/worked









#### **PARTNERS**

ACYD attracts an exclusive network of valuable partners to support the dialogue on annual or three-yearly sponsorships.

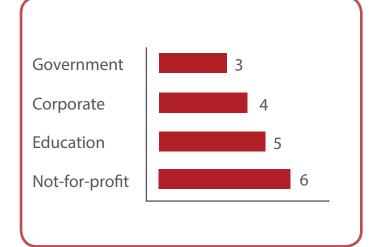
As a not-for-profit, ACYD values the connections with all of partners, and connects with a range of Australian and Chinese coporates, academic and non-government organisations.

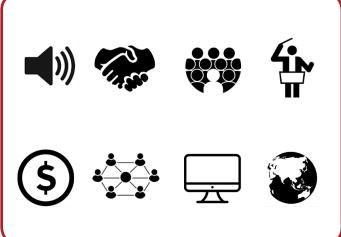
#### **MANAGEMENT TEAM**

ACYD's Management Team draws on the global talents of a experts across range of industries. The Management Team includes:

- Mert Erkul
- Cindy Gottinger
- Vincent Hu
- Karim Issa
- Manelle Issa
- Jade Little

- Amy Pan
- James Tang
- Joel Wing-Lun
- William Zhao
- Ted Zhou





#### **ACYD'S HISTORY**



#### **GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK**

The ACYD Global Alumni Network consists of more than 240 emerging leaders.



## **ACYD DELEGATE TESTIMONIALS**



#### LIN ZHANG

I truly enjoyed ACYD 2017, which is a fantastic forum for thinking minds, with speakers, delegates, organisers and alumni contributing different views of current bilateral relations in trade, education, research, health and environmental issues, enlightening in embracing a broad vision and big picture of future Australia-China relationships.

#### ANNA LIN

As Australia and China celebrate 45 years of diplomatic relations, it was inspiring to meet leaders in their respective fields participate in the Australia-China Youth Dialogue. The diversity, energy and dynamism of the delegates and speakers reflect the future of our strong, complementary and growing bilateral relationship.

#### MOON CHEN

The ACYD is a very meaningful program, providing a fantastic platform for Chinese and Australian outstanding youth to exchange. Abundant topics and diverse experiences in the past 4 days really inspired a lot of spark, which might affect people for whole lifetime in some circumstances.







#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

#### 2017 AUSTRALIA-CHINA YOUTH DIALOGUE

Dear Delegate,

Congratulations on your selection for the 2017 Australia-China Youth Dialogue in Beijing.

As an event for youth, by youth, the Dialogue is a terrific opportunity for young people to discuss ideas for building the Australia-China relationship and to challenge yourselves to think 'outside of the box'.

I hope you can learn from these four days, and forge new friendships and professional relationships that will endure for many years.

This year's Dialogue coincides with the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic relations between Australia and China. Both countries face opportunities as well as challenges as we navigate the intricacies of a dynamic and evolving bilateral relationship in an increasingly complex region.

In March this year, I welcomed Premier Li Keqiang to Australia. During his visit, both Premier Li and I underscored the importance of strengthening our trade and investment, institutional and people-to-people links at a national, state and provincial level.

Efforts to forge greater understanding of each other's culture, society and political economies will be critical in order to take our partnership forward. Thank you for your commitment to building the Australia-China relationship and for the innovation and energy that you bring to the task.

I trust that you will enjoy the 2017 Australia-China Youth Dialogue, and that your discussions are not only productive, but strengthen your idealism and faith in the value of friendship and cooperation between our peoples.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP Prime Minister of Australia

24 August 2017

## DAY1AUSTRALIA-CHINARELATIONSINTHEAGEOFTRUMP

#### **OPENING ACYD2017**

The first day of ACYD2017 was hosted at King & Wood Mallesons and officially opened by Deputy Head of Mission to China from the Australian Embassy in Beijing, Mr Gerald Thomson and the Director-General of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, Mr Zhong Weiyun.

After offering initial thoughts on the Australia-China relationships, Mr Thomson highlighted the different experiences that each delegate would bring to the ACYD and that everyone would be at different stages in their respective Australia-China journeys. Reflecting on his own journey within the Australia-China relationship, he emphasised how his early experiences as a young diplomat in China in the early 1990's had shaped his career today and that ACYD delegates were positioning themselves well to tap into such a unique and multidimensional relationship.

Director-General Zhong welcomed the ACYD to Beijing, noting that the 8th Dialogue came at a special time during the 45th year of diplomatic relations between Australia and China. Visits to Australia by senior Chinese officials such as Premier Li in 2017 and President Xi in 2014 demonstrated the strength of the relationship, especially in the context of the comprehensive strategic partnership, increasing trade and stronger people to people links. However, Director-General Zhong said there was still more work to do, especially in the areas of institutionalised mechanisms to enhance the relationship. He highlighted the significant work done by ACYD [as one of these mechanisms] over the past 8 years to discuss new ideas.

Both Mr Thomson and Director-General Zhang's opening remarks gave delegates an ideal platform for discussion and debate during the first ACYD session on the transformation of global politics.







SESSION 1: TRANSFORMATION OF GLOBAL POLITICS
Session chair: Edwina Kwan, Senior Associate, King & Wood Mallesons, 2015 Alumnus

Panelists – David Kelly (Director of Research, China Policy), Jen Mason (Political Counsellor, Australian Embassy Beijing) and Jonathan Milton (Assistant Defence Attaché, Australian Embassy Beijing) – opened the session with a discussion on the US-China relationship through the prism of the Tump-Xi nexus, and how to understand the personal dynamic of the two leaders in the context of foreign policy developments. President Trump's protectionist policies were noted as a potential ongoing irritant for broader global trade relations, however the anticipated 'trade war' has not yet materialised. Many delegates from mainland China were impressed by Trump's business success, however the recent US election was cited as a bruising encounter that has found candidates often going against long held party lines to secure populist support. On the China side, some delegates and panellists considered that Xi's recent speech in Dayos was a positive signal of the direction of growth in China. The situation in North Korea was considered next, with the panellists noting that although many assumed that the China-North Korea relationship was strong, in reality the two countries were often on very different pages. While China is North Korea's economic lifeblood, its ability to influence North Korean behaviour is often overstated. Questions from the delegates also focused on the prominence of [Western] values in the debate about progress. Going forward, people to people relationships through education and defence cooperation were highlighted as having the potential to offer stability for the relationship and in some cases, circumvent other intractable issues.

#### **ACYD ANNUAL GALA DINNER**

The ACYD was privileged to hold its Annual Gala dinner at the one and only Capital M, just days before it closed its doors indefinitely. Harold Weldon, Director of the Australia China Council and accomplished writer and filmmaker, delivered a keynote speech which drew on his rich experiences in China producing works including The Long March (1985) and The Great Wall of Iron (1987-1989).

## DAY2BILATERALTRADEANDINVESTMENT:GROWTHAND TRANSFORMATION

Day 2 was hosted a 5LMeet, a thriving incubator nestled among the Dongsi Hutongs. It was an ideal venue to explore growth and transformation opportunities in the bilateral trade and investment relationship.

SESSION 1: CHINA SHAPING FUTURE GLOBAL COMMERCIAL CULTURE
Session Chair: Philip Wen, Beijing-based correspondent with Thompson Reuters, ACYD 2012 Alumnus

This session brought together Jason Yatsen Li, Chairman of Vantage Asia Holdings, Dr Xiaoqin Li, senior economist with Teck Resources, and Edwin Maher, former nightly news anchor with CCTV. The session explored the future of China's economy and Chinese investment in countries including Australia. The panel addressed the policy priorities of the Chinese government as it strives to achieve stable and sustainable economic growth, as well as differences in corporate or commercial culture that can effect foreign investments and acquisitions across national and cultural boundaries.

The panel also considered domestic media reports and debate in Australia about Chinese Foreign Direct Investment, the influence of the Chinese Communist Party and Australians of Chinese descent in the spheres of media and politics. Former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott has described Australia's relationship with China as driven by "fear and greed," and the panellists discussed whether negative media coverage of Chinese investment and political donations by Australians of Chinese descent sounded a justifiable note of caution or was alarmist scaremongering.

Australia is substantially more open to Foreign Direct Investment than China, where there are strong safeguards in place protecting national and strategic interests. Better communications and gestures of good will, as well as a more informed public discourse may help to build trust between governments and corporations, as well as the Chinese and Australian public.







SESSION 2: PARTNERSHIPS IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
Session chair: Matt Baker, MBL Node for Single Molecule Science University of New South Wales, 2015
Alumnus

The Partnerships in Research and Innovation session drew on three panellists spanning government, academia, and private sectors at the Australia-China interface. While these three areas were drawn together to offer different perspectives, in fact it was the commonality across all three sectors that shone through in this session.

Representing the government perspective, but drawing on her years of experience inside academia, Lisa Renkin, Deputy Commissioner from Victoria to China, emphasised the key to successful partnerships is legwork on the ground. Any relationship will contain an element of risk on both sides. To make a fair and balanced assessment of any potential partner it is critical to gather, correlate and corroborate information from multiple sources.

From an academic perspective, Professor in Biomedical Engineering, Peng Xi of Peking University emphasised the need for very precise frameworks for industrial collaboration. Without specific objectives an academic researcher can be inclined, naturally, to pursue their own research objectives above the industrial linkage. It was further emphasised that Artificial Intelligence (AI), is a field undergoing significant investment in China, particularly with strategic linkage between Universities and the private sector.

The industrial perspective, represented by Mathew Benjamin of AsiaRecon, spoke on the role of seed and angel investment and that different tiers of investors in China have different approaches to and expectations from startup investment. One effective strategy can be to develop a strong individual relationship with the funder first and then use that connection to attract startup and research innovators.

All the panellists agreed there is no quick method to 'fast track' a productive relationship in research between Australia and China. The best recipe for success is genuine, long term investments of time to build strong personal relationships founded on transparency and honesty.

# DAY2BILATERALTRADEANDINVESTMENT:GROWTHAND TRANSFORMATION - CONTINUED

**SESSION 3: LEADERSHIP IN ACTION** 

Session chair: Cindy Gottinger, Industry Lead Google, 2013 Alumna

Leadership in Action was a new session introduced in 2017, which explored the importance of leadership as a soft skill that will shape the relationship between Australia and China.

The delegation was joined by three distinguished leaders in the Australia-China space: Dr Geoff Raby (former Australian Ambassador to China), Trista Brohier (Vice President of Coal, Mitsubishi Development Ltd) and Kee Wong (Founder, e-Centric Innovation and Chair of the AIIA Board).

The session explored three key areas that leaders faced in today's modernizing world: how to drive the adoption of emerging technology, how to foster greater collaboration across departments, industries and countries, and how to implement diversity & inclusion in the workplace.

During the discussion the panel kept returning back to one important hygiene factor- company culture and the responsibility of leaders to shape company culture through their behaviour. Additionally, the panel's parting advice to the delegates – do not be afraid of failure.

After the panel discussion the delegates turned inwards and thought about their individual aspirations and challenges as emerging leaders of the Australia China relationship. The delegates agreed that leadership is not necessarily C-level position leading a large team in an organisation but also individual experts, thought leader and influencers. Regardless of the type of leader they were, delegates agreed that the best leaders respect diversity of thought and are able to adapt to different working environments and cultures. In their journey as leaders, the ACYD Alumni community will be an important source of insight, support and inspiration.











#### SESSION 3: SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Following a tasty Chinese dinner, the delegation continued to the National Centre of Performing Arts (also known as the Egg) for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra's final performance of their 2017 China tour. After the Conductor's 15th and final encore, we joined Jan Adams, Australian Ambassador to China, and other distinguished guests for drinks, canapés and photo opportunities at an exclusive reception.



## DAY 3 SOCIAL MOBILITY AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

The Australian Chamber of Commerce kindly hosted the delegation for Day 3 of the dialogue.

SESSION 1: SOCIAL MOBILITY AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE
Session Chair: Lisa Qin, Education & Child Development at UNICEF China, 2013 Alumna

The challenges and trends of 'Learning in a Globalized World' was the topic for ACYD's inaugural session on education. This is a vital topic for Australia-China relations in the context of where China is going through massive education reforms and Australia's third largest export is projected to grow from \$21 billion to \$33 billion by 2025.

Panellists – Amanda Barry, founding Director of the Australian National University's China Liaison Office, Craig Boyce, Head of the KaiWen Academy, an international school in Beijing, and Mingyan "Ophelia" Ma, an independent education consultant and former cDirector of Curriculum at Beijing No. 4 High School – helped delegates identify their values underpinning education and reflect on their own cross-cultural education experiences, as well as understand and discuss general themes, challenges, and trends across global education particularly in the Australia China space.

Panellists discussed the East and West educational dichotomy and perceptions of educational culture in China, Australia and in other countries where they had studied abroad. The Dialogue was also lucky enough to hear from two Beijing high school students, Zhang Yuxin and Tan Ziwen, on competition in education and their study abroad experiences.

While the session focused on secondary and tertiary global education, delegates were also reminded of the scale and importance of vocational training and of the importance of creating educational opportunities for students from rural and disadvantaged backgrounds.







SESSION 2: THE ROLE TOURISM PLAYS IN SHAPING PERCEPTIONS
Session Chair: Natalie Cope, CEO at NSW Australia China Business Council, ACYD Chair & Founding
Member

Tourism was also an inaugural subject discussed at ACYD, partially due to it being the China-Australia Year of Tourism.

The delegation was joined by four panellists – Maree Ringland (Counselor for Public Affairs and Culture at the Australian Embassy in Beijing), Li Kuanghan (China Director of the Global Heritage Fund), Mark Tanner (Founder and Managing Director, China Skinny), and Hu Dan (Assistant Professor, Beijing Foreign Studies University).

It was discussed that China has become a major source of economic growth for the Australian tourism industry (and globally). In 2016, China was Australia's second largest inbound market for visitor arrivals and the largest market for total expenditure and visit nights. In the same year, visitors from China to Australia generated \$9.2 billion in total expenditure, and this figure has the potential to increase to \$20 billion by 2020. Domestic tourism in China is also on an exponential increase.

The contemporary Chinese tourist has also led to shifting market trends in the tourism industry. The advent and increase of the "Free and independent traveller" has led to an increase in preferences for tailor-made tour products and a growing level of awareness about the impact that they leave on the destinations visited.

This has meant that the ultimate economic footprint of Chinese tourism both domestically and in Australia is vastly broader than the trips themselves. In China tourism is leading a renewed investment in the preservation of heritage sites which in turn has a significant impact on the local communities. In the case of Australia, non-tourism markets including education, migration, property and the export of Australian products into China are impacted as much as the direct tourism industry players themselves.

In light of the importance of tourism to both countries, this session saw the delegates together with the speakers consider how local culture and communities are facilitating and impacted by tourism; to understand trends arising from increasing Chinese tourism on non-direct tourism sectors including and in particular education, property, and consumer products; the role that tourism plays in shaping perceptions and importantly what institutions, communities and individuals should do to protect and help shape and influence positive perceptions.

## DAY3SOCIALMOBILITYANDCULTURALEXCHANGE-CONT'

#### SESSION 3: SOCIAL MOBILITY AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITY

After a morning of focussed discussion on cultural exchange and social mobility, delegates let their hair down and took part in a team scavenger hunt around Houhai. There were six teams and the goal – reach as many checkpoints and complete as many challenges as possible within the set time period. The hunt led teams through the Hutongs of old Beijing, testing their selfie skills, dance moves and knowledge of Chinese language, history and culture, along the way. It gave delegates the opportunity to get to know one another in an informal setting and ultimately first hand experience of "cultural exchange and social mobility"!

#### ALUMNI DINNER TO CELEBRATE ACYD'S 8TH ANNIVERSARY

The evening event, which celebrated the ACYD's 8th anniversary, was graciously hosted by the Australian Embassy. Delegates and alumni met in the Embassy's rose garden for drinks and to witness the art of Chinese face masking changing. Following dinner, Maree Ringland, Counsellor, Public Affairs and Culture at Australian Embassy Beijing, formally welcomed the 70 guests. Video messages from past delegates were also highlighted the value of the ACYD alumni network and illustrated how the ACYD has transformed the career pathways of many former delegates.

The evening concluded in traditional ACYD style with KTV in Sunlitun.















## DAY4POLICYCHANGES:SOCIALANDENVIRONMENTAL

**SESSION 1: AGING ACROSS CULTURES** 

Session chair: Elva Zhang, Corporate Counsel at ANL Container Line, 2014 Alumna

Delegates were invited to consider the multifaceted issue of ageing population in the Australia-China context. In order to appreciate the human elements of this complex issue, the discussions started with a simulated session that assigned the delegates with three "real-life" scenarios on various aspects of ageing population. The delegates, especially those who were born under the generation of China's one-child policy, shared their personal challenges in looking after their parents who often live in different cities or even countries.

In addition to the human dimension of the topic, both Australia and China are presented with policy challenges as a result of their respective fast-growing ageing population. For Australia, 22% of its 24 million population will be over 60 years of age in 2017. For China, 248 million of its population are expected to be aged 60 years and over in 2020. However, unlike Australia, currently China's aged care sector is still in its infancy, is not supported by adequate infrastructure and professional staff, and also lacks a comprehensive legal and regulatory framework. Culturally, the development of the aged care sector challenges the traditional Chinese family cultures, as children are expected to personally care for their aging parents.

Against this backdrop, the delegates were joined in the second half of the session by a panel of three experts from the aged care sector in both Australia and China: Carol Allen, CEO of Sapphire International Holdings from Melbourne; Shanzhen Luo, Business Development Manager of CHJ Care from Beijing; Shupei Chen, Business Development Manager of Austrade from Beijing.

The panellists shared their cross-cultural experiences and perspectives with the delegates, and reminded everyone that the challenges posed by the ageing population also represent an abundance of emerging opportunities of cooperation between Chinese businesses and Australian businesses. There will be more rapid exchanges of expertise, knowledge and investment between China and Australia, which will further help China to advance in this field. Nevertheless, it is equally crucial for the Chinese government and businesses to ensure the aged care sector is created and developed with "Chinese elements", taking into account unique Chinese cultural and traditional values.

The panel discussions concluded on a positive note, as the panellists remained optimistic that China's aged care sector will develop and mature at an accelerated rate in the next decade.









#### **SESSION 2: ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURES**

Session chair: Joel Wing-Lun, PhD Candidate in History and East Asian Languages at Harvard University

In the Environmental Futures session, delegates discussed their perceptions of environmental issues in the context of their own professional and personal lives. Delegates revealed that environmental issues impacted their work across sectors ranging from banking and energy, to diplomacy, agriculture, and medicine. Awareness of environmental issues was especially acute for delegates raising young families and contending with air pollution in Beijing.

The delegates heard from three Beijing-based experts on climate and environment policy: Ma Tianjie, Managing Editor at China Dialogue, presented on shifting narratives of environmental issues in China; Guo Hongyu, Program Manager at Greenovation Hub, on Chinese NGO's engagement in climate governance; and Huw Slater, Research Manager at China Carbon Forum, on the China-Australia energy and climate change relationship.

A major trend with implications for the China-Australia trade relationship is the continuing decline in coal consumption and imports in China since 2014. Since at least 2012, China has made concerted efforts to transition to renewable energy and tackle air pollution. These changes have come as China is expanding its economic involvement in the region through the Belt and Road Initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the US is withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord.

However, delegates were reminded that China's renewable energy policies could result in the export of polluting industries to neighbouring countries. Moreover, the government's recent focus on air quality and renewable energy has come at the expense of problems such as soil and groundwater pollution, which mainly effect China's rural population.

With China's economy and energy industry in transition, the delegates were left with the question: what role for Australia? Will Australia be part of this transition, or will it be left out of a developing regional infrastructure that, at least on paper, emphasizes emissions reduction and renewable energy?

#### **CLOSE**

Justin Howden (Global Head of Government Affairs and Industry Development, H&H Group) delivered a powerful closing address, where he fittingly, for ACYD's 8th anniversary, touched on eight closing points. He highlighted the importance of cross-border dialogues and the positive influence ACYD is likely to have on the career pathways and lives of delegates, and strongly encourage follow-up among the delegates to cement the people-to-people connections created at ACYD2017.

## **ACYD DELEGATES**



TING BIE Chinese delegate

Ting is a practitioner of international education based in Beijing, with expertise and interest ranging from mathematics education to college counselling, from language testing to teacher training. Building on his initial teacher education, he completed his master's degree in statistics at Uppsala University, Sweden in 2013 on the EU's Erasmus Mundus scholarship. Prior to that, he also pursued two-year postgraduate study in English Literature at Sichuan University, China.

Ting's teaching experience has involved delivery of multiple international qualifications, namely Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge International A Level and Swedish National Curriculum. Over the past decade, he worked at secondary schools in Chengdu, Stockholm and Beijing, always at the forefront of global educational reform and innovation. He is currently at the final stage of becoming an Accredited Cambridge trainer.



SI CHEN Chinese delegate

Si is a Senior Strategy Manager at Tencent, one of the leading internet and technology companies in China. She leads strategy, business development and operations for Tencent Artificial Intelligence Lab across their two locations in Shenzhen, China and Seattle, USA, Tencent Al Lab was established in 2016 and focuses on both the development of AI applications as well as the advancement of fundamental research in the areas of Computer Vision, Speech Recognition, NLP and Machine Learning. Si is passionate about technology, artificial intelligence, and the innovative applications of these new technologies.

Prior to joining Tencent, Si was a Senior Strategy and M&A Manager at Telstra, where she led a number of international strategy and projects across Australia, China and North Asia. She also worked at L.E.K. Consulting in Australia and the UK, delivering strategy and implementation projects across sectors such as retail, finance, healthcare, building products and private equity.



CHEN YUE Swisse Fellow Chinese delegate

Yue, also known as Moon, is a Senior PR Specialist at the H&H Group. Founded in 1999 and listed in HK Stock Exchange, the H&H Group is a global leader in premium nutrition and wellness with 4 internationally renowned brands: Swisse (from Australia), Healthy Times (from USA), Biostime and Dodie (from France).

Born and raised in Guangzhou, she graduated from Sun Yet-Sen University with a master in biology. In the H&H Group, Moon is responsible for the H&H Group's media communication and public relations. Moon is passionate about advancing Australia-China relations through her day to day involvements with the Swisse brand, the Sino-Australia economic tie and people to people engagement.

Moon has strong understanding and insights of the health industry and cross border trade and investment between the two nations. She speaks Mandarin, Cantonese and English.



ALLEN CLAYTON-GREENE Australian delegate

Allen Clayton-Greene received his LLM degree from New York University School of Law in 2014, and his combined BA/ LLB (Hons) degree from The University of Melbourne in 2007. After graduation from the University of Melbourne, Allen worked as a litigation attorney with Australian law firm, Allens Arthur Robinson, In 2012, Allen was awarded an Australian **Government Endeavor Executive** Award fellowship, through which he undertook field work in China with Walmart, and research with consulting firm China Policy. Upon graduation from NYU School of Law, Allen was a visiting scholar with the U.S.-Asia Law Institute and worked as China Law Officer with the NGO Human Rights in China. Allen currently works as a Research Scholar at the U.S.-Asia Law Institute at New York University School of Law with Professors Jerome Cohen and Ira Belkin, Allen is fluent in Mandarin and his research interests include Chinese criminal law and procedure, digital and cybersecurity, constitutional law and international human rights law.



TRACY JIN CUI Chinese delegate

Born and raised in the most ancient Chinese capital city Xi'an, Tracy travelled to Australia on a full scholarship to study Geographic Information Science at the University of New South Wales. After spending 8 years in Australia, most recently working as National Training Manager at NGIS, a top tier GIS consulting company, Tracy is currently pursuing a Master's degree at the University of Oxford seeking solutions to the future of low carbon development for smart and resilient cities.

At NGIS, Tracy was the first female training manager in the company's history. She has led international capacity building programs to the Maldives and Greenland and has won together with the NGIS team, an UN award for mapping in the Pacific Islands.

In 2012, Tracy established the Western Australia chapter of the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative, working closely with WA governments, businesses and think tanks on important exchanges of the Australia-China relationship.



GEORGINA DOWNER Monash University Fellow Australian delegate

Georgina Downer is an Adjunct Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs, Georgina has extensive experience in foreign policy, most recently as the Director of Asialink Diplomacy at the University of Melbourne. Previously, she was a diplomat at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, and occupied various positions at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. Georgina has also worked as a corporate lawyer at Minter Ellison Lawyers in Melbourne, and as a researcher for US Senator Chuck Hagel and the Baroness Howe of Idlicote in the House of Lords, UK.

Georgina regularly appears on television, radio and in print as a commentator on Australian politics and foreign policy. She is a member of the Victorian Liberal Party's Administrative Committee and a director of the Indigenous arts project, The Torch.

Georgina has degrees in Commerce and Law from the University of Melbourne.

## **ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED**



MARGARET FORREST Australian delegate

Margaret is a barrister in Level
Twenty Seven Chambers in
Brisbane and has previously
worked in the office of the
Commonwealth Attorney-General,
Senator the Hon George Brandis
QC. Margaret holds a Bachelor
of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts
(Chinese) from the University of
Queensland. She holds a Master
of Philosophy in Criminology from
the University of Cambridge where
she wrote her dissertation on the
topic, 'Radicalisation via social
media and terrorism'.

After completing her Arts degree in Mandarin Chinese and undertaking several trips to China, Margaret has developed an appreciation of and affection for the language and culture of China. She maintains her interest in Australia-China affairs through her membership of the Brisbane Branch of the Australia China Young Professionals Initiative.

She is currently a member of the LNP's Foreign Affairs Policy Committee and the Law and Justice Policy Committee and is the Chair of LNP Brisbane City.



SARAH GUO Chinese delegate

Sarah is a Chinese national who currently live in Sydney, Australia. Sarah was educated in the top universities in Beijing, Hong Kong and the U.S. and has been practising law in the international business market for the last eight years. She is currently a senior attorney at an international company in Australia covering the company's commercial transactions in Australia and APAC.

Sarah is fluent in three languages, including English, Mandarine and Cantonese. She is passionate about promoting China-Australia national relationships.

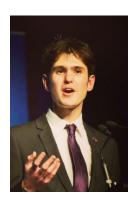


FERGUS HUNTER Australian delegate

Fergus Hunter is a political reporter for The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age and other Fairfax Media titles. Based in the press gallery at Parliament House, Canberra, Fergus has reported on politics and policy across foreign affairs, national security, the environment, education, Indigenous affairs and immigration.

Fergus' professional interests include the strategic and economic impacts of climate change, Australia's navigation of its relationships with China and the United States, American politics, Middle East politics, reconciliation between Australia's Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and the effects of the internet and social media on political and social discourse.

He was highly commended for breaking news coverage in the Melbourne Press Club's 2016 Quill Awards. In 2014, he toured the US as a fellow of the State Department's Edward R Murrow Program for Journalists.



LIAM KEARNEY New Colombo Plan Fellow Australian delegate

Liam is the Australian
Government's 2017 New Colombo
Plan Fellow (China) based in
Shanghai. The New Colombo
Plan is the government's
signature initiative to deepen
Australia's engagement in the
Indo-Pacific through supporting
undergraduates to undertake
study and internships in the
region. Each host-location's top
ranked scholar recognised as a
fellow.

Liam is passionate about the Chinese economy and financial sector, especially in the context of e-commerce for development, and plans to undertake research in the area at Shanghai Jiaotong Antai School of Economics and Management, assisted by the New Colombo Plan. He hopes that lessons from China's digital financial services and cashless explosion can serve as a guide to developing countries in modernising their own financial systems.

Liam has previously lived in Beijing (2011), Hangzhou (2015) and Shanghai (2017).



YAN LI Chinese delegate

Ms Yan Li is a Senior Project Officer for the China Health Program (CHP), at La Trobe University (LTU). Her passion and commitment is for developing and enhancing inter-cultural strategy through Australia-China partnerships. Her role at CHP is to build strong partnerships and networks with LTU and Chinese high-profile institutions through organizing China-related research projects, teaching collaboration and Healthcare reform workshops which bringing together key health care professionals and managers from China and Australia to share experiences and solutions.

The La Trobe Partnership Strategy focuses strongly on improving connections between the university and Chinese universities at every level: creating new relationships and strengthening their capability to engage effectively. These connections will not only enrich LTU's cultural fabric, but they are a necessary foundation for realizing the potential teaching and research benefits of the partnership



ANNA LIN ACFEA Fellow Australian delegate

Anna is currently Consul (Commercial) and Trade Commissioner at the Australian Consulate-General in Guangzhou. In this role she leads a team of business development managers assisting business from Australia and China to achieve commercial outcomes.

Anna is a specialist in trade and investment facilitation and has assisted Australian companies across multiple sectors in international market selection, business development and marketing strategies.

A key part of her current responsibilities is developing increased collaboration between China and Australia in the health and medical sectors and leading work to identify opportunities for greater cooperation in film and associated digital technologies.

Prior to her posting in China, Anna served as Consul and Trade Commissioner in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

## **ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED**



RENAE LIANG Australian delegate

Renae works on policy and external affairs at Jemena, an Australian energy company majority owned by China's State Grid. Prior to this she worked at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and at the Treasury, including in its China Policy Unit and the secretariat to the Foreign Investment Review Board. She advised ministers and senior government officials on a range of policy, economic, trade and investment issues including the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement. She is also a co-founder of Gradvantage, an employment services startup.

Born in Guangxi Zhuang
Autonomous Region, she
has spent considerable time
studying, teaching English and
travelling in Greater China. In
both a professional and personal
capacity, she has an interest
in seeing the Australia-China
relationship further develop
and strengthen. She takes a
particular interest in potential
opportunities for collaboration
between Australia and Greater
China on common opportunities
and challenges



FAYE LU Chinese delegate

Faye Lu is currently running the international business development center for New Hope Group, one of the largest family owned private company in China. She is responsible on setting up and managing international offices for the group around the world, including Australia. Under the strategy of going global by being local, Faye's work is also about bridging the cultural and business gaps.

Prior to her experience with New Hope, she was working in Africa on a development aid Project on the financial system of Mauritania.

She obtained 3 master degrees during 2010-2013 in Financial Management, International Business and Development Economics, respectively in China, Germany and France. Faye is also considered to be an interpreter, a teacher, and more importantly, a story teller. She is using her free time to collect stories of people related to certain social issues or from a dying culture to give these issues a more humanistic touch.



ERIK MARR Australian delegate

Erik is an experienced teacher and global educator passionate about promoting Asia literacy in schools. Based in Hobart, Erik is founding Head of Chinese at the Hutchins School, one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious schools for boys. In this role, he has led a range of curriculum initiatives tailored to enhance students' intercultural competencies and global citizenship, with a focus on China and the Chinese-speaking world.

Erik started his teaching career on the remote Christmas Island where his passion for providing a globally oriented education to children in regional Australia sprang up. Since then he has taught and inspired hundreds of students from non-metropolitan schools. He is now working closely with the Hobart City Council on reciprocal educational exchanges with two of Hobart's sister cities, Fuzhou and Xi'an. As a teacherpreneur who leads and innovates whilst staying in the classroom, Erik co-founded TasMandarin, a social enterprise aiming to promote and facilitate language education.



CAITIN MULLINS University of Queensland Fellow Australian delegate

Caitlin is a lawyer whose career to date has taken her from Brisbane to Beijing and Hong Kong, and, currently, Copenhagen. She advises primarily on banking and finance and corporate transactions, having acted for multiple large financial institutions, including those based in both Australia and in China. While working for King & Wood Mallesons in Hong Kong,

Caitlin's interest in China started at the age of 12 in a humid Queensland classroom. That initial interest deepened with her discovery of dumplings and jianbing, and, following her first visit to China in 2004, she has been back at least once a year since to work, study, and spend time volunteering at several orphanages around China. During each trip to China, she traveled widely, interacted with a variety of people, during one particularly memorable Chinese New Year celebration ate over 100 dumplings, and improved her Chinese language skills along the way.



DEREK NG Macquiarie Fellow Chinese delegate

Derek is a Vice President from Macquarie Capital, specialising in the Asia real estate sector. He joined Macquarie Capital in 2010 as an Analyst and has a strong understanding of Macquarie Capital capabilities. Derek is actively involved in the principal investment activities in the Greater China Real Estate sector, his primary roles include platform establishment, capital raising and acquisitions. He has also executed a range of public and private transactions in the region.

Prior to joining Macquarie, Derek worked at Morgan Stanley Real Estate Investment in Shanghai.

Derek received a Bsc. Economics degree from University College London. Derek was born in Hong Kong, he had his secondary education in the HK, and now spends more than half of his time travelling in China.



**CURT SHI Chinese delegate** 

A veteran in the telecom, media and technology space, as well as in the action sports sector, Curt Shi is an experienced early stage investor and VC fund manager, focusing on the complex but massive opportunities in China. One of his recent successful cross-border investments is Catapult Sports which was listed on the ASX (CAT) Dec 2014 (20X return in 18 months). Currently Curt is the founding partner of two VC funds: Imprint Capital Partners in Beijing and Follow [The] Seed in Sydney. Through these two venture capital vehicles, Curt's main focus is to support its Australia partners and portfolios find suitable Chinese partners, build their businesses and achieve financial market exits through IPO and M&A.

For his professional performance, Curt was the 2016 winner of "CPA Australia - Australia China Alumni Award for Banking and Finance" by Australia China Alumni Association and a finalist for the "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alumni Award" by Western Sydney University for 2017.

## **ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED**



MICHAEL SU Australian delegate

Michael is a senior strategy manager at Tencent, responsible for devising and executing strategic initiatives for Tencent's Online Media business group, including, but not limited to, content and IP strategy, product strategy and internationalisation. Prior to joining Tencent, Michael was a Project Director at Pingan backed real estate services platform start-up Haofang, based in Shanghai, where he lead the Rental Properties BU and the Overseas Properties BU.

Michael was born in Beijing and later immigrated to Australia where he completed his studies and joined global management consulting firm McKinsey & Company, during which he travelled extensively across Asia, Europe and Africa, and worked across a whole range of industries ranging from traditional manufacturing and resources, to TMT and high-tech.

Michael is passionate about how China will contribute to the region and to the world.



MARTIN SYMONDS Australian delegate

Martin is passionate about improving the world through government policies that are forward-looking, sustainable and equitable. His strong interest in Sino-Australian relations has been fostered by China's fascinating culture and history, and strategic role in our region.

Martin has almost 15 years of international policy expertise in the public and private sectors. As Assistant Director Regional Strategy in the Australian Department of Defence, he is responsible for providing policy advice on strategic challenges, focused on the Indo-Pacific region. He is also leading the review and update to the classified Defence White Paper.

Martin was the international policy adviser to the Chief of Joint Operations in 2016, and immediately prior he was posted to China for Mandarin language training. Martin holds a Master of Arts: Strategic Studies and Master of Diplomacy from ANU, has studied at Georgetown University and the University of NSW.



CATHERINE TEO Corrs Chamber Westgarth Fellow Australian delegate

Catherine is a corporate lawyer with over 9 years' experience working in the corporate advisory practice group at Australian law firm Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

As an active member of the Corrs China Business Group, Catherine's practice focuses on advising clients in relation to Australian legal corporate matters including Chinese investment into Australia through crossborder mergers and acquisitions and initial public offerings. This international experience was further strengthened during a one year secondment in New York working at international law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in the mergers and acquisitions practice group.

With over ten years studying Mandarin at the Sydney Chinese School, Catherine is keen to strengthen her ties to China through developing a deeper understanding of the economic, cultural and political ties that exist between Australia and China.



YEN TAN Chinese delegate

Yen is an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs Investment Banking Division. She provides bespoke research and market driven ideas to deal teams, with a focus on natural resources and financial institutions. Yen was a participant of Women's Career Strategies Initiatives, a 6-month cross-divisional career management programme designed to promote development for a selective group of women in the firm.

Yen was born and raised in Hong Kong. Her strong ties to Australia started when she travelled around the country on a working holiday visa at the age of 20. She went back to Hong Kong to complete a Bachelor of Business Administration with double majors in Finance and Marketing at the University of Hong Kong. Yen then started her career as an M&A banker at Morgan Stanley. The role offered extensive crossbroader transactional experience in China and Southeast Asia. but her heart was never far from Australia. Yen decided to bring her skills to Australia and migrated in 2012.



RACHEL WALTERS Australian delegate

Rachel combines expertise in entrepreneurship, business management and strategy with a strong drive to build a smarter, kinder, more innovative relationship between Australia and the world.

Her passion for China was ignited during an exchange in Kunming in China's South West, where she completed a Masters degree in International Studies with a China Major. She was awarded a scholarship to study the MBA program at Tsinghua University in Beijing in 2007, and is an Asialink Leaders Alumnus. Rachel has always sought to grow her connection with China. Her work has involved managing the multi-million dollar relationship between UTS:INSEARCH and its Chinese education agencies. She Co-Founded the China Australia Millennial Project, a major bilateral business incubator for young leaders from both countries. As CAMP's Director of Partnerships and General Manager, she raised the seed funding to make CAMP a reality



WANG DUOXIAO Victorian Government Fellow China Fellow Australian delegate

Mr Wang Duoxiao, also known as Terry Wang, is the Education Services Manager at Victoria Government Business Office (VGBO) in Chengdu. He took this position since July 2014, soon after the establishment of the 5th VGBO in China. For the past three years, Terry was actively involved in the profiling and promoting the Study Melbourne brand and leveraging high level government relations to strength people to people exchange between Victoria and China. With the joint efforts between Sichuan Provincial Government and State Government of Victoria, a milestone sister-state relationship was established in September 2016. Terry contributed to this strategic relationship by linking a number of Victoria organizations with Sichuan University, Chengdu Museum, Chengdu Panda Breeding Centre, Tennis School program,etc, which makes him very proud of. Terry is also passionate about the educational exchange between Victoria and China and lead on many students mobility program.

## **ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED**



ALEX WESTCOMBE Australian delegate

Alex is the Second Secretary (Political) at the Australian Embassy in Beijing. He arrived in Beijing in January 2015 and after completing intensive Mandarin language training began a three year posting in the Australian Embassy's Political Section. Alex has worked on a broad range of issues in the Australia-China bilateral relationship and on China's external foreign policy focusing on China's role as a global security actor and approach to multilateral fora. Alex also leads on the Australia-China High Level Dialogue in Beijing and contributes to the Embassy's youth engagement agenda. Since starting at Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2012, he has also worked in Ministerial Liaison and Cyber Policy.

Alex studied International Relations and International Business at the Australian National University and recently completed further study through the London School of Economics and Peking University Summer School.



TIANHONG WU Australian delegate

Hong is a doctor at the Royal Melbourne Hospital who is specialising in adult internal medicine, with aspirations in gastroenterology. She is an active advocate for clinical leadership, governance, education and trainees well-being and is a trainee representative on several committees of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. Her passion in global and public health has led to medical volunteering in rural and remote Nepal and leading a WHO-appointed Emergency Medical Team during the 2015 Nepal earthquake. She is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Clinical Epidemiology in addition to working full time and undertaking Physician Training. Originally a Beijing native, she is proficient in Mandarin Chinese. English and Spanish. She is involved in the Melbourne China Exchange program at Melbourne Medical School, and has ongoing interests in advancing medical training and practice in both China and Australia through openmindedness, collaboration and innovation.



STANLEY YU ANZ Fellow Chinese delegate

tanley is currently working as Director of Institutional banking in Australia & New Zealand Banking Group ("ANZ). He joined ANZ as a Management Trainee and has served the bank for more than 8 years. He is a senior relationship manager based in Beijing covering major Utility & Infrastructure and High-Tech clients. Stanley has led several key cross border transactions (including Merger & Acquisition, Bond issuance, and Loan Syndication) with a number of ANZ network countries, i.e. Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Europe and Pacific Countries. He is an experienced banker with a deep understanding of the business dynamics between China and Australia.

As ANZ's Senior Relationship Manager for State Grid Corporation of China ("State Grid"), the state-owned electric utility monopoly in China and one of the largest utility companies in the world, Stanley has led several major acquisition finance transactions in Australia and Europe for the client.



**BAOYU ZHANG Chinese delegate** 

Baoyu is a journalist with China Youth Daily in Beijing. She specializes in living conditions of Chinese youth, new media and technology for social innovations. Her latest research project was on Chinese youth who are starting a business as we know mass entrepreneurship and innovation.

Baoyu holds a Bachelor of law from the Sichuan University, and completed exchange semesters at Taiwan University. At that time, she led a team of volunteers to develop psychological counseling service in 2008 Wenchuan earthquake stricken area. Additionally, she volunteered with some NGOs in Beijing, such as Beijing Hongdandan Visual Rehabilitation Center where she tell about a movie story to the blind.

She takes a particular interest in potential opportunities for collaboration between Australia and Greater China on education. She hopes to gain deeper insights into the importance and influence of the bilateral ties through getting more involved in the people-to-people exchanges.



LIN ZHANG University of Melbourne Fellow Chinese delegate

Dr. Lin Zhang, Ph.D. candidate at Melbourne School of Population and Global Health, University of Melbourne(UoM), is currently conducting his Ph.D. research in colorectal cancer screening strategy in Asian countries. Lin is passionate in developing healthcare collaboration between Australia and China, and keen to promote colorectal cancer prevention strategy in China with his experience acquired from Australian cancer prevention.

Prior to University of Melbourne, Lin was working in Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMCH), a top tertiary hospital in China, for 7 years (2009-2016). Lin completed his clinical residency in Internal Medicine (2009-2011) and Pathology (2011-2013) before specialized in chemical pathology (2014-2016). During this period, Lin published 31 peer-reviewed papers, 3 books in academic medical research along with his colleagues, and being the main author of a medical history book "Western Medicine in a Chinese Palace".



ZHANG TIANZE Chinese delegate

Mr Zhang Tianze is a candidate pursing his Master degree in Public Law in the University College London.He received his Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Economics at Shenzhen University. He also studied in Helderberg University as well as Munich University (LMU) in German Law, European Law and Public International Law. Before joining UCL, he worked as a lawyer in an international law firm, with expertise in the IDR (International Dispute Resolution) and ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution). He also worked for UNESCO for half a year. In 2015, he was selected as a finalist for Rhodes Scholarship. In 2016, he participated the NATO Riga Conference as a Youth Delegate. His professional interest focuses on International relationship. Initiated forming many diplomatic societies, he worked as a coordinator and held many diplomatic forums/lectures in Berlin and London presented by embassadors and professionals. Besides Public International Law, his academic interests also include comparative civil law and law and economics.

### **ACYD SPEAKERS**



JAN ADAMS AO PSM Ambassador to China

Ms Adams is Australia's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China and took up her appointment in February 2016.

Ms Adams is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. She was appointed Deputy Secretary in April 2013 with responsibility for trade and economic issues. In this role she was chief negotiator overseeing conclusion of Free Trade Agreements with China, Korea and Japan. Previously, Ms Adams was First Assistant Secretary, Free Trade Agreement Division.

Ms Adams served as Ambassador for the Environment and Ambassador for Climate Change between 2005 and 2008, and as Minister Counsellor (Trade) in Washington from 2000 to 2004.

Raised in Wodonga, Victoria, she holds Bachelor of Economics (Hons) and Bachelor of Law (Hons) degrees from Monash University, and is married with one child.



CAROL ALLEN CEO, Sapphire International Holdinds

Carol joined the Sapphire Group Board in 2003 and in 2015 became the CEO of Sapphire International Holdings to oversee the international strategy and operation. Carol has also been a director of the BlueCross Board since 2005 until 2016. From 2006 to 2015, Carol was BlueCross' CEO and Executive Director. She was responsible for the operations of Residential and Care at Home services, marketing and human resources. With more than 30 years' experience in the community sector Carol's passion is to change the way aged care is delivered; She has now formed a team of highly committed and experienced managers who share her vision and are working with her to take this vision into China.

On 16 May 2017 Sapphire Holdings Group and Sungin, a subsidiary company of the Fosun Group, signed a JV agreement at the Shanghai Bund Financial Centre on 16 May 2017. Carols holds a Bachelor of Education and a Graduate Diploma in Research and Development.



AMANDA BARRY Founding Director, Australian National University's China Liaison Office

Dr Amanda Barry is the founding Director of the Australian National University's China Liaison Office, and is responsible for deepening and strengthening the ANU's China engagement across research, teaching and learning and student exchange. Amanda was previously Director of Academics at The Beijing Center, a research, education and study abroad program at Beijing's University of International Business and Economics.

Amanda holds an award-winning Ph.D. in Indigenous history from the University of Melbourne and has published, presented and taught internationally. Since moving to Beijing in 2005 she has worked in higher education, cultural diplomacy, business consulting and the arts including at the Australian Embassy, Peking University, the Foundation for Australian Studies in China and The Beijing Center. Amanda has a particular interest in the career development and mentoring of young people and is active in women's mentoring in Beijing



MATHEW BENJAMIN CEO & Cofounder, AsiaRecon

Mathew is CEO and Co-founder of AsiaRecon. Mathew works with technology backed companies to help them secure capital, customers and strategic partners across India, Indonesia, China, Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Before this, Mathew worked in the real estate funds management industry for five years, working across the areas of research, portfolio management, and strategy. He has also held roles with the University of Sydney Business School, the Australia China Business Council, the Lowy Institute for International Policy, and National Australia Bank Asia. Mathew is interested in unlocking cross-border opportunities between Australia & Asia across the TMT and high tech space.



CRAIG BOYCE Head of School, KaiWen Academy Chaoyang Beijing

Bilingual Australian/New Zealand international educator with over 30 years experience and four masters degrees. After beginning my work life as an engineer, then a time studying theology, I travelled to Beijing China to learn Chinese. Following explorations in the diplomatic field and journalism, I decided to make a career in education. This began in Beijing, was significantly developed in Hong Kong, and now takes place back in Beijing where I am deeply involved in exploring how a bilingual education in Chinese and English can find meaningful expression for both Chinese nationals and 'foreign' students. As head of a school this involves the need to, as the Delphic maxim simply states, "know thyself," then to understand and respect others, and cultivate appreciation for the multifaceted nature and influence of context and culture.



TRISTA BROHIER Vice President Coal, Mitsubishi Development Ltd

Trista has 23 years Executive Management experience in a diverse range of industries, including mining, manufacturing and pharmaceutical.

As well as other qualifications, Trista is a Certified Practicing Accountant; she holds a Master of Commercial Law, and a Senior Executive Master of Business Administration from the University of Melbourne.

Completing her career at Ford Australia as the Program Controller of Production Development, Trista joined Sigma Pharmaceuticals as Commercial Manager and then Divisional CFO.

In early 2009 she entered the mining industry with Leighton Contractors as Group Commercial Director. Trista moved to the Minerals and Metals Group (MMG) as Project Director, GM Strategy, and then GM Commercial. Trista joined BHP Billiton Mitsubishi in 2014, and recently been appointed as the Vice President Coal at Mitsubishi Development Ltd.

## **ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED**



SHUPEI CHEN Manager, Australian Trade and Investment Commission

Shupei is currently working as a Business Development Manager for the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) in Beijing. As a member of the Austrade China Health and Services Team, Shupei uses her extensive knowledge of local markets to help Australian companies in the health and aged care sectors export their products and services to the Middle Kingdom. Shupei focuses her work on identifying opportunities in Chinese markets for Australian companies, maintaining relationships with central government, municipal government and key industry bodies, and facilitating Australia-China partnerships in China.

Shupei has played a lead role in organising Australian aged care business missions to China, including the inaugural Australia-China International Aged Care Summit in 2015 - the largest ever health and aged care mission to China.



GUO HONGYU Program Manager, Greenovation Hub

Greenovation Hub (GHUB) is an environmental Think-Do organization with a global outlook. GUO Hongyu works with GHUB as program manager. She is mainly responsible for running the climate communications project, to promote positive narratives of climate action and energy transition. She used to be an employee communications specialist in Intel China Ltd., before which she worked full time in China-Europa Forum as a Workshop Coordinator. She received her MA degree in English and American Literatures from Beijing Foreign Studies University.



JUSTIN HOWDEN Global Head of Government Affairs and Industry Development, H&H Group

Over the last 5 years Justin has built and led Swisse's Government Affairs and Industry Development team and now leads this portfolio in H&H Group. This includes global and local public policy contribution on health, trade, innovation, advanced manufacturing policies and the development of the strategic science program of validation and clinical trials with CSIRO, SWINBURNE and Peking Universities. The team also leads the groups' sustainability program, and the Celebrate Life Foundation, the community arm of Swisse. Justin entered marketing at FMCG leader Kraft Foods, then State Manager Meadow Lea, National Marketing Manager for Bonlac/Fonterra ultimately as Regional Manager Asia for Fonterra. As an 'intrapreneur' he revived and established new business divisions and has led teams across emerging markets such as China, ASEAN and the Middle East.



DAN HU Assistant Professor, Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU)

Ms. HU Dan teaches "Australian Economy and Its Economic Relations with China", "Legal Translation", "Interpretation" and other BA and MA courses at the School of English and International Studies. Her course "Australian Economy and Its Economic Relations with China", the only course in China featuring Australian economy, compares Australian and Chinese economies and regulatory systems and examines key issues in bilateral economic relations like trade, investment and FTA. She has been doing research on China-Australia relations, especially on the economic front. Her PhD thesis examines China's investment in Australia during the Labor government and the latter's FDI policy and approach towards China.

Ms. Hu was delegate to the 2015 China Australia Millennial Project (CAMP) ChAFTA Thinktank, exploring opportunities and challenges faced by businesses with the signing of Free Trade Agreement.



KUANGHAN LI Director, Global Heritage Fund

Kuanghan Li joined Global Heritage Fund in 2008 and currently serves as the Director of the China Heritage Program, managing all of GHF's conservation Projects in China where she works closely with public and private partners and the local communities on planning, conservation and development issues. Before joining GHF, Han has worked as a consultant to the Getty Conservation Institute's China Principles Project, and has extensive experience with various architectural design and historic preservation projects in the US, India, France, Morocco, and China. Han holds a BA in architectural studies from the National University of Singapore, a Masters degree in historic preservation and an Advanced Certificate in Architectural Conservation and Site Management from the University of Pennsylvania, and is currently a Ph. D. candidate at Peking University in cultural heritage conservation.



XIAOQIN LI Senior Economist, Teck Resources

Dr. Xiaoqin Li is a Senior Economist with Teck Resources, Canada's largest diversified mining company. She regularly advises the company's board of directors and senior management on Chinese and Indian macroeconomic issues, providing insights in formulating the company's strategic decision making processes.

Prior to joining Teck Resources, Dr. Li was China Economist with Wood Mackenzie's Macroeconomics Team. Utilizing her over a decade of experience in macroeconomic research and analysis, she provided leading corporate clients with unique insights in public policy, macroeconomic environment and their business implications. Dr. Li also worked at the Conference Board China Center. There, she was the resident expert on long-term economic growth and productivity performance.

Xiaoqin holds a PhD in Management & Economics from Beihang University.

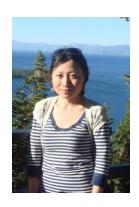
## **ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED**



JASON YAT-SEN LI Chairman, Vantage Asia Holdings

Jason has over 20 years experience in law, corporate finance and general management in Australia, the US and China. He is currently Chairman of Vantage Asia Holdings, a commercial group with interests in resources, financial services and technology businesses in Asia.

Jason is a Director of the George Institute for Global Health and a member of the Sydney Committee of the Australian Chamber Orchestra, as well as an advisory panel member of the Australian Turf Club. He was previously Vice Chair of the Australia-China Chamber of Commerce in Beijing, a Governing Member of the Smith Family and a Director of the Sydney Institute and the National Centre for Volunteering. In 2009, Jason was named a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum in Davos, and currently serves on the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council for China. Jason was also Australia's Eisenhower Fellow in 2002.



SHANZHEN LUO Director, CHJ Care

Shanzhen is from CHJ Care, one of the leading senior living investment and operation management company in Beijing.

Shanzhen is now leading an innovative project called LEZHI for CHJ, who concentrates on building a person-centered, full-ranged and integrated care model for the people suffering from a variety of neurodegenerative diseases including Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease etc. LEZHI is determined to be a one-stop-shop solution provider for the people with dementia and Parkinson's disease in China in the soon future,

Shanzhen holds 11 years' experience in senior living and witnessed the rapid growth and enormous changes in this industry. She is passionate about transforming the traditional senior living model into the new social care model, not limited in physical, also including social, psychological, and spiritual.

Shanzhen is also a columnist for the Paper (thepaper.cn).



MINGYAN MA Independent Consultant

Mingyan "Ophelia" Ma is an independent consultant focused on international education innovation. Born and raised in Shanghai, she has lived in the United States as well as Israel, and has worked for schools, policy research organizations and non-profits, most recently as the Director of Curriculum Development at Beijing No.4 High School. Her passion is to develop global citizens through teaching, curriculum design and cross-sectoral innovation. Ophelia holds a B.A. Asian Studies from Pomona College and an M.Ed. in International Education Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.



MA TIANJIE Managing Editor, China Dialogue

Ma Tianjie is China Dialogue managing editor in Beijing. Before joining China Dialogue in 2015, he was Greenpeace's Program Director for Mainland China.

While at Greenpeace, he was a regular commentator on China's environmental challenges contributing to a range of media organizations.

He holds a master's degree in environmental policy from American University, Washington D.C.



EDWIN MAHER Former News Anchor, CCTV

A quirk of fate brought Edwin Maher to China in 2003 and within nine months he had made history, becoming the first non-Asian face to read prime-time news on Chinese state TV.

A broadcast journalist for most of his working life, Maher was a highly recognised personality across networks of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) in Melbourne for more than 20 years. His unique presentation of the weather added to his fame.



JEN MASON Political Counsellor, Australian Embassy Beijing

Jen Mason has served as Political Counsellor at the Australian Embassy Beijing since June 2016, covering the Australia-China bilateral relationship and China's foreign policy. She is a career foreign service officer with previous postings in the political team in Seoul, covering the DPRK and ROK foreign policy and domestic politics from 2006 to 2010, and the public affairs team in Beijing from 2013 to 2015.

Ms Mason has previously held a range of roles in Canberra, including as foreign policy adviser to former Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd in 2011-12, covering North Asia, the Pacific, regional architecture and climate change. She served in Australia's climate change negotiating team at the Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations in Cancun in 2010, and wrote the strategy for Australia's UN Security Council term in 2012. Ms Mason holds a double degree in law and Asian studies from the Australian National University. She speaks Mandarin and Korean.

## **ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED**



JONATHAN MILTON Assistant Defence Attaché, Australian Embassy Beijing

Lieutenant Commander Jonathan Milton joined the Navy in 2003, serving in a variety of positions as a Maritime Warfare Officer.

Lieutenant Commander Milton has served as Weapons Officer HMAS Gascoyne, Navigator Hunter Two, a Mine-Hunter rotational crew and as Executive Officer Assail 2, an Armidale Class Patrol Boat rotational crew. In 2009 Lieutenant Commander Milton posted to Headquarters Northern Command as a Current Operations (J33) desk officer before moving to the role of Staff Officer to Commander Northern Command. In 2012, Lieutenant Commander Milton posted to **Headquarters Joint Operations** Command as a Global Operations Planning (J35G) desk officer with a primary role of managing ADF commitment to UN operations.

Lieutenant Commander Milton is married to Ashleigh. Their hobbies include various outdoor pursuits and motorsport.



DR. GEOFF RABY Chairman & CEO, Geoff Raby & Associates

Dr. Geoff Raby was Australia's Ambassador to China from 2007 to 2011. Following completion of his Ambassadorial term, after 27 years in the public service, mostly with DFAT, he resigned to establish Geoff Raby and Associates Ltd.

Dr. Raby also holds a number of non-executive, independent director positions with ASX-listed companies, i.e. OceanaGold, Yancoal and iSentia. Dr. Raby was appointed to the Investment Attraction South Australia Advisory Board on 29 March, 2016. In China, Dr. Raby serves as Co-Chair of Corrs Chambers Westgarth's China practice.

He is head of Trade Policy at the London-based think-tank Policy Exchange.

Dr. Raby is a member of the nonfor-profit Advance Global Advisory Board, University of Sydney's China Studies Center Advisory Board, La Trobe University Asia Advisory Board, and the Foundation of the National Gallery of Victoria.



LISA RENKIN Deputy Commissioner, Victoria State Government

Lisa Renkin took up her appointment as the Deputy Commissioner for Victoria in China in April 2017. Based in Chengdu, Lisa supports the Commissioner and represents Victoria's interests in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Lisa has worked in strategic and technical leadership roles in China since 2003, managing teams and establishing commercial and program structures in both the mainland and in Hong Kong SAR.

Before taking up this role with the Victorian Government, Lisa was Manager of International Initiatives and Head of the China program for the Burnet Institute, leading the development and implementation of an integrated public health and biotech initiative with an emphasis upon Western China.

Lisa was also Vice President of the Victorian branch of the Australia China Business Council (ACBC) and chair of its Health & Medical Research working group.



MAREE RINGLAND Public Affairs and Culture Counsellor, Australian Embassy Beijing

Ms Maree Ringland took up her role as Counsellor, Public Affairs and Culture, at the Australian Embassy in Beijing in February, 2016. This is her second time living and working in China. She first came to Beijing in 1999 as a language trainee preparing to work on energy and resources issues in the Economic Section at the Australian Embassy as the Second Secretary (2000-2004).

In her 12 years in between stints in China, she worked on bilateral trade negotiations with China (2005-2008), served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Chile (2009-2012), edited the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Annual Report (2013) and worked on more trade negotiations, this time with the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (RCEP) (2013-2015).

She has a Masters in International Relations from Monash University and a Combined Asian Studies/ Law Degree (with honours) from the Australian National University.



HUW SLATER Research Manager, China Carbon Forum

Huw Slater is China Carbon Forum's Research Manager. He is the co-author of the 2015 and 2017 China Carbon Pricing Surveys, as well as publications focusing on China's carbon emissions targets, carbon market development, coal power overcapacity, the 'war on pollution' and climate change adaptation policy. He has spoken on behalf of CCF at forums around China. as well as recently in Delhi, India. In addition, he manages CCF's regular expert panel discussions on low-carbon topics. Huw has been based in Beijing since 2011, first working with Chinese NGO Institute for Environment and Development, and then conducting Masters research on carbon markets and the power sector. Previously he worked with an Australian National University (ANU) research team, reporting on Climate Change and Fiscal Policy as part of the APEC Finance Ministers' Policy Initiatives of 2008. Huw has a Master of Asia Pacific Studies and a Master of Climate Change from Australian National University.



MARK TANNER Founder and Managing Director of China Skinny

Mark Tanner is the founder and managing director of Shanghaibased China Skinny. Through his agency he has worked with over 100 international brands on their China marketing strategy and execution. His views on the China market have been quoted by more than 200 international media outlets and he regularly provides commentary in publications such as Bloomberg, Reuters and Forbes. Mark was selected by Alibaba to anchor their promotional video introducing Single's Day in 2016. He authors the most read newsletter about marketing to China and is a regular keynote speaker in both China and internationally from Helsinki to Hong Kong and Shanghai to Sydney and many places in between.

Mark also brings an international perspective to his views on the China market having lived and worked in five continents.

## **ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED**



GERALD THOMSON Deputy head of Mission to China (People's Republic of)

Mr Thomson is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. He commenced as Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in China on 8 November 2016. Previously, he served as Australia's Ambassador to Sweden, Finland, Estonia and Latvia (Jan 2013 to Sept 2016), Counsellor (Political/Economic) at the Australian High Commission in Papua New Guinea (2005-2008) and as Third Secretary (subsequently First Secretary) at the Australian Embassy in China (1995-1999). In Canberra, he was most recently Assistant Secretary, North East Asia Branch 2010-2012). Mr Thomson joined the Department of Foreign Affairs as a Graduate in 1993.

Mr Thomson holds a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade from the Australian National University, and a Master of Business Administration, and a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Western Australia. He speaks Mandarin and Swedish.



LEONIE VALENTINE Managing Director, Sales & Operations, Google Hong Kong

Leonie Valentine is Managing Director, Sales & Operations of Google Hong Kong. She has over 20 years of experience in marketing and sales, and has served as Director of Customer Experience for Asia Pacific at Google for the past two years.

Prior to joining Google, Leonie was Executive Vice President, Customer Service & Operations at CSL Limited. Earlier, she held the position of Chief of Staff for Telstra International Group, and was a member of the Executive Leadership Team charged with managing Telstra Corp's business growth and assets outside of Australia and New Zealand.

Leonie holds an Executive
Certificate in Business
Administration from the
Australian Graduate School of
Entrepreneurship of Swinburne
University, a Master's Degree in
Communication Management
from the University of Technology,
Sydney, and a Bachelor of Science
from Melbourne University.



HAROLD WELDON Board Member, Australia China Council

Harold has more than thirty years' experience as a respected independent strategic advisor and trusted China specialist, drawing on a background of engagement across a deep network of commercial, cultural, and political spectrums within China.

Recently awarded the 2017 Special Book Award of China. This prestigious national-level award recognises lifetime achievement for international writers and publishers for the promotion of cultural exchange between China and the world. Administered by the State Administration of Press Publication Radio Film and Television, the award is given by the Vice Premier of China in the Great Hall of the People, Beijing.

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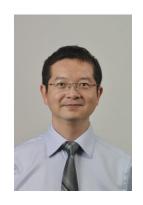
Founder/Chief Executive Weldon Global (Hkg/Beijing) Consulting.



KEE WONG Founder, e-Centric Innovations

Kee Wong is the founder and the Managing Director of e-Centric Innovations, a management and technology consulting company that provides strategic advice and systems integration services in e-business and IT for large enterprises and government in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and SE Asia.

Kee is currently the Chairman of the AllA Board. He also sits on the Board of Directors of Asialink, Australian Services Roundtable (ASR), Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) and the Advisory Board of the Australia-Malaysia Institute (AMI).



PENG XI Associate Professor, Peking University

Dr. Peng Xi is an associate professor in College of Engineering, Peking University, China. His current research interests are focused on research and development of optical superresolution microscopy techniques. He has published over 50 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals including Nature, and holds 10 issued invention patents, including 2 US patents. He is elected as a senior member of OSA since 2015. His research is sponsored by the National Science Foundation of China, and Ministry of Science and Technology in China. He is on the editorial board of 5 SCIindexed journals: Light: Science and Applications, Scientific Reports, Microscopy Research and Techniques, Micron, and Chinese Optics Letters. He has been invited to give many invited talks in international conferences hosted by OSA and SPIE.

He has been collaborated with Australia researchers from University of Technology Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Adelaide, and RMIT.



ZHONG WEIYUN Director-General, International Department of CPC Central Committee

Mr. Zhong Weiyun, born in 1965. Served as Director-General of Bureau for North American. Oceanian and Nordic Affairs, International Department of CPC Central Committee (IDCPC) since January 2017. He graduated from the Department of History, Peking University with a master's degree. In 1990, he started to work at Bureau for African Affairs, IDCPC and from 1993 to 1997, he was posted to Chinese embassy in Ethiopia as third secretary. From April 1997, he served successively as Deputy Division Director, Division Director, Deputy Director-General and Director-General of Bureau for African Affairs.

## THE BOARD



NATALIE COPE Chair

Natalie is the CEO of the Australia China Business Council (NSW) where she is responsible for supporting member companies in their trade, investment and business engagement with China. She has spent her career focused on enhancing Australia's relationship with China and the Region. Prior to her role with ACBC, Natalie was the Manager of Partnerships and Development at Asialink Business, Australia's leading centre for building Asia capability, public understanding of Asia, and appreciation of Australia's role in the Asian region.

Natalie was Australia's 2015
Top Emerging Leader and
MBA Scholar, receiving the
2015 Emerging Leaders MBA
Scholarship by the University
of Sydney Business School
and The Australian Financial
Review's BOSS Magazine. She is
the Ambassador of the Westpac
Bi-Centennial Foundation, Asian
Exchange Program and is a
founding member and current
Chair of the Australia-China Youth
Dialogue.



CINDY GOTTINGER Partnerships Director

Cindy Gottinger is the client lead at Google responsible for increasing marketing efficiency and effectiveness of large MNC in China. Recognised by the technology industry as a young leader in her field, Cindy possesses an appetite to explore new markets and gain deeper insights into the evolving trends of Chinese consumers.

With over fifteen years involvement in the Australia China community, Cindy continues to be an active participant both in Australia and China. She is currently the Executive Director of Australia China Young Professional Initiative (ACYPI) in Greater China where she successfully established a platform for young professionals to engage in bilateral discussions and exchange.

Before joining Google, Cindy was a brand manager at Volkswagen Group China. Cindy graduated from Monash University in Australia with a Bachelor of Commerce and Arts majoring in economics, Chinese and German.



**BENJAMIN LEIGH Director** 

Benjamin Leigh is an investor and entrepreneur based in Shanghai and Hong Kong. He assists Chinese families to make and manage real estate, direct private equity and other portfolio investments outside of China. He is also an advisor to SowAsia, a Hong Kong based social impact investor and accelerator.

He previously worked with Macquarie Group's real estate investment banking team in Sydney and Hong Kong, and in Shanghai he assisted in the launch and initial growth of a domestic Chinese trust company joint venture between Macquarie and two SOEs, the Sino-Australian International Trade and Investment Company.

Benjamin quit banking in 2010 to become an entrepreneur. He started a small chain of fast food restaurants serving Asian food in his hometown, Brisbane, together with Chinese partners, and has now handed over operational responsibilities to new management.



JADE LITTLE Executive Director

Jade's work experience has been focused on the resources industries. She is currently employed by BHP as a Mine Planning Superintendent. Previously, work for McKinsey & Company involved her in the transformation services for mining, oil & gas and construction around Australia, while work in Beijing for RungePincockMinarco engaged her managing technical reviews used for Chinese SOEs listing their global mining assets on the Hong Kong or Toronto Stock Exchanges. Prior to Jade's move to China, she worked in Queensland and New South Wales as a mining engineer.

Jade holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Mining Engineering), a Bachelor of Engineering (Mining) and a Bachelor of Arts (Chinese) from the University of Queensland. She also has a Master of Science in Global Finance jointly awarded by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and New York University's Stern Business School. She is a member of UO's School of Mechanical and Mining **Engineering Industry Advisory** Board. She was awarded The **Australian Financial Review BOSS** Young Executive of the Year in 2017.



HENRY F. MAKEHAM Founder

Henry F. Makeham is the Founder and former Chair of the Board of Directors of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue.

He also co-founded the Australia-China Youth Association and the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative

Henry graduated with double First Class Honours degrees in Law and Asian Studies from the Australian National University and holds a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School. At Harvard Henry served as a Managing Editor of the Harvard Business Law Review.

Henry is resident in New York and works as an M&A Associate with Linklaters LLP. He currently serves on the advisory board of the University of Sydney's China Studies Centre.



MICHAEL POWER Company Secretary

Michael is a lawyer at King & Wood Mallesons in Sydney. His primary areas of practice are cross-border mergers & acquisitions and equity capital markets. Prior to joining KWM, Michael worked as a researcher for a Sydney barrister and volunteered at the Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at the University of Sydney.

Michael's interest in Sino-Australian affairs began with a high school exchange program to Beijing in 2006. He became fascinated with Chinese language and culture and has since returned for work and study in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Michael holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Sydney. He is a competitive tennis player and spent six months coaching at a tennis academy in China while studying Mandarin at Beijing Language & Culture University.

## THE BOARD - CONTINUED



ELIZABETH RESIDE Company Secretary

Elizabeth Reside is an Australianqualified solicitor working for Herbert Smith Freehills LLP (HSF) in London. Prior to joining HSF in 2014, she volunteered with the Aboriginal Legal Service (Canberra), and worked as a paralegal at Jonathan Wong Lawyers in Melbourne.

Elizabeth's interest in the Australia-China relationship began while studying Mandarin at secondary school, where she received the International Baccalaureate Prize for Mandarin. She continued to pursue her interest in Mandarin and Chinese culture at university, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons)/Bachelor of Asia Pacific Studies (Chinese) from the Australian National University in 2013.

Elizabeth is a passionate supporter of the Essendon Football Club and, when she has time, enjoys watching Chinese dramas, reading and baking apple pies.



MICHAEL TING Director

Michael Ting is a corporate lawyer based in New York. His primary practice is in M&A and equity capital markets. Michael can't sit still and prior to New York he worked in Sydney for several years and Hong Kong for years before that. While he cannot predict where he will work next, he is constant about his curiosity for China and connecting cultures.

Born in Malaysia to Chinese parents, Michael immigrated to Australia before he was able to fully appreciate the diversity and rich culture of his dual Chinese and Malaysian heritage. He started to explore his mother language at university and he travelled to Beijing to further his studies. At Peking University, he discovered people from all over the world wanting to connect with China. In particular, a growing community of Australians with his same keen curiosity for the Middle Kingdom. Since then, he has continued his fascination with China, publishing work on Chinese law and trade.

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM**



MERT ERKUL Alumni Manager

Mert Erkul is a graduate from the University of Queensland, holding a degree in Bachelor of Economics and Arts.

Mert has previously spent 12 months studying Mandarin on the Chinese Government and Australian Department of Foreign Affairs Scholarship at Peking University. During his studies, Mert was responsible for helping the Australia China Youth Association chapter in Beijing. Upon his return to Australia, Mert assisted with the successful launch of a careers function at the Brisbane chapter of ACYA. The committee secured job opportunities for some of our members through our sponsors. Mert has also received a Huayu **Enrichment Scholarship to further** his Mandarin in Taiwan at National Taiwan Normal University.

Mert is passionate about finance and economics where he has completed several internships in Asia and Australia. He wishes to one day use his experiences to further Australia's interests in the region.



HU YUZHOU VINCENT Delegate Selection Manager

HU, Yuzhou (Vincent) graduated from Australian National University with a honours degree in Finance. He is now working at the Ford Motor Company Asia Pacific Production Development Centre in Melbourne as a Finance Graduate Analyst.

Vincent has demonstrated a strong academic record at ANU, as evidenced by the Terrell International Student Scholarships, which awards top two international students university wide. His fine performance in finance courses also enables him to receive the CFAI Student Scholarships. He has a genuine interest in financial markets. He started his personal investment portfolio (equity) two years ago. He has also completed two internships in the first and second year of university, one at the China Construction Bank (Shanghai) and the other at a boutique accounting firm.

He is the Event Partner at the ANU Management Consulting Association (AMCA) and actively involved in further student clubs.



KARIM ISSA Logistics Manager

Karim is a lawyer working for an international firm in Beijing. His practice focuses on representing Chinese and foreign clients in cross-border mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions in the Asia region. His passion for China began when growing up in the Asian-centric suburb of Sunnybank, in Brisbane's south. Surrounded by Chinese-speaking classmates from Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Mainland, Karim immersed himself in the linguistic and cultural world from which so many of his friends came. Since this time, he has combined his formal studies of Chinese Mandarin with his career pursuits, embedding his fascination with Chinese history, culture and traditions in his professional life.

Karim holds a Bachelor of Laws with honours and a Bachelor of Arts (Chinese) from the University of Queensland and a diploma in Advanced Chinese Studies from the Beijing Language and Culture University.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM - CONTINUED



MANELLE ISSA Communications Manager (Australia)

Manelle is the Marketing Manager with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland. Her expertise lies in leadership, marketing strategy and implementation and programatic automation. She holds a Bachelor of Business/ Creative Industries (with distinction) majoring in Marketing and Media Communications from the Queensland University of Technology. She is a mentor through the QUT Mentor Program providing support to Business and Creative Industries students since 2014.

Her connection to China stemmed from being immersed in the language and culture while growing up in the Asiancentric suburb of Sunnybank in Brisbane's south and she's always brushing up on language skills since starting studies in 2005.

Manelle joined ACYD in 2016 keen to connect Australia-China professionals whilst exploring the opportunities for economic and cultural collaboration on a greater scale.



AMY PAN Communications Manager (Greater China)

Amy Pan is an advisor within the external affairs team of Rio Tinto China, and currently assists with the delivery of the company's China stakeholder engagement strategy. She also contributes to the company's messaging in its China outreach programs. She is skilled in multiple disciplines within the extractives industry including government and corporate relations, policy and sustainable development, with special insights into the Australian and Chinese market. She was heavily involved in multiple Australia-China joint ventures and partnerships, working with an extensive network of Chinese business partners and government bodies.

A firm believer in partnerships, she is also an active promoter of regional dialogues between the Australia business and its major markets including China, Japan, South Korea, India and other ASEAN countries.

Amy has a Master's degree in Journalism and Communication from Tsinghua University.



JAMES TANG Media Manager

James Tang is an engineering professional currently undertaking an MBA (Finance) at the University of Western Australia, where he also completed his undergraduate studies in Engineering (Mechanical) and Arts (Chinese).

The China-Australia relationship has always played an integral part of his personal and professional working life. Over the past 4 years, he worked in Beijing as an engineering consultant for Australian mining advisory firm RungePincockMinarco. In this role, he delivered independent technical and due diligence studies for Asian clients seeking to raise capital or invest in large mining projects around Asia and Australia. Prior to this, he was a site based mechanical engineer for Rio Tinto Iron Ore in the Pilbara, working on improving the reliability of Chinese procured train wagons.

In his spare time, he enjoys practising photography and video production. James hopes to continue bridging the cultural and language barriers between Australian and Chinese businesses over the course of his career.



JOEL WING-LUN Program Manager

Joel Wing-Lun is a PhD candidate in History and East Asian Languages at Harvard University studying the social history of China's southwest frontier during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Born and raised in Sydney, he has worked as a policy analyst at China Policy, Beijing, a research associate at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, Sydney, and interned at the Peking University Australian Studies Center. In 2013-14, Joel was a senior visiting student in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Peking University.

Joel previously served as Communications Director for the Australia-China Youth Association and on the management team of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue. He is excited to rejoin the ACYD team after completing the coursework component of his PhD.

Joel graduated from the University of Sydney in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts (Languages) and Class I Honours.



WILLIAM ZHAO Treasurer

William Zhao is a Mergers and Acquisitions Analyst at a boutique corporate advisory and management consulting firm. Based between Sydney and Beijing, he has cross-border transaction experience that has led to a deeper understanding of business between Australia and China.

His passion for Sino-Australian relations has also been fostered through his work at the Australia China Business Council NSW Chapter, the China Australia Millennial Project, and the University of Sydney's China Studies Centre, as well as through his leadership roles as National General Manager (Australia) of the Australia-China Youth Association and committee member of the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative Sydney Chapter.

Prior to this, William was elected as the National Vice-President of the Council of International Students Australia in 2013, the national student peak body representing all international students in Australia.



TED ZHOU TIANYU IT Manager

Ted currently works at BioBAY, the leading incubator focused on biotech start-ups in China as a specialist in business development.

Holding a Master degree in Structural Biology and Biophysics from Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zürich (ETH) and a Bachelor degree in Biological Sciences from Nanyang Technological University (NTU), he has been immersed in biomedical and life science research for half a decade. With the belief that realizing scientific discoveries into everyone's life is as vital as tackling the unknowns in the laboratories. Ted decided to take a different path to contribute to the life science technologies, by helping scientists find the right commercial environment.

During his undergraduate studies Ted spent one semester in Australia as an exchange student in University of Technology, Sydney (UTS). Ted joined ACYD management team in October 2013, being in charge of the website operation and general IT support.

### **ASSOCIATES**



CHLOE DEMPSEY Partnerships Associate

Chloe is a 2016 New Colombo Plan Scholar studying at Renmin University. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts at the University of Western Australia, alongside a Diploma of Modern Languages in Mandarin.

Chloe is the National Education
Director for the Australia China
Youth Association(ACYA) and
current secretary of ACYA
Beijing. Previously completing a
semester at Tsinghua University
under the Westpac Bicentennial
Foundation's Asian Exchange
Scholarship, Chloe has had
the opportunity to understand
the importance that Australian
business, government and
community organisations place on
the Australia-China relationship.

She has recently returned from the Hansen Summer Institute where she completed three-weeks of intensive learning on international cooperation, leadership and social entrepreneurship. Chloe has experience with a number of charitable organisations in Australia.



YUSHAN LI Communications Associate

Yushan Li is a project manager at one of the Fortune Global 500 corporations, China State Construction Engineering Corporation. She is a very passionate professional who constantly seeks to maximize her full potential in eliminating the gap among different cultural backgrounds using her expertise.

Yushan has worked both in
Australia and China, and enjoys
working with a diverse network
of people in a multi-cultural
context. She is an active promoter
of dialogues among Australia,
China, US and Europe, and has
been involved in different kinds of
cross-cultural projects. Examples
of these include an academic
exchange with Hawaii University
and collaboration with Finland
VTT

Yushan has extensive experience in delivering results for a variety of clients. Her team collaborates with architects, researchers and economic experts to study the practice and exploration of new urbanisation in China.



MICHAEL MCGREGOR Generalist Associate

Between 2014 and 2015 Michael worked at the Peking University Australian Studies Centre as Research Coordinator, focusing on Australian cultural relations, Australia-China academic exchange, assisting the organisation of the annual FASIC Conference and managing the internship program.

He also studied Chinese at Renmin University in 2013 and 2014. Between 2011 and 2013 Michael worked as a Policy Analyst at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ), working on state and federal economic development, fiscal and monetary policy and regulatory reform policy. He holds a Masters of International Relations (East Asian Studies) and Bachelor of Management from Griffith University, receiving the Vice Chancellor's Postgraduate Award for Academic Excellence. He is currently based in Canberra working on Australian foreign policy in the public service.



DOMINIC MEAGHER Alumni Engagement Associate

Dominic is the program manager and senior economist at China Matters, a one-of-a-kind policy initiative focused exclusively from a policy perspective on China's rise and how it matters to Australia. He is a multidisciplinary political economist with a background in institutional economics and Chinese policy and economic analysis. Before joining China Matters Dominic was at the Fung Global Institute in Hong Kong, researching China's institutional evolution and reform process.

Dominic holds a PhD (economics) from the Australian National University where he was Rio Tinto China Scholar, as well as degrees in International Development Economics, Politics and International Relations and History.

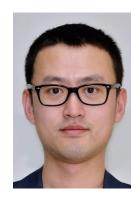


JOSHUA PICKSTONE Communications Associate

Joshua currently works at the ridesharing app, Uber, as a Marketing and Partnerships professional for Queensland. He has a communications and marketing background in a range of industries such as non-profit, government and education engaging current and prospective stakeholders.

He has always had a passion for Australia-China relations stemming from primary school where he studied Mandarin all the way through into tertiary studies. Not only did this discover a love for Josh's Chinese language but also foregrounded the importance of cultural relations between Australia and China.

Josh joined the ACYD team in 2017 and continues to explore that passion for Australia-China relations whilst he completes his Bachelor of Business majoring in Marketing and Public Relations at the Queensland University of Technology



WAYNE WANG Partnerships Associate

Wayne Wang is an outstanding young professional graduate of Australia living and working in Guangzhou. In the short time since graduating university in Australia, Wayne has made impressive contributions to both Australia and China. Wayne currently holds an executive position as Director of External Affairs at the Kingold Group. Through his work at Kingold, Wayne has helped forge ties between China and Australia, both socially and economically. His positions as Chief Representative of the Australia China Friendship and Exchange Association (ACFEA) in China and Liaison Officer at the Guangdong Foreign Affairs Office have also helped him play a meaningful role in the development of the Australia-China relationship.

Wayne has also been instrumental in facilitating connections between Australian educational institutions including UTS and University of Sydney with Chinese counterparts.

# **SESSION CHAIRS**



MATT BAKER Session Chair

Dr Matt Baker is a Lecturer in the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences and an Affiliated Biophysicist at the EMBL Australia Node for Single Molecule Science at the University of New South Wales, in Sydney, Australia. Matt was a Delegate at ACYD in 2015 in Brisbane.

Matt completed his DPhil at Oxford University as a John Monash Scholar studying the bacterial flagellar motor that makes nearly all bacteria swim and now investigates the origins and self assembly of complex molecular machines, with active research collaborations at both Peking and Tsinghua Universities.

Matt has a strong love of radio and follows the media closely: he was formerly a Top 5 Under 40 Scientist in Residence at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), and has produced and presented content for Radio National including the Health Report, Science Show, Saturday Extra, and Earshot. Matt is the regular science correspondent for ABC Nightlife broadcast.



**EDWINA KWAN Session Chair** 

Edwina is a lawyer specialising in China related cross-border disputes. Currently Sydney-based, she has also practiced in Beijing, Hong Kong and Perth. Edwina's expertise involves all forms of dispute resolution, commercial strategy & negotiations. Edwina was recognised in the 2018 and 2017 Who's Who Legal as "Future Leader" in International Arbitration and was one of 25 young leaders chosen for the "Cultural Diversity and Leadership Fellowship" program conducted by Sydney University Business School & the Human Rights Commission.

Edwina also has experience in public law, representing the Noongar people in a native title case in WA, acting as advisor to the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department on the status of Australian detainees in Guantanamo Bay and providing legal advice to asylum seekers on Christmas Island. Edwina co-founded the China Young Arbitration Group in Beijing and has lectured at Tsinghua University Master of Laws Program and the University of NSW



LISA OIN Session Chair

Lisa Oin is an education officer in UNICEF China and has over a decade of experience spanning international development, education and law. Her work supports schools in China's rural and western areas, particularly with the most vulnerable children, to have improved quality education. Born in Guizhou, China, Lisa grew up in Canberra, Australia and is passionate about addressing educational disadvantage and bringing people together through cross-cultural engagement. She is a former corporate lawyer and teacher, and holds master's degrees in Teaching and International Education Policy from the University of Melbourne and the Harvard Graduate School of Education where she was a Frank Knox fellow. Lisa speaks in her personal capacity.



PHILIP WEN Session Chair

Philip Wen joined the Reuters news agency in February, where he covers politics and general news from Beijing. He started his reporting career on the business and news desks of the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age, before first being posted to Beijing as China correspondent in 2012. As well as reporting widely from across mainland China, Phil has also reported from Japan, South Korea, Mongolia, Taiwan, Hong Kong and the United States. For his coverage, Phil has been nominated for Walkley Awards, Melbourne Press Club Awards and the Lowy Institute Media Award.

Born in Melbourne to Taiwanese parents, he spent his early school years in Singapore. He worked for consulting firm KPMG before deciding to pursue a career in journalism.



**ELVA ZHANG Session Chair** 

Elva is a Legal Counsel at ANL Container Line Pty Ltd, an Australian-based global shipping line, working on a wide array of legal affairs with a focus on maritime issues, cross-border transactions and international dispute resolution. Currently Elva is the co-chair of the Cultural Diversity Committee at Victorian Women Lawyers, aiming to promote cultural diversity in law and to advocate access to justice for migrant women; having also previously served as the co-chair of the multiple sections at the Law Institute of Victoria, and as the President of the Australian Federation of International Students.

In addition to her legal career, Elva Zhang is also the founder of Peace Lab, which was created to provide a new way to counter stress, cultivate well-being and build stronger connections through laughter yoga, imaginative play and creative meditation.

Elva holds a Master of Laws in International Law (specialising in International Economic Law).







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