



# THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA YOUTH DIALOGUE

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## 2018 REPORT



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## THANK YOU

Dear friends of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue,

This report summarises the ninth ACYD held in Melbourne from 2-5 November. It also tracks our progress towards our ultimate goal: enhancing and cultivating aspirational exchanges between outstanding and diverse Australian and Greater Chinese citizens between the ages of 25-40 years of age. ACYD never before has encountered a time when its opportunity and challenges have been greater in terms of advancing the relationship in a manner that is fundamental to Australia's future in the region, and how China positions itself regionally and globally.

As is the ACYD tradition, the Board and Executive team selected 30 Australians and Chinese to partake in robust and frank exchange regarding the bilateral relationship. Delegates were distinguished by a clear identifiable sense of creative leadership, community consciousness and intellectual energy, which was apparent in their professional, academic, entrepreneurial and other achievements. This year delegates comprised of management consultants, lawyers, investment bankers, diplomats, health care professionals, data scientists, university lecturers, and company founders.

Topics discussed at this year's dialogue included geopolitics, trade and investment, innovation, soft exchanges and sport. Further details of each session are set out in this report.

Our alumni pool now comprises of 270 individuals. These individuals are based around the globe and already occupy many positions of influence and leadership in their communities. This year's addition further extends the group's influence and leadership across the wide range of dynamic Australia-China cooperation and interactions. The ACYD Board and its Executive Team believe that their talented and highly qualified community of ACYD alumni can enrich, deepen and advance shared Australian and Chinese visions, initiatives and achievements in future years.

The ACYD Board and Executive Team expresses their deep appreciation for the support of our Partners, Leadership Council, Global Alumni network and friends. With their collective ongoing support, we look forward to planning and delivering the tenth ACYD in 2019 in China and shaping ACYD's future direction into the next decade.

We trust you will enjoy this Summary Report.

Natalie Cope  
Chair

Jade Little  
Executive Director

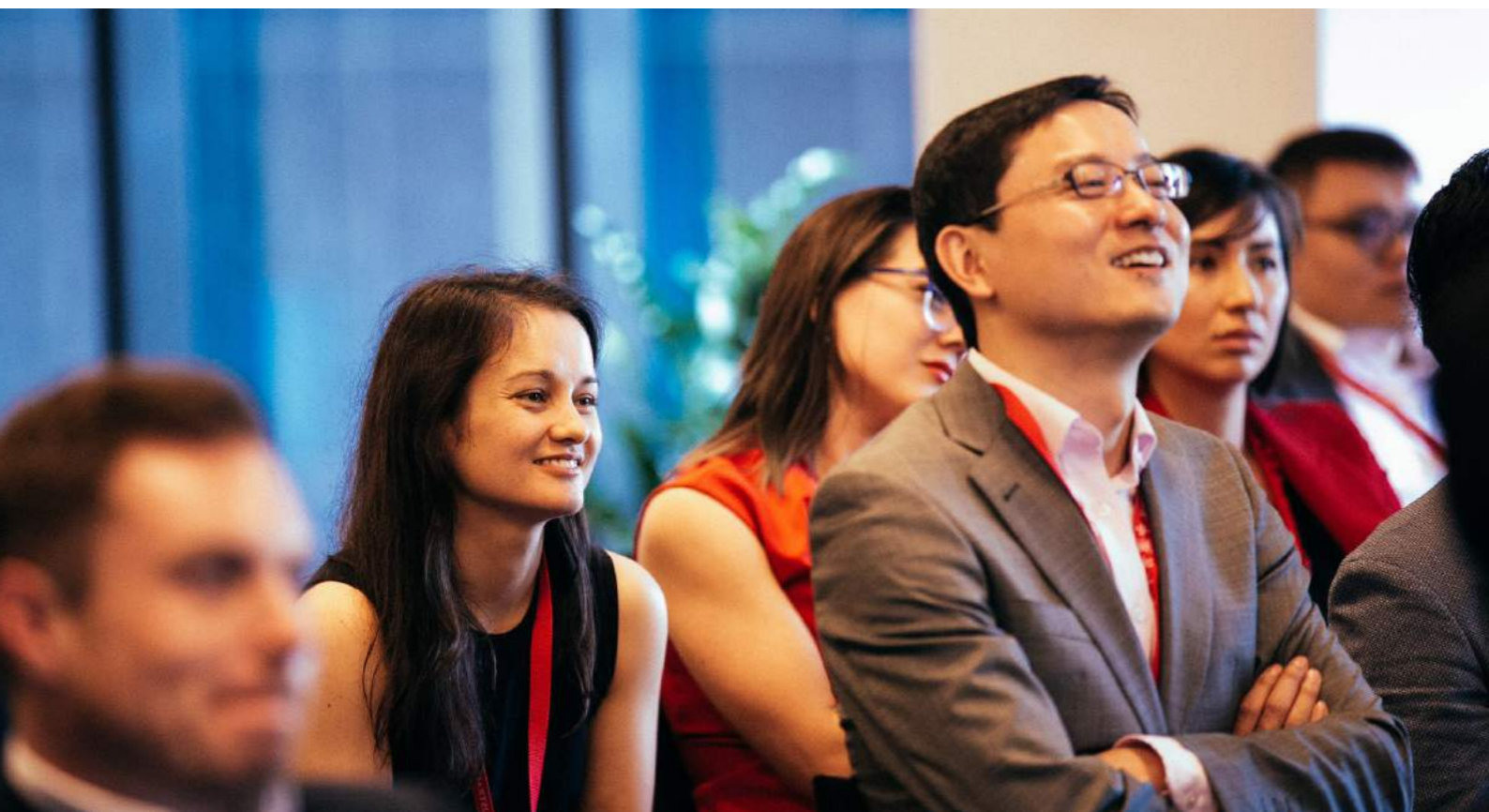
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## WHAT IS THE ACYD?

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.



## THE SITUATION

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

## THE CHALLENGE

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

## THE OUTCOMES

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



# ACYD DELEGATE TESTIMONIALS



SHANZHEN LUO

Meeting ACYD is one kind of fate! Amazing and fantastic. ACYD 2018 was diverse and dynamic, which brought macro and micro perspectives, and created an open and pleasant atmosphere to have in-depth discussions on various and important issues in the past four days. I did not realise how much I enjoyed the ACYD until I recalled my endless happy memories with my friends back in China. I strongly recommend that more young talents join the ACYD family to grow people-to-people links between our two countries.



DESHUAI DANIEL WANG

参加中澳青年对话（ACYD）是一段美妙的历程。这次对话活动既倡导了深层次多维度的思维碰撞，又精心设置了许多令人充分体验澳洲美好和促进团队合作的多彩环节。几天来的思想激荡和头脑风暴，使我对澳大利亚的政治、文化，特别是在各个领域实现中澳合作的探索，有了更为深刻的理解和启发。很荣幸能加入到ACYD大家庭中，拥有不同专业背景的我们来自于五湖四海，不过我们都有着促进中澳友好合作的共同目标。我相信在不远的将来，多种行业互动与多维人际推广之下，中澳关系必将迎来新的发展篇章！

CATHERINE O'KEEFE

The Australia China Youth Dialogue provides a wonderful platform for young leaders from across the Asia-Pacific to come together and discuss the ever evolving bilateral relationship enjoyed by Australia and China. The 2018 program was thought provoking, relevant and was presented by eminent leaders in their respective fields. The ACYD will stay with all delegates, long into the future, as it fosters connections between like-minded people and that is its greatest legacy.



PRIME MINISTER

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

### AUSTRALIA-CHINA YOUTH DIALOGUE 2018

Congratulations on being selected to attend the 2018 Australia-China Youth Dialogue.

The high calibre of Delegates who attend the Dialogue each year is a testament to importance of the Australia-China relationship. The increasing diversity of Delegates, from a range of industry and academic backgrounds, is also reflective of a comprehensive partnership Australia and China.

This year's Dialogue coincides with the Australia-China Council's 40th anniversary, since it was established by the Australian Government in 1978 to promote mutual understanding and foster relations between Australia and China. This milestone is based on a long history of people-to-people links going back more than a century before the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In an increasingly interconnected and rapidly changing world, both our countries face significant opportunity and uncertainty over the next decade. As young people from our respective nations, you have an opportunity to strengthen and deepen the Australia-China relationship.

Given the breadth of these opportunities and challenges, it is more important than ever to forge greater understanding of each other's culture, society and political economies in order to take our partnership forward.

With an exciting array of topics and speakers, I am sure you will dive into discussion over the four days of the Dialogue with curiosity and respect. I expect what you learn from the Dialogue and your fellow delegates will fuel your passion for strengthening the links between our two nations, in whatever field you pursue.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing the Australia – China relationship, and for the new perspectives each of you will bring.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

31 October 2018

## DAY 1 ASIA IN FLUX: BEYOND THE BILATERAL

The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria joined the Chinese Consul-General Mr Zhao Jian in officially opening this year's dialogue at AustraliaPost Headquarters with a welcome address that highlighted the importance of mutual understanding in strengthening the bilateral relationship.

### Session 1: The new dynamics of global politics

Location: Australia Post's headquarters in Melbourne City

Session Chair: Jason Chai, Chief of Staff to Victorian Minister (Trade and Investment, Innovation and Digital Economy), ACYD 2016 Alumnus

Panellists: Penny Burt (Asialink CEO), Fergus Hanson (Head of the International Cyber Policy Centre) and Kee Wong (Founder of e-Centric Innovations)

This panel unpacked typically divisive issues such as the South China Sea, the Belt and Road Initiative, cyber security, and the Aus-China-US relationship(s). They took the approach of finding commonality in pragmatism.

On the topic of trade wars and trade architecture, it became clear that at its core, trade is about politics and that Australia currently presents to the world stage with a somewhat diluted ideology. The comment was made that when it comes to Australia's attitude to engagement with China it appears 'a small panda is cute but a big panda is frightening'. The panel went on to analyse Australia's involvement in the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) as well as looking at Australia and China in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the tensions that surround these agreements.

Finally, the delegates were broken into groups to workshop a media representation case study, looking at the politics driving the adverse media reports coming out of both Australia and China around issues such as education in Australia. Conclusions drawn from this session were that prosperous relationships and political ties are built on sustained trust that comes from appreciating the nuances of different perspectives rather than focusing on generalising statistics, political jargon or media rhetoric alone.



### Gala Dinner

Location: National Gallery of Victoria

This year the ACYD held its Gala Dinner on the first night of the Dialogue in the leafy surrounds of the Garden Restaurant of the National Gallery of Victoria. After a welcome to country from Elder Ron Jones of the Wurundjeri People, the Honorable Bob Carr, Professor in International Relations at the University of Technology Sydney and Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute, delivered a keynote speech challenging delegates and guests to look beyond their immediate reactions to current events in the Australia-China relationship and search for the facts behind each news story. He also made reference to Robert Hughes' "The Shock of the New", when describing the reaction that has accompanied China's rise.



## DAY 2 NEW ERA, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Session 1: Investing in the Australia-China Relationship: Foreign Investment and Trade  
Location: Swisse headquarters in Collingwood

Session Chair: Helen Dai (Executive Officer to Deputy CEO of Global Markets and Sector Engagement at Austrade), ACYD 2014 Alumna.

Panellists: Victoria Anderson (Chief Advisor at The Treasury), Peter Cai (Group Chief Advisor at Virgin Australia, Non-resident Fellow at the Lowy Institute), Angeline Achariya (CEO Food Innovation Centre at Monash University), Isaac Huang (Sales & Marketing Head Cross Border Business at Swisse Wellness)

This session brought together panellists from both governmental bodies and the private sector to explore the opportunities and challenges with respect to foreign investment and trade.

Victoria Anderson, Chief Advisor at The Treasury, dispelled myths that the Australian government discourages Chinese investment by highlighting its long history of welcoming foreign investment. It was further noted that while Australian regulations are complex, they are transparent, and foreign investors should always seek appropriate advice before proceeding with a venture.

Peter Cai emphasised that Australia's strong corporate governance and robust regulatory system is attractive to Chinese investors, but that it is difficult for them to navigate. The panel considered how domestic media reports are influencing public sentiment towards Chinese investment, and that more informed public discourse is necessary to build a more trusting relationship for the future.

Angeline Achariya then shared insights into the challenges facing Australian enterprises expanding into China, particularly in the agribusiness space. It was noted that "clean, green and safe" no longer guarantees successful entry into the Chinese market and that businesses must devote more resources to understanding their target market.

Representing the private sector perspective, Isaac Huang shared Swisse's growth story and highlighted that collaboration with Chinese partners is a helpful way to sense-check new product offerings. It was further emphasised that Chinese markets move quickly, and constant innovation is necessary to win the hearts and minds of Chinese consumers.



Session 2: Creation through collaboration: technology and innovation  
Location: Swisse headquarters in Collingwood

Session chair: Shuang Li (Biomedical Engineering PhD at the University of Melbourne), 2016 Alumnus  
Panellists: Chris Zhong (Digital Blockchain Lead, Accenture), Phillip Kingston (entrepreneur and investors) and Maria Silos (Director of Government Affairs, Australian and New Zealand at Didi)

In a broad and thought-provoking discussion on the different approaches to investment in innovation across Australia and China, Session Chair, Shuang Li, encouraged delegates to consider how industries can be disrupted and transformed through new technologies, particularly the rise of AI.

In particular the panel discussed the effects of blockchain on businesses, both initially through its association with crypto currencies and more recently across a broader range of industries. China's appetite for innovation was also considered by the panel and delegates, as the panel provided unique insights into both creating new ideas and transforming them into sustainable businesses. The session concluded with an exclusive (Chatham House) sneak peak of some new technology.



Session 3: Seeing what Regional Australia has to offer  
Location: Yarra Valley

Towards the end of the afternoon, delegates travelled to Victoria's famous Yarra Valley to learn about how regional Australia plays its part in the bilateral relationship, particularly given China is Australia's largest trading partner and Australia is China's sixth.

Along the way, delegates stopped to learn about Australia's major exports to China, such as iron ore and coal which brought in A\$63bn and A\$57bn in 2017, respectively. Delegates were also informed that Australia exports more than just hard commodities from regional Australia, with beef and wheat falling into the top 10 exports to China. In other trivia, delegates learned that the two native Australian animals on the Coat of arms of Australia – the kangaroo and emu – were selected as they physically cannot walk backwards, and thus symbolize a nation always moving forward.

The final destination for the day was De Bortoli Wines, an Australian family owned company established in 1928 and now one of Australia's largest wine exporters to China. De Bortoli has been trading in China since the early 2000s and has also been proactive over the years hiring Mandarin and Cantonese speakers to engage with the big number of tourists that visit its vineyard. It now sells many of its brands through partners around China and now has a permanent independent presence there. The remainder of the evening comprised a good food and wine shared amongst good friends as delegates reflected on the past two days of the ACYD.



## DAY 3 SOFT EXCHANGES: EDUCATION AND CULTURE

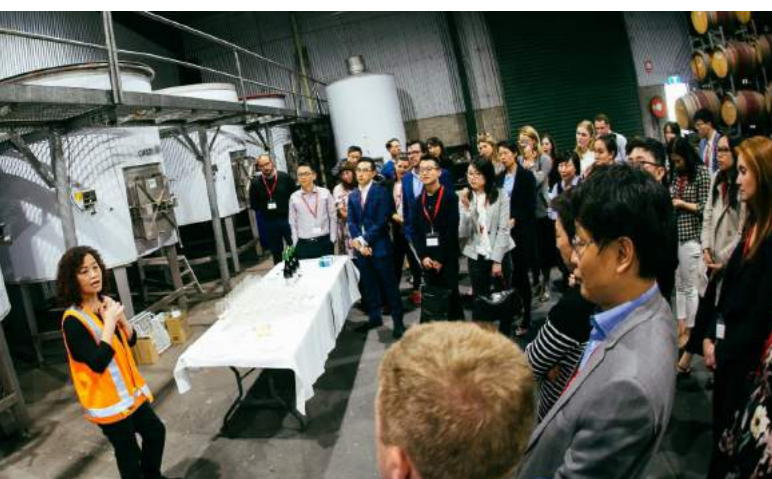
Session 1: Thinking together: the growth of research and collaboration  
Location: Melbourne Town Hall

Session Chair: Dr Matt Baker (Scientia Research Fellow in the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences at UNSW Sydney), ACYD 2016 Alumnus  
Panellists: Geoffrey Brooks (Director, Swinburne University Joint Research Centre), Wei Li (Lecturer International Business, University of Sydney) and Qian Liang Bao (Associate Professor, Monash University)

This session brought to light some lesser known but crucial points of collaboration that can be better capitalised on in the Australia-China relationship. With Wei Li's experience working in renewable energy for the World Bank and Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection, Geoffrey Brooks focus on manufacturing technology and Qian Liang Bao's expertise in low energy and optoelectronic technology, delegates received fascinating insights from a range of fields.

One of the topics of mutual interest that our speakers explored was rare earth metals, which play a fundamental role in powering modern technology ranging from MRI machines and satellites to headphones and nuclear reactors. China has previously produced more than 90 percent of the world's rare earth metals supply but Australia is rich in deposits too. It was discussed that it is one thing to have rare earths present in the ground but extracting and processing them is a scientific exercise that can be done more effectively with better research sharing and collaboration.

Delegates discussed with the panel the options for governmental subsidy for bilateral research collaboration and the possible benefits and challenges that can flow from such arrangements. Our panel drew out the role of politics in this funding with considerations such as corporate governance impositions, IP protection and the dangers of research becoming too commercialised. The panel championed integrity around research collaborations and said that both countries have much to gain from knowledge sharing but due diligence around partnerships will always be key to the longevity and success of projects.







## Session 2: International Education - the Growth of Student Ambassador

Location: Melbourne Town Hall

Session chair: Elva Zhang (Corporate Counsel of ANL Container Line / Peace Lab), ACYD 2014 Alumna  
Panellists: Yifan Wang (Chinese international student currently studying at the University of Melbourne), Gary Lee (International Education Project Coordinator from the City of Melbourne), and Jonathan Benny (Lecturer in Chinese Studies from the Monash University)

Today Chinese students make up about 30% of international students population in Australia, which sees the international education sector contributing AU\$32.2 billion dollars to the Australian economy in 2017. However, rather than discussing the topic of international students from the conventional economic perspective, the session of 2018 ACYD was designed for the delegates to consider international student related issues from a more student-centered perspective.

The session started with a short yet powerful performance by two international students (from Hong Kong mainland China) of their true-life stories as part of the creative storytelling project "Be You - Be Scene" funded by Study Melbourne of the Victorian Government. The thought-provoking performance shed light on the sensitive topic of LGBT issues among Chinese international students, in particular how studying in Australia has allowed them to be more open about who they are. The performance brought many to tears, not only because of the challenges such as social expectations and family pressures faced by the Chinese students, but also their courage to be true to themselves.

After connecting emotionally with the session topic, the delegates were then joined by three panelists - Yifan was placed in the centre (physically and strategically) as an intentional reminder of the student-focused approach to the discussions, whilst Gary and Jonathan were sharing their knowledge and expertise from the perspective of the key stakeholders in the international education sector. The discussions focused on the growth of Chinese students in Australia, explored the cultural differences between Australians and Chinese, and demystified the perceptions of Chinese students in the Australian media and issues of integration with the local community.

The session provided a refreshing perspective on the international sector in Australia. It encouraged the delegates to look beyond the dollar value brought by international students and focus on cultivating a more human-centered approach to international student experiences with more empathy and greater understanding. Such approaches will help students not only achieve better scores at school but also help them become a more authentic version of themselves. For Australia, this focus will distinguish itself from others and help Australia maintain global competitiveness in the ever-changing international education sector.

## Session 3: Sharing through stories: cultural exchange and diasporic communities in the We-media era

Location: Melbourne Town Hall

Session chair: Dr Xiaoyan (Christiana) Liang (Lecturer in Management, School of Business and Law, CQUniversity), ACYD 2010 Alumna  
Panellists: Dan Ryan (ACC Board Member and Managing Director, Serica Legal and Advisory), Lisa Roet (Australian artist working in China), Leah Jing (Editor, Liminal Mag), Tim Watts (Member of Parliament & 2015 ACYD Alumnus).

The rise of social media is redefining our experiences in the world. Studies have demonstrated the skyrocketing use of social media is facilitating a culture of "flakiness" during our social interactions, shattering the boundaries of marriages, swaying political elections, redefining how we market and sell products and services, and affecting how we build new social networks and maintain old ones. However, we do not know much about how social media is influencing the cultural exchange between Australia and China, especially when our two countries are becoming increasingly closer. An informed understanding of this topic is primary in helping us effectively navigate the sometimes complicated relationships between our two countries. Hence, the session was designed to explore the role of social media in cultural exchanges between Australia and China.

The four panellists had diverse backgrounds, but shared experiences in the use of social media in their respective professions. Tim Watts M.P. acknowledged the importance of utilising various social media platforms to effectively win votes from his electorates, who were very culturally diverse. Australia-based artist Lisa Roet highlighted the cultural differences in social media tools, and how they might be used differently in China and Australia. She also mentioned the "expectation of immediate reply" caused by the dependence on social media. Writer, entrepreneur and key influencer in the Asian-Australian Arts space Leah Jing McIntosh drew our attention to subcultures, whose voice might be underrepresented in the mainstream Australian media. Lawyer and investor Dan Ryan described the different personalities of social media, and emphasised the importance of the message (being accurate, reasonable and good-intentioned), rather than the messenger.

Following the panel discussion, the delegates broke out into five groups to explore cultural differences between Australia and China, social media platform differences and how the delegates can facilitate cultural exchange in the We-media era. At the end of discussion, the delegates agreed that in times of cultural conflicts, as cultural hybrids possessing knowledge and experience of both cultures, they are well positioned to be leaders and influencers. Hence, they ought to critically think about their social media identity, to reflect on the messages they create, communicate, choose to like and disseminate, and constantly consume.



#### Session 4: Adventure Hunt Location: Melbourne City

In the afternoon, delegates were given the opportunity to come together in a more informal setting as they went on an adventure hunt around Melbourne. Exploring the city's laneways and parks, teams gained 'points' by undertaking tasks such as pop quizzes, sampling some of Melbourne's delicacies and undertaking group exercises. From getting photos with some of Melbourne's most iconic landmarks to singing a footy song on the tram, delegates were able to gain an insight into Melbourne's unique cityscape and culture while also getting to know each other better outside of the Dialogue's more formal discussion.



#### Alumni Celebration Dinner Location: Chinese Museum of Melbourne

With over 270 talented professionals now part of the ACYD alumni cohort, the ACYD network continues to grow and strengthen. On the evening of Day Three, the 2018 ACYD Delegates were introduced to this network at the 2018 ACYD Alumni Dinner, hosted at the Chinese Museum of Melbourne.

The dinner opened with a special dance performance from JMC Dance Labs, which is owned and run by 2018 ACYD Delegate Ke Li. The 'traditional-meets-modern' performance was hosted in the Dragon Gallery, surrounded by the Millennium Dragon who winds its way from the Museum's ground floor to the lower ground.

After discussing the opportunities and challenges of the 'We-media era' with our expert panel during the day, ACYD 2018 Delegates, alumni and friends had the opportunity to use the power of WeChat during a casual dinner setting provided by Seamstress. The 75 guests were involved in competitive games using WeChat functions, such as Location Sharing, Voice Messages and Hong Bao (Red Packages).

Guests were also honoured to hear from Melbourne City Councillor Phillip Li Liu, and Deputy Director of the Chinese Museum, Melbourne, Mr Mark Wang. Both Councillor Liu and Mr Wang outlined the strength, history, and diversity of the networks between Australia and China, and congratulated the ACYD on their efforts.

The evening concluded in traditional ACYD style, with alumni, Delegates and guests joining in chorus at KTV in Little Bourke Street.

## DAY 4 KICKING GOALS: SPORTS IN DIPLOMACY

Session 1: Playing by Australian rules: learning from AFL in China  
Location: The Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)

Session Chair: Thomas Day (Enterprise Solutions Manager, China Practice at Asialink Business), ACYD 2016 Alumnus

Panellists: Sarah Loh (CEO, South Metro Junior Football League), Tom Parker (Partner, Bastion China), Jamie Pi (Practice Principal, Vigeo Financial Solutions)

“You can’t be what you can’t see” was the theme that resonated throughout the first session of the day. The discussion focused on the importance of imagery in sports. Chinese and Asian role-models, being a ‘mirror’ for the audience to see themselves as welcome in the sport, are incredibly important for both international audiences and local Australian audiences alike.

The AFL’s vision was discussed, which not only includes the importance of developing the sport for international audiences, but as way to connect diverse communities in Australia. The AFL is seeking to use the sport as a conduit for the Chinese-Australian community, including migrants and international students, to become more socially connected in their local communities.

The panellists entertained delegates with stories around how football (and sport) helped them integrate into Australian society as new migrants, their role in the development in football in the local Chinese community through Team China and what it was like commentating and translating the game for Xi Jinping when he visited Australia in 2010. The first AFL game in China at the Shanghai World Expo (Melbourne FC vs Brisbane Lions) was also discussed as well as how the first Chinese sponsor of an AFL was secured by the Melbourne Football Club.

Differences in the sporting systems and culture between Australia and China were also discussed, with much input from the delegates themselves. This included the barriers to access for armature sports, perceptions of sporting participation, and business culture surrounding sporting events and entertainment.

Many delegates were new to the game but left with a deep impression of the role that sport plays as the glue that binds people together in Australian society from the boardroom to the backstreets of Melbourne and most importantly were very excited about the AFL game in Shanghai in June 2019!



Session 2: How does sport contribute to Aus-China relations?  
Location: The Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)

Session chair: Al Baxter (Associate Principal, Populous), ACYD 2016 Alumnus

Panellists: Gonul Serbest (Deputy Secretary, Trade Victoria), Kym Shilton (Infrastructure Advisory Partner and National Lead Partner Social and Cultural Infrastructure, Deloitte), Kieran Lilley (International Relations Manager, Football Federation Australia),

Taking the idea of sports from the local community to the global stage, our panelists discussed the impact of sports on international diplomacy. Using a modern-era approach to the concept of ‘ping-pong diplomacy’, the panellists explored how sports strengthens and, sometimes, jeopardises bilateral diplomatic efforts.

The discussion also turned to how sport is used as an international export. The ‘starpower’ of celebrity players helps to transcend national and cultural boundaries, and lift sporting into the global entertainment space. Companies who sponsor sporting events are able to attach their brand to the positive feelings associated with large sporting events, which appeals to markets across national borders. This ‘starpower’, however, also comes with downside risks. These days athletes need to be aware of the cross-cultural impacts of their actions. Athletes can work closely with their governments, especially overseas missions, to use their profile for positive public diplomacy initiatives, and to follow protocols when engaging internationally. Session Chair, Al Baxter, who used to play for the Australian Wallabies, talked through his experiences in this space.

Both the Australian and Chinese governments seek to use sports for national benefit, including social cohesion and public health. In many cities, physical activity has been designed out of urban environments. Australia and China now have the opportunity to work together on using spectator sports as a motivator for public health and wellbeing. Urban environments and sports infrastructure also affect the ability for populations to access the benefits of health and social cohesion provided by sports. The global trend in sport is moving more towards gym culture and lifestyle sports, which provides an opportunity to access populations who have not previously engaged in or been able to access sporting activities.

Sporting events and sports diplomacy require long-term engagement and strategic planning. Sports provide both Australia and China with a high-profile platform for business deals and political interactions, which encourages long-term and genuine cooperation. The delegates, many who are sports fans themselves, weighed in on the discussion around the impact that sport has on one’s personal and national identity, and brainstormed new ways Australia and China can utilise sports to transcend national and cultural boundaries.



## ACYD DELEGATES



DAVID ARKELL

David is a Senior Project Officer at the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services. He is responsible for supporting Victoria's health sector to engage with China and developing and implementing international health programs in line with the Victorian Government's China Strategy – Partnerships for Prosperity and the International Health Strategy – Partnering for a Prosperous Future. Before joining the department in January 2018, David managed the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority's international program, delivering school education programs throughout the Asia Pacific region. David facilitated partnerships between Victorian and overseas schools; oversaw the program's quality assurance regime; and managed the Authority's relationships in China. Prior to joining the Victorian Public Service in 2012, David lived in Bangladesh, where he worked for CARE in an Australian Government funded role. David primarily worked on health, education and women's empowerment programs.



YUKI BAO

Born and lived in four cities in China, Yuki came to Australia in 2002 as a high school student and subsequently completed the Bachelor of Commerce at the Melbourne University. During the university days, she served as the Treasurer for the Melbourne University Overseas Student Services in Student Union and represented overseas students at various university committees. She sees herself as the beneficiary of international education with exposure to two vastly different education systems and is a strong advocate for education and cultural exchange. Yuki has worked across consulting, banking and telecommunications sectors in three countries including Australia, China and Singapore and is now a senior risk and finance analyst at the Department of Treasury and Finance, providing oversight on investment and social returns from government funded businesses. In addition to her work at the Victorian government, she is also a career mentor of the Melbourne University AccessConnect Mentoring program and actively participates in forums as a representative of Chinese millenium.



MATHEW BENJAMIN

Mathew Benjamin is co-founder of AsiaRecon, an organisation that was established to accelerate the connectivity of people, ideas and capital between Australia and Asia across the areas of science, technology & innovation. Since its inception, AsiaRecon has helped attract over AU\$100M in foreign direct investment into Australian startups.

Mathew's motivation to attend ACYD 2018 is to better understand the Australia-China relationship, including; to explore and unlock new ways China and Australia can continue to build long-term partnerships across the areas of science and technology.



MONIQUE CARROLL  
Monash Business School Fellow

Monique is a cross-border and regulatory disputes specialist and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Her experience includes working in Australia and China acting as advisor and counsel in international arbitrations, international trade and investment treaty disputes and as international counsel providing strategic oversight for regulatory and government related disputes across jurisdictions. In 2012 and 2013 Monique worked in the Beijing office of King & Wood Mallesons where she gained a deep understanding of commercial and cultural issues relevant to China related disputes. Whilst in China, Monique represented SOEs, private companies and foreign clients in relation to private equity, emission reduction purchase agreements, joint venture, commodity and ship construction disputes, investment treaty protection and commercial and compliance matters before the Chinese courts. Since returning to Australia Monique has developed a 'doing business in Asia' project to assist Australian clients to understand how to avoid disputes with Chinese counterparties.



PAUL CHEYNE

Paul's engagement with China started while studying a Bachelor of Business at La Trobe University in Melbourne, enrolling in a Diploma of Languages (Mandarin). That Diploma took him to East China Normal University on summer exchange and later a full scholarship to Dongbei University of Finance and Economics and Renmin University of China, where he completed a Master of Enterprise Management. Paul has lived, studied and worked in China for four years and held roles at the China-Australia Chamber of Commerce in Beijing; China Daily as a freelance food columnist in Taipei; and was an active member of the Australia-China Youth Association in Beijing. Since returning to Australia, Paul joined the public service delivering government policy and programs at the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development and the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade). Paul's current role in the North Asia and Investment team at Austrade enables him to use his language and cultural experience to assist client's engage with China, and North Asia more broadly.



ANDREW FEI

Andrew Fei is a trilingual lawyer (Chinese, English and Korean) who advises global clients on a broad range of cross-border banking, capital markets, fintech and financial regulatory matters. Andrew holds a Master of Law from Harvard Law School, and Master and Bachelor of Law from Cambridge University. He is currently a senior associate at King & Wood Mallesons, a global law firm. Previously, he worked for 5 years at the New York headquarters of a leading Wall Street law firm.

Andrew has published a large number of articles on banking law matters, including in the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation. He is regularly quoted on financial regulatory matters in the press, including the New York Times and the Financial Times. Andrew is passionate about advancing the relationship between Australia and China. On a daily basis, he advises Chinese companies about complex cross-border transactions in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.

## ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED



APPY GAO

Appy has been working in international business development for over a decade and had experience across private sector, media and Australian government agency. She has worked and lived in China, Malaysia and Australia.

Most recently, she held a business development manager role at Australian Trade and Investment Commission for over four years, working alongside senior leaders to advocate commercial diplomacy and innovation for Australia in highly regulated industries, primarily focusing on mining and agribusiness. Relocated to Australia in 2016, she's now finishing up her MBA studies at Australian Graduate School of Management with University of New South Wales. At the same time, she is proudly on a work integrated learning placement with GenesisCare, a healthcare sector high growth disruptor in radiation oncology, supporting their expansion into China. Appy holds a B.A. in Land Resources Management with University of Hainan, and a postgraduate diploma in B2B Market Management with University of Hongkong.



AMY HALLAM

Amy has over ten years' experience working for multinational professional services firms, government and the not-for-profit sector. Amy graduated with a Bachelor's Degree and Postgraduate Diploma in Science and previously worked as a consultant managing environmental social impact assessments in Australia, China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia and Liberia. Amy initially relocated to China to represent AusAID as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development (AYAD) initiating environmental education and training programs in Jiuzhaigou, Sichuan. Based in China for 6 years, Amy attained professional fluency in spoken and written Mandarin.

Since returning to Australia three years ago Amy has dedicated her energy to economic development and international engagement initiatives at the City of Perth (Resources, Energy and Agriculture sector) and Perth Convention Bureau (Tourism and Education sector). She sits on the Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA WA) committee.



MICHAEL HERTEL

Michael is an Australian diplomat currently serving at the Australian Embassy in Beijing as Second Secretary, Political Affairs. His portfolio covers Chinese domestic politics, social issues, human rights and legal reform. A lawyer by training, Michael joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in 2012 as a Policy Graduate. He has worked across a broad range of policy areas including: environmental law; Middle East; China economic, political and trade; and international law. In 2012, Michael led the development of the Australian Government's 'Australia-China Commercial Dispute Resolution Initiative', which advised Australian companies on managing business risks in China and provided best-practice guidelines for commercial dispute resolution. Michael has undertaken two overseas assignments with DFAT, in Nauru and China. He holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons); a Bachelor of Arts; a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice; and a Master of International Affairs, from the Australian National University.



FIONA LANDER

Dr Fiona Lander is a qualified lawyer and medical doctor, currently working as an Associate at McKinsey & Company in Australia. Fiona's work predominately focuses on healthcare strategy in Australia, where she has served a variety of public and private sector clients across the industry. Before joining McKinsey, Fiona was a Consultant to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and completed missions with the UN in Guinea-Bissau, Ghana, Guatemala, Syria, and Australia. During her time working with the UN Special Rapporteur on Health in India, her work focused on health rights of marginalised groups throughout Asia. She has also worked as a doctor at Austin Health and Royal Perth Hospital, and a lawyer at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. Fiona was a Frank Knox Memorial Fellow at Harvard University, where she recently completed a Masters of Public Health. She previously graduated from Monash University with dual honours in Medicine/Surgery and Laws.



KE LI

Ke is the co-founder, chief instructor, and head choreographer at JMC Dance Lab, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Ke started JMC Dance Lab in February 2014 with her rich experience in all styles dancing and comprehensive teaching skills. JMC Dance Lab focuses on tutoring people who is interested in dancing, and performing dance showcases and programmes in multi-cultural events. It has a unique performing concept of dance innovation, which were kept from Ke's thesis in terms of culture fusion and mixture of traditional and modern dance styles innovation.

In 2011, Ke came to Melbourne, Australia to accomplish her Master degree of Cultural Arts (Performing Arts) in Monash University, she studied creativities industry, art economy and finished the degree with a minor project and a research thesis in cross-cultural contemporary dance in 2013. In 2017, she was the movement person in One Tree Theatre, cooperated with director Nancy Black with the play "Gate to Paradise" which was showed in Malthouse Theatre in November.



SYLVIE LIM

Sylvie is a doctor working in Orthopaedics at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital. She is currently undertaking a Masters in Traumatology and also holds a Masters in International Law, and a Bachelor of Physiotherapy. Sylvie's current research projects include the role of international policy in enabling universal access to safe, affordable surgical and anaesthesia care; and the development of a 3D scanning technique for assessing ulcers. She is also an avid hill runner, waterpolo player and gardener.

Sylvie grew up in Malaysia, completing most of her secondary schooling within Malaysia's Chinese School system before moving to Australia for further education opportunities. Professionally, Sylvie has established rehabilitation services in Sichuan, China following the 2008 earthquake; developed high level policy advice while working at the Australian Department of Home Affairs; and worked as a physiotherapist in rural and regional areas.

## ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED



**TRAVIS LIU**  
Swisse Wellness Fellow

Travis is Senior Training Manager of Swisse China, part of H&H group. He has 9 years sales and training management experience in the global leading company of health and medical category.

He loves to share and communicate with different background people. Used to be a volunteer working in Guangzhou museum as a part time instructor.

He is also very popular as nutrition consultant all over the China retail customers and celebrities. And his nutrition speeches always attract a lot of consumers to attend. Now he is becoming a link between China Nutrition society and Australia nutrition and healthy societies, and has already built up a lot of connections. He strives to make more and more Chinese and Australian happier and healthier.



**SHANZHEN LUO**

Shanzhen Luo has a Bachelor and a Master of History both from Nanjing University in China. She also earned another Master of Gerontology from Georgia State University in the US.

Driven by the mission of providing dignified care and humane care for the frail elders, Ms. Luo strives to transform the traditional elder care model, which has a narrow focus on medical care, into a new person-centered social care model, which integrates physical, social, psychological, and spiritual dimensions of care in a holistic way.

Shanzhen's cross-cultural academic training in humanities (a BA and a MA in History) and applied fields (Gerontology and Public Health) has well prepared her to fulfil this admirable mission.

After working for 12 years in senior living and witnessing the rapid growth and enormous changes in this industry, Shanzhen founded LEZHI, an applied research institute at CHJ-Care, one of the leading senior living groups in China.



**CHENKAI MA**

Chenkai Ma is currently a Ph.D. student from the University of Melbourne, majoring in cancer biology. He got his medical degree and trained as a surgeon in China. He was born and grew up in Shanghai and then moved to Melbourne 3 years ago for Ph.D. research. Before he settled in Melbourne, he has visited several academic institutes in Europe and Japan. He was nominated as the finalist of 2016 Victoria International Education Award for research. He is keen on the translational research and commitment on the bilateral relationship between China and Australia.



**EMILY MCDONALD**  
New Colombo Fellow

Emily is an Australian Government New Colombo Plan Scholar from Melbourne. 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. The start of Emily's New Colombo journey saw her studying Chinese Law at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and brushing-up on her Mandarin skills by attending daily classes. Following that she undertook an internship with Baker McKenzie Hong Kong's Compliance and Investigations team. In 2019, Emily will start at as a Graduate with Baker McKenzie in Melbourne.

Emily has previously lived in Melbourne, Shanghai, Singapore, Auckland and Phnom Penh. From interning with the UN at the Khmer Rouge Trials in Cambodia, to volunteering at Melbourne's Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Emily has acquired a diversity of legal experience and a deep insight into the Indo-Pacific region's public legal systems.



**DI MO**

Dr Di Mo is a Lecturer in Finance at the School of Economics, Finance and Marketing, RMIT University. Prior to joining RMIT, Di has completed her PhD in Finance and a BCom with First Class Honours at Griffith University. During her studies, she was awarded multiple scholarships totalling in excess of \$150,000.

Di is actively involved in both research and teaching. She is a frequent presenter at universities and international conferences. Di's research interests lay in volatility estimation and forecasting, commodity futures, empirical asset pricing and renewable energy. Her research has been published in journals including Energy Economics, Economic Modelling and Managerial Finance. She has also served as an ad hoc reviewer for the Economic Modelling and International Journal of Finance and Economics. Di is passionate in developing research and teaching collaborations between Australia and China. She hopes to draw from her educational experience and contribute to the prosperous development of education in both countries.



**CATHERINE O'KEEFE**  
Corrs Chambers Westgarth Fellow

Catherine is a Senior Associate in the Disputes team at Corrs Chambers Westgarth where she practices in general commercial litigation, with a particular focus on cross-border disputes, and international commercial arbitration. She has experience in advising on the enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign judgments, arbitration and dispute resolution clauses, extradition, shareholder oppression claims, misleading and deceptive conduct and contract disputes. Catherine is also the Co-Chair of the Law Institute of Victoria's International Law Section. In this capacity, she co-organised the inaugural international commercial arbitration moot in Victoria. As a result of the success of the Victorian moot, Catherine was appointed the Victorian representative of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Centenary International Arbitration Moot Steering Committee and was responsible for arranging and co-authoring the CI Arb Centenary Moot. Catherine is the ICC Young Arbitrator Forum representative for Australia and was a Melbourne ICCA Ambassador for 2018.

## ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED



MAX PARASOL

Startup strategist and lecturer on China's innovation ecosystem.

Completing a PhD focused on China's environment for developing artificial intelligence.

Previously practised as a lawyer in Shanghai, Western Australia, and Victoria and completed a Masters of Chinese Law at Nanjing University in Chinese. Spent over 15 years in and out of China.



CLEMENT PENG

Clement was born and raised in China and moved to Australia during his teenage years. Whilst having a deep understanding of Chinese culture, Clement spent the most crucial years of his personal and professional life in Australia. He attended high school in Melbourne, and completed a Bachelor of Commerce degree majoring in Actuarial Study at the University of Melbourne.

Similar to most international students, Clement worked for several non-actuarial related jobs while awaiting his permanent resident visa. He later joined the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) as part of the graduate programme in 2010. Whilst working at APRA, he been involved in the general insurance, life insurance and private health insurance sectors, and is currently working in frontline supervision looking after foreign bank branches. This role involves financial analysis, risk management framework assessment, engagement with senior banking executives relating to strategy and risk governance, and liaising with domestic and international regulators.



BENJAMIN SMITH

Ben is a Principal Industry Analyst at Google, based in Malaysia. He provides strategic advice and data driven insights to support Google's business in Malaysia and across South East Asia region.

Prior to Google, Ben worked across a number of different industries and job functions. He worked as an M&A advisor based in Singapore, covering global real estate and hospitality sector transactions. He has also spent time in strategy & operations roles at other tech firms in Australia, and first started his career as a management consultant at Port Jackson Partners in Sydney.

Ben holds a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California Berkeley and an undergraduate degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Queensland.

Having grown up in a household of mixed heritage, Ben observed first-hand the positive outcomes of learning and collaboration between cultures.



IAN TAM  
University of Sydney Fellow

Ian Tam, with a Bachelor degree in Public Administration, he further his education in University of Sydney graduated with a Master in Public Policy. On graduation, he was recruited to join the Australian Labor Party to help in the Federal election campaigns for both former Prime Minister, The Hon Julie Gillard and the Hon Kevin Rudd. Ian was then solicited by the Federal Trade Union and quickly became the very first Chinese born Trade Union official, elected as the Executive Committee member making a name in Trade Union history. In 2015, Ian and the Hon Senator Penny Wong jointly, as the leftist delegate representatives, participated in the discussion and the successful voting of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement. In 2016, through the Hon. Dr Helem Sham-Ho, former Deputy President of the NSW Legislative Council and with her recommendation, the Founding Chairman of ACETCA, Dr. Gary Lam appointed Ian as the Vice Chairman of the ACETCA. In early 2018, Ian entrusted again by former Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd, to co-ordinate Rudd's book launch. In the most recent time,



YAN HUI TAN  
UBS Investment Bank Fellow

Yan Hui is an Associate Director at the UBS Investment Banking division in Sydney. Since joining UBS, Yan Hui has worked across a wide variety of engagements, including general corporate advisory, financing transactions and public company mergers and acquisitions. Yan Hui has particular expertise in the airline, industrials, telecommunications and technology sectors.

Yan Hui is passionate about technology and in particular, promoting Australian entrepreneurs who are building exceptional world-class technology companies. Prior to joining UBS, Yan Hui worked for two years at Azure Capital, a corporate advisory firm in Perth.

Yan Hui holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Australia, and has completed an exchange at the University of Nottingham. Yan Hui was born and raised in Singapore before moving to Australia and is bilingual in English and Mandarin.



AMBER ZIYE WANG

A journalist and researcher by trade, Amber found her passion for China-Australia relations as a former international student in Melbourne. After seeing fellow Chinese students passing through the education system without engaging much with the local community, she decided to take part in change. Her interest drove her to write and report on the broader Chinese Australian diaspora, as one of the first reporters for a major Chinese-language news outlet to cover cases of Chinese political influence.

Since then she has worked for Bloomberg as a news editor and written for many publications on China. She has also conducted research for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute on the Chinese cyberspace and censorship against foreign governments, including Australia. The report she contributed to shed light on the implications for Australia behind the Great Chinese Firewall. Now with the Washington Post in Beijing, she conducts timely and in-depth research and reporting with a focus on Sino-U.S. relations and its various chapters.

## ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED



**DESHUAI DANIEL WANG**

Deshuai (Daniel) Wang is a data scientist. He is Head of AI R&D team in a leading healthcare management company in China which delivers professional medical services to millions of users. In this role, he is responsible for building intelligent, predictive and customisable services which help users better understand and manage their health status.

Daniel is also highly interested in education. He started teaching computer operations to first-time users in 1997. Since then, he had developed several training courses in programming, system designing, big data, and AI techniques. Recently, he was invited by Google China University Program to provide an AI course to college teachers.

Daniel obtained BSc from Nanjing University in 2000 and completed his PhD at the Northeastern University in 2011. He has published 20+ academic papers, invented 2 patents, and won a technology-progress award.



**STEPHANIE KA CHI WONG**

Steph recently joined the Australian Consulate-General in Hong Kong as a Political and Economic Research Officer and is directly responsible in promoting the Australia-China relationship. Prior to joining the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Steph worked as a senior advisor to a prominent lawmaker in Hong Kong where she was able to work on various issues such as political reform which ultimately resulted in Occupy Central in 2014.

After graduating from the University of Manchester with a BA in Economics and Political Science in 2013, Steph completed a Masters in International Public Policy at University College London. Born in Hong Kong and raised in the UK, she is trilingual in Cantonese, Mandarin and English.

Steph thinks the future holds much hope for Australia-China relations despite the recent tensions, and she looks forward to engaging with fellow delegates on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.



**TERRY WU**  
City of Melbourne Fellow

As Business Development Officer City of Melbourne, Terry is responsible for developing and managing Melbourne's China engagement programs and international partnerships to facilitate bilateral collaborative opportunities and profile Melbourne's strong capabilities in key sectors. Terry's recent initiatives include 2018 Sino-Australasian Entrepreneurs Summit, the launch of Melbourne's official WeChat account and a cashless busking pilot - the first of its kind in Australia and the world's first involving Chinese mobile payment.

Prior to joining the City of Melbourne in 2013, Terry was the general manager of a Melbourne boutique consumer brand, now acquired by a prominent Chinese FMCG group.

Terry grew up in China and came to Australia in 2008 to complete Master of Business and IT at the University of Melbourne, during which he also undertook a summer internship at PwC Bangkok.



**ZHANG JI**  
ACFEA Fellow

Born and raised in the most ancient and fast changing Chinese capital city Beijing, Zhang Ji is currently the Director of the Acquisitions & Investments Department for the State Power Investment Overseas Co. Ltd. From 2016, Zhang Ji has been involved in several transactions of clean energy project in Australia. Prior to this role he was the Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the General Office for the State Nuclear Power Technology Company in China.

He has good business acumen coupled with a strong engineering background. Additionally, he takes a deep interest in Chinese History and Culture.

Zhang Ji has a Masters of Engineers from Tsinghua University, where he majored in Nuclear Technology Engineering.



**MAGGIE ZHOU**

Maggie is a Strategic Synergy partner at Telstra Ventures, working with global entrepreneurs from the Venture Capital investments across the US, China and Asia - to accelerate their business growth. "The entrepreneur behind the entrepreneur". Prior to Telstra Ventures, she was a Senior Product Manager of Machine to Machine / IOT in Telstra Corporation and a Business Consultant with extensive experience across Global Product Management, Product Strategy, M&A integration and Organisational Transformation.

Maggie was selected as one of 3 Australian Post Graduates as part of 100 global interns to work with the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Maggie is currently a candidate of MBA (Master of Business Administration) at Melbourne Business School, Australia. She also holds a Master Degree of Business and Information Technology from the University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours) from NorthWestern Polytechnical University, China.



**ZHOU XIAOLEI**

Zhou Xiaolei was born in Jinan, Shandong Province in 1988. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chinese language and literature at Qingdao University in 2012. He studied Historical Geography at Jinan University and obtain Master of History in 2015; Now studies Chinese Catholic history at University of Macao since 2015.

Since 2012, his current research concerns the Jesuit Mission in China in the 17th and 18th centuries, on the basis of Western (Portuguese, French) and Classic Chinese written sources. In addition to that, his research interest also involves History of Sino-West relationship, History of Macao, History of Coast Defense in Ming Dynasty.

As a Ph.D. student who majoring in Chinese Catholic history, he wish he could exchange his opinions on the areas of religion and social customs with Chinese and Australian youths. He will also bring this valuable experience back to China and share with the people who concerned about the relationship between China and Australia.



## ACYD SPEAKERS



**HON. BOB CARR** Professor in International Relations, University of Technology Sydney

The Honourable Bob Carr is Professor in International Relations at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). He is the Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI), the only Australian think tank devoted to illuminating the Australia-China relationship.

Professor Carr is a former Foreign Minister of Australia (2012-2013). He is also the longest continuously serving Premier in New South Wales history (1995-2005).

He received his Honours degree in History from the University of New South Wales. He is an Honorary Professor at Beijing Foreign Studies University. He is recipient of the RSIS Distinguished Visiting Fellowship from Nanyang Technological University and the Fulbright Distinguished Fellow Award Scholarship. He has served as Honorary Scholar of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue. He is an active public speaker and author of *Thoughtlines*, *What Australia Means to Me*, *My Reading Life* and *Diary of a Foreign Minister*.



**ANGELINE ACHARIYA** CEO, Food Innovation Centre, Monash University

Angeline is a senior executive with experience in commercialising innovation, strategy development and end to end R&D execution. Angeline's leadership in fast moving consumer goods & food service retail in commercialising innovation across Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China and Thailand markets has resulted in a successful track record of over 800 innovations launched across grocery and quick service restaurants. Angeline's career in the food industry has spanned from small business, consultancy to blue chip FMCG companies like Masterfoods Japan; Fonterra, Yum! Brands and Mondelez International and has delivered significant projects in innovation and change management initiatives. Angeline's strong commercial and innovation skills have paved the way for her leading and establishing a world first innovation capability and services start-up, the Mondelez International Food Innovation Centre (FIC). The FIC has transitioned to Monash University support support the growth of the Australian food manufacturing industry.



**VICTORIA ANDERSON** Chief Adviser of Foreign Investment Division, The Treasury

Victoria joined the Treasury in April 2017, and is Chief Adviser in the Foreign Investment Division. She is responsible for agricultural and health investment advice and enhancing Treasury's approach to foreign investment compliance. Victoria is also the Australian National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

Prior to joining the Treasury, Victoria held a number of senior executive positions at the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. Victoria has been involved in a Commission of Inquiry into a major animal disease outbreak, led international delegations to establish improved agricultural cooperation and legislative implementation roles. Victoria was also a Departmental Liaison Officer to agriculture ministers and worked on program delivery and fisheries management issues. Victoria has a Bachelor of Arts/Laws (Hons) from the University of Queensland and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Australian National University.



**QIAOLIANG BAO** Associate Professor, Monash University

Dr. Qiaoliang Bao received his Bachelor (2000) and Master (2003) degree from School of Materials Science and Engineering, Wuhan University of Technology, and Ph. D degree from Department of Physics, Wuhan University (2007), China. From 2006 to 2008, he studied at Nanyang Technological University as a visiting student and research associate.

From 2008 to 2012, he worked as a postdoctoral fellow in Graphene Research Centre, National University of Singapore (NUS). He was awarded ARC Future Fellowship in 2016 and is now an Associate Professor at Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Monash University, Australia. He has authored or co-authored more than 170 refereed journal articles with more than 18,000 total citations and an H-index of 57 (Google Scholar).



**JONATHAN BENNEY** Lecturer, Monash University

Dr Benney is a Lecturer in Chinese Studies in the School of Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics at Monash University.

Prior he was a lecturer at Macquarie University; a postdoctoral fellow at the Institute for U.S.-China Issues at the University of Oklahoma; a visiting researcher on the LOEWE Research Focus project 'Extrajudicial and Judicial Conflict Resolution' at the Goethe University Frankfurt; and a research fellow at the Asia Research Institute at the National University of Singapore.

He has studied and worked in Australia, China, and Taiwan. He received his PhD from the University of Melbourne and has degrees in Arts and Law from the same university. His first book, *Defending Rights in Contemporary China*, was published in 2013.

Jonathan studies contentious politics and political communication in modern China. His research concentrates on new media, aesthetics and design, activism, dispute resolution, the role of law and rights, and the history of ideas.



**GEOFFREY BROOKS** Professor, Swinburne University

Professor Brooks is the Director of Swinburne's Joint Research Centre with Shandong University in Weihai. He played a key role in developing the joint PhD program and industry links associated and he travels regularly to China to meet students, researchers and industry partners.

Professor Brooks has formerly been a Pro-Vice Chancellor, an Associate Dean of Research and a Departmental Head at Swinburne University of Technology. He was formerly an Associate Professor at McMaster University in Canada and a Senior Lecturer at the University of Wollongong. Professor Brooks has world standing in the field of metallurgy and he has published over 200 papers and won major international awards for his work. He also active in the application of solar thermal energy to industry and the treatment of electronic waste.

His PhD is from the University of Melbourne and he has undergraduate degrees in Engineering and Arts from RMIT and Swinburne.

## ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED



**PENNY BURT** CEO Asialink

Penny is the CEO of Asialink, Australia's leading center for the promotion of Asian countries and Australia's role in the region. She joined Asialink from global payments company, Visa Inc, where she served as Vice President Government Affairs, Asia Pacific. Prior to Visa, Penny lead External Relations and Client Service Risk for the Asia Pacific with McKinsey&Company. Penny is former senior diplomat. She represented Australia at a senior level in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and at the United Nations in Geneva and New York, and served as an Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

She is a passionate supporter of regional collaboration, and has served on the boards of the Singapore Institute for International Relations (SIIA), the U.S. National Center for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (NCAPEC) and the American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, as well as the Singapore Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).



**FERGUS HANSON** Head, International Cyber Policy Centre

Fergus Hanson is the Head of the International Cyber Policy Centre.

He is the author of Internet Wars and has published widely on a range of cyber and foreign policy topics.

He was a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institution and a Professional Fulbright Scholar based at Georgetown University working on the uptake of new technologies by the US government.

He has worked for the UN, as a Program Director at the Lowy Institute and served as a diplomat at the Australian Embassy in The Hague.



**ISAAC HUANG** Sales & Marketing Head Cross Border Business at Swisse Wellness

Mr Huang heads Baby Nutrition Care business in H&H Group in Australia and New Zealand and he is a Chinese-Australian relationship specialist. Prior to this role, Isaac was the Sales & Marketing Channel Head for Swisse Cross Border business in Melbourne.

He is a highly experienced, versatile, strategic focused specialist, with China-focused commercial capabilities underpinned by his deep understanding of the China-Australia industry and economic environment, Chinese and Australia Government policies and initiatives relating to international trade, investment and industry development.

Prior to Swisse, Isaac held senior role in an international leading consulting firm with 8 years' experience specialising in Chinese outbound investment and strategy. Isaac has advised and assisted a number of Chinese businesses successfully investing in Australia.



**LEAH JING MCINTOSH** Founder, Liminal Magazine

Leah Jing McIntosh is passionate about exploring and celebrating the Asian-Australian experience and driving greater diversity in the Australian media landscape.

Due to the lack of representation of Asian-Australians in the media, she created Liminal Magazine, which highlights the achievements of extraordinary Asian-Australians through interviews and portraits.

The recipient of several creative grants and awards, including a Wheeler Centre Hot Desk Fellowship and a Creative Victoria grant, Leah has also collaborated with the New York Times, spoken at the National Gallery of Victoria, and had her work archived by the National Library of Australia.

In 2018, Leah also co-founded Comic Sans, a serialised comics anthology that provides a platform to artists from under-represented communities. As part of the Footscray Community Arts Centre Emerging Culture Leaders Program, Leah continues to inspire and represent the Asian-Australian arts community.



**PHILLIP KINGSTON** Entrepreneur and Investor

Phillip is an entrepreneur and investor. He is the Founder and MD of Trimantium GrowthOps Ltd (ASX: TGO), the Founder and CEO at Sargon, Founder and MD of Trimantium Capital, and a partner at Dragonfire.

He also founded and served as President of the B-Corp Certified Henley Club, and co-founded Good Super. Phillip was a Non-Executive Director of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership for over six years, a Director of The New Palm Court Orchestra for nearly two years, and a Director of LaunchVic.

Phillip is the Founder and Chairman of the International Technology Fund, which addresses the effectiveness and efficiency of technology within international NGOs. He was named as a Global Shaper by the World Economic Forum in 2013 and received the Australian Davos Connection's Australian Leadership Award in 2011.

Phillip has a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne.



**GARY LEE** International Education Project Coordinator, City of Melbourne

Dynamic, creative and visionary, Gary Lee has over 15 years' experience in the international education sector; specialising in the areas of strategic planning and design; policy development and advice; and the design and delivery of complex projects including festivals and arts programming, student wellbeing programs, community grants and youth consultation.

He is an advocate and champion of cultural diversity, particularly issues relating to international students. Through partnerships and collaborations he has championed numerous award-winning projects and programs including the Lord Mayor's Student Welcome, the 'Act of Translation' theatre project, the EDGE International Student Leaders' Program and Essendon Football Club GLoBALL Program.

He is an Ambassador for Bully Zero Australia Foundation and the AFL Multicultural Community Program. In January 2016, Gary was presented with the 'New Australian of the Year' award.

## ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED



**WEI LI** Lecturer, University of Sydney

Wei Li has worked as a researcher on water conservation and renewable energy for the World Bank, the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection and Renmin University of China.

She joined the University of Sydney China Studies Centre and Business School in 2011 and held the Australian-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry research fellowship before being appointed to a lectureship in International Business.

She is a core member of the KPMG/ Business School research team and leads the Chinese outbound investors' survey project. She co-developed the KPMG/University of Sydney database on Chinese outbound direct investment in Australia.

Her research interests are the globalisation of Chinese enterprises and sustainable development. She has published articles on green innovation and solar energy, environmental impact assessment, SME finance, and Chinese investment in Australia.



**FEIFEI LIAO** Student Representative

Feifei Liao believes in the human value, human potential, and community development. She is devoting herself to seek practical and innovative ways to help people maximize their values and make a social impact. As a student representative in universities and national student organizations, such as Monash Postgraduate Association, University of Melbourne Student Union, and National Union Student, she proactively advocates for students, organizes events and campaigns, and solves students' issues.

She works as a project manager in the Be You Be Scene and the Act of Translation to manage to bring a change of narratives about international students across communities. She also works with Peace Lab and the Project AI to promote positive mindset and self-loving relationship. She loves challenges and always stays positive to make positive changes for people who are and work with her.



**KIERAN LILLEY** International Relations Manager, Football Federation Australia

Kieran is the International Relations Manager at Football Federation Australia, and is responsible for using football to build Australia's relationships with the 47 member countries of the Asian Football Confederation and facilitate Australia's contributions to raising the level of football across Asia.

This work has seen football partner with a number of government departments, including the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, Austrade and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, to deliver programs and events that have involved more than 20 countries, including China.

Kieran holds a Bachelor of Arts (Government and International Relations) from the University of Sydney.

Based in Sydney, Kieran also spends a portion of each year working across Asia and the Middle East. He also serves as one of Australia's Local General Coordinators for the AFC Champions League.



**PHILIP LE LIU** Councillor, City of Melbourne

Philip is an elected Councillor at City Of Melbourne (CoM) and chairs the International Engagement portfolio. His focus in council has been towards International Students, Tourism, Digital Technology, Start-ups, Arts and Culture.

He is the Portfolio chair of the International Engagement portfolio, deputy chair of Knowledge City and Arts, Culture and Heritage.

An accomplished Management Consultant with over five years' experience at a top tier professional service firm, Philip will use his skills gained across various industries to help solve current and future issues. In addition, Philip has a deep knowledge of Asia, where he worked as a general manager for a non-profit youth organisation that promoted bilateral relations between Australia and China.

He holds a Bachelor of Information Systems from Monash University and completed Chinese Studies at Peking University.



**SARAH LOH** CEO, South Metro Junior Football League

Sarah migrated to Australia as a child and grew up with her Chinese parents and two brothers. Sarah learned how to play football in her first year in Australia and started to support St Kilda Football Club. This early exposure to sport and AFL influenced Sarah's decision to work in the industry.

She commenced her career managing fitness centres before working at various Local Government Councils in management designing and building leisure centres and sports fields/pavillions. Sarah has also been the CEO of two State Sporting Organisations for Dragon Boat Victoria and Ice Hockey Victoria. In August 2016, Sarah was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the South Metro Junior Football League as the first female CEO to be employed in football.

Sarah holds a Master of Sport Business from Victoria University where she later lectured in undergraduate courses in sport and recreation management and then onto the Sports Masters programs.



**TOM PARKER** Partner, Bastion China

As an intercultural specialist with a focus on Chinese media, marketing, international trade and stakeholder management for over 20 years, Tom Parker has been providing a range of advisory services to both the private and public sector organisations, including: tourism, higher education, agribusiness, financial services, local government, sports and recreation.

Tom is Vice President of the Australia China Business Council (Victoria) and provides a range of services across the strategic communications and trade and investment disciplines.

## ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED



**JAMIE PI** Practice Principal, Vigeo Financial Solutions

Jamie is the Practice Principal of Vigeo Financial Solutions based in Melbourne's South East.

Jamie is passionate footy lover and a pioneer in connecting AFL with the Chinese community.

Currently Jamie is a Level 2 AFL coach and serve as the Development Coach at St Kilda VFL Women's team.



**LISA ROET** Artist

Lisa Roet is an Australian artist based in Melbourne who in recent years has been working on large art projects in China. Her latest project, a collaboration with Chinese artist Shen Shaomin was shown in Frankfurt at Art International in an exhibition titled CAPITAL.

For over three decades, just what it is to be human has been the central driving force behind Lisa Roet's art practice. She is committed to exploring environmental issues and genetic discoveries through an interdisciplinary approach to her work, collaborating with the arts, design and science communities worldwide including research at zoos, working with environmental groups and exploring through museum archives to develop her art using a wide range of mediums and materials.

With two large public art projects successfully completed in Beijing, Roet will be working in Holland and in Indonesia over the next year on several new public art projects.



**DAN RYAN** Board Member, Australia-China Council

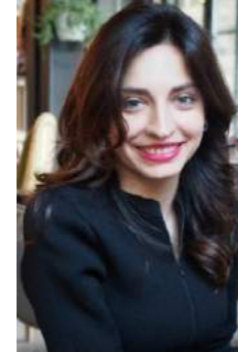
Dan Ryan is a commercial and technology lawyer and investor with over 15 years' high-level advisory and transactional experience in Asia with particular expertise in Greater China. He has worked in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

He began his career working for international law firms - Baker & McKenzie, Freshfields - in their corporate, intellectual property and technology groups. He has since served as legal advisor and board director to a range of companies in the finance, technology and commodities/resources sectors.

He was for many years a director The Lion Rock Institute, and has been involved in public policy matters throughout his career. He has been published in The Wall Street Journal, The Australian, The South China Morning Post, amongst others.

He is a board member of the Australia-China Council.

He speaks and reads Mandarin Chinese to a very high professional level.



**GONUL SERBEST** Deputy Secretary, Trade Victoria

Ms Serbest is the Deputy Secretary for Trade in the State Government of Victoria. She has been instrumental in the development and implementation of the largest Trade Missions to leave Australia into emerging markets and the largest inbound trade delegations to visit Victoria. During her time in State Government, she has held senior positions and was charged with developing dedicated Trade Engagement Programs for key international markets.

She has acted as the Executive Director, International Coordination Office and has served as Senior Adviser to previous departmental Secretaries. In 2016, she completed an Executive secondment, heading the Design and Screen Industry Development Unit within Creative Victoria.

Ms Serbest has served on the Board of Radio 3ZZZ, Australia's largest ethnic community radio station. She has a Bachelor in Social Science (Hons) from RMIT University, and has completed a Harvard Business School Executive Education Course.



**KYM SHILTON** Advisory Partner, Deloitte

Kym is a Deloitte Infrastructure Advisory partner and National lead partner Social and Cultural Infrastructure.

Kym is renowned for her feasibility and business planning for sports, leisure, tourism and entertainment integrated precincts and facilities. For over 20 years, Kym has successfully delivered commercial advisory services, including strategic and infrastructure master planning, feasibility and business cases and delivery strategy for public and private sector clients. Kym has worked on projects ranging from local to national and international scale venues and places in Australia, South East Asia and the Middle East.

Kym is currently working with a range of private sector clients to develop town and precinct master plans, that are attempting to overcome the issues of hyper urbanism, and deliver great places for residents to live, work and play, as well as deliver viable and sustainable commercial and public sector outcomes.



**CATHERINE SIMMONDS** Artistic Director

Catherine Simmonds is one of Australia's leading community cultural development theatre makers. As an artistic director, her focus is the space between the 'lived experiences' of communities and the language of art.

As the founding director of the Brunswick Women's Theatre, cultural diversity was integral to her 'modus operandi'. For more than two and half decades she's provided marginalized people with a creative space in which to 'discover the need to speak and to speak the unspoken'. The community, become the actors, the devisors, the consultants and protagonists of their own and each other's stories.

## ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED



**YIFAN WANG** Student, University of Melbourne

Featured in the Lowy Institute and People's Daily, Yifan's international education experience has been transformative. She brushed up on her oral English by volunteering extensively in the community, while studying for a joint Bachelor's degree at the University of Newcastle (UoN). She found her passion in strengthening Australia-China youth engagement. Her community achievement was recognized by UoN as 2016 Global Citizen Award Winner.

Yifan is an advocate for gender equality, cultural diversity and education exchange. As the beneficiary of international education, she aspires to support more female students to develop their skills and raise their voice. This motivated her to co-found the ACYA Women's Network. As a Social Innovation Education Fellow, she coordinated the Exploring Social Innovation Program with a diverse team in San Francisco in 2018.

Yifan is studying a Master of Management (Accounting and Finance) at the University of Melbourne.



**TIM WATTS** Federal Member, Australian Parliament

Tim was elected to the Australian Parliament in 2013 as the Federal Member for Gellibrand in Melbourne's West. Gellibrand is one of the most multicultural communities in Australia. Tim believes our community is better off with strong multicultural ties and is proud to represent such a diverse electorate.

Tim is an outspoken advocate of international aid and the importance of maintaining a strong Australian Aid program. He has also been a vocal opponent of family violence.

He has previously worked in IT and telecommunications sector across government, Australia's largest telecommunications company and in international law firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now KWM). He remains passionate about the potential of technological change.

Tim holds a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Bond University, a Master of Public Policy from Monash University and Master of Politics and Communication from the London School of Economics.



**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 AIIA 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).



**MARIA SILOS** Director of Government Affairs, DIDI Australia and New Zealand

Maria Silos is a Senior Advisor on Australia-Asia engagement, Strategy, Business Development, Economics and International Trade, and Government Relations.

A seasoned communicator, influencer and negotiator with a unique professional experience, Maria has worked for a Global Commentator on Emerging Markets (David Thomas), a Foreign Ambassador (His Excellency Ali Al Nuaimi), Australian Members of Parliament (The Hon. Dr Gordon Moyes AC and The Hon. Troy Grant MP), a global asset manager (ING Investment Management), and Australia's most influential and prominent think tank and industry association (CEDA Committee for Economic Development of Australia).

Maria holds a Master of International Law and Master of International Studies from the University of Sydney and attended the China Culture Program Scholarship at Fudan University in 2015.



**CHRIS ZHONG** Digital Blockchain Lead, Accenture

Chris Zhong, Accenture Digital Blockchain Lead and founder & president of Blockchain Philanthropy Foundation, a non-profit organisation focus on promoting Blockchain technology for humanitarian causes. Prior to joining Accenture, she worked as the Lead Cloud Architect in Microsoft Australia.

She is an innovative leader in tech industry with a track record of driving business growth and develop new revenue stream through technology. She is also a strong advocate for technology making social impact. She speaks frequently in conferences.

She holds a master degree in IT from Melbourne University and is currently doing an Executive MBA in AGSM.



## THE BOARD



**NATALIE COPE** Chair

Natalie Cope is the Head of Strategy & Partnerships, Asia at GenesisCare where she is advancing the businesses expansion into Asia and in particular China. Prior to this role, Natalie was the Chief Executive Officer of the NSW Branch of the Australia China Business Council (ACBC). Before her time with the ACBC, Natalie was the Manager of Partnerships and Development at Asialink Business. Previous experience includes practising as a litigation lawyer with DLA Piper.

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 was invited to participate as an Australian delegate at both the 2016 and 2017 "Australia-China High Level Dialogue", the most senior level track 1.5 level dialogue between the two nations.

Natalie holds a BA, LLB (Hons), GDLP and MBA. She has studied and or worked in Mexico, China, HK, Malaysia, Italy and the US.



**CINDY GOTTINGER** Director

Cindy Gottinger is the Head of Marketing at Google based in Beijing. She has extensive experience in sales, marketing and business development across a number of industries including technology, automotive, finance, FMCG and luxury. Prior to joining Google, Cindy was a brand manager at Volkswagen in Beijing and analyst at Goldman Sachs JBWere in Melbourne.

Cindy has over fifteen years involvement in the Australia China community including her time as a radio presenter at a local Chinese radio station in Melbourne, Executive Director of Australia China Young Professional Initiative (ACYPI) in Greater China and 2013 Alumnus/ Board Member of the Australia China Youth Dialogue.

Cindy graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) and Bachelor Arts (Chinese).



**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 has a wide range of experience in the resources industry. Currently employed by UBS as a Director in their Mining Research Team, her previous work experience has included a variety of technical, operational and strategy roles in Australia and China with BHP, McKinsey & Company, RungePincockMinarco and AngloAmerican. Jade is a member of the UQ'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.

Jade holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Mining Engineering), a Bachelor of Engineering (Mining) and a Bachelor of Arts (Chinese) from the University of Queensland (UQ) and also has a Master of Science in Global Finance awarded by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and New York University's (NYU) Stern Business School.

Jade Little has been Executive Director of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue since January 2016.



**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 where he is a member of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP's Global Corporate Group. 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 Australian-qualified 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



**CHLOE DEMPSEY** Curator and Partnerships Associate

Chloe is a 2018 Scholar at Peking University's Yenching Academy. She received a Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Western Australia, alongside a Diploma of Modern Languages in Mandarin. During her undergraduate studies Chloe received scholarships from the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan, Westpac Bank and the Chinese Scholarship Council, enabling her to spend a year at both Tsinghua and Renmin Universities and gain work experience in Hong Kong, East Timor and Beijing in a range of areas including journalism, law, policy and environmental issues. Chloe is passionate about the intersection between philanthropy, business and social movements.

Chloe has experience working in Australia and internationally in both commercial law and non-governmental organisations. She has also previously been heavily involved in the Australia-China Youth Association, which connect young Australians and Chinese for the purposes of enhancing the bilateral relationship.



**MERT ERKUL** Project Officer

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.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM - CONTINUED



**MANELLE ISSA** Communications Manager

Manelle is a marketing and communications professional with a passion for culture and creativity. Having worked with government, SMEs and not-for-profits she is currently a freelance marketing consultant specialising across these sectors.

She holds a Bachelor of Business/ Creative Industries (with distinction) majoring in Marketing and Media Communications from the Queensland University of Technology.

Manelle joined the ACYD management team in 2016 and her connection to China stemmed from being immersed in the language and culture while growing up in the Asian-centric suburb of Sunnybank in Brisbane. With family currently living and working in China, she's always brushing up on her language skills since starting studies in 2005.

She has been a Mentor through the Queensland University of Technology Career Mentor Scheme since 2014.



**TASHARNI JAMIESON** Alumni Manager

Tash Jamieson is an international relations enthusiast currently working for the Australian Public Service. She has previously worked at the Australian Embassy, Beijing as the inaugural China Alumni Engagement Manager, and at the China Australia Chamber of Commerce.

After graduating from a BA in International Studies from RMIT in 2011, Tash completed a Masters in International Relations at Tsinghua University. Whilst completing her thesis, Tash received a scholarship from the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network and UNHRC to undertake studies in Thailand on refugees and statelessness, and interned at the UNDP in Beijing.

She is an advocate for women's leadership and empowerment through education, and has been on the organising committee of the Beijing Mentor Walks and supports the Beijing Women's Network.

Tash has also performed as a professional musician in both Melbourne and Beijing.



**PATRICIA SAW** Logistics Manager

Patricia is a Senior Associate in the Environment & Planning team at Allens in Melbourne.

Her interest in all things China started with a school trip to Nanjing while in Year 9, and flowed through into a major in Mandarin Chinese as part of an Arts degree, a Diploma in Languages (Mandarin Chinese), and two study trips to China including a year at South East University in Nanjing on a Chinese government scholarship, all while concurrently studying Law at Monash University. Trish graduated with first class honours in her Bachelor of Laws, with an honours thesis analysing the then-proposed carbon tax and pilot emission trading schemes in China within the framework of international environmental law.

Trish has continued to seek opportunities to combine her interests in China and environmental law, from her involvement in various industry groups to her participation in professional forums in her day to day legal practice.



**JAMES TANG** Photographer

James Tang completed studies in Engineering (Mechanical), Arts (Chinese) and MBA from the University of Western Australia. He is currently a senior consultant at Deloitte in the Strategy and Operations team where he helps clients realise value for technology and automation projects. He is also a director of a start-up Readyteamone that focuses on designing virtual reality (VR) experiences and industry applications.

The Australia-China relationship has always played an integral part of his personal and professional working life. He spent 4 years working in Beijing as an engineering consultant 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 practicing photography and video production.



**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.



**WILLIAM ZHAO** Treasurer

William Zhao is a Transactional Risk professional with the Private Equity and Mergers & Acquisitions Services team of Marsh, a subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies (NYSE: MMC). Prior to joining Marsh, William worked as a M&A Analyst at Yatsen Associates, a boutique corporate advisory firm focused on cross-border M&A transactions between Australia and China.

William's passion for Sino-Australian relations was fostered through his work at Australia China Business Council, China Australia Millennial Project, University of Sydney's China Studies Centre, and through his leadership roles at ACYA national board and ACYPI Sydney chapter.

William holds a Master's degree in Banking from University of Sydney, where he served on Chancellor's Committee and was elected as National Vice-President of Council of International Students Australia.

William had also completed international exchange programs at University of Nottingham in UK and State University of New York in US.



## ASSOCIATE TEAM



**NICHOLAS BRANDIMARTI**  
Communications Associate

Nicholas Brandimarti is an internationally travelled leader currently pursuing a dual Degree in a Bachelor of Commerce and International Studies majoring in Chinese Language and Marketing at Deakin University.

In the past five years Nicholas has successfully completed multiple stints living, working and studying in China. His passion for China originates from his first Chinese class in high school in 2008.

After being awarded the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs New Colombo Plan Scholarship In 2016, Nicholas spent 12 months in China studying Mandarin at Shanghai University. During his studies Nicholas interned at China Checkup an Australian consulting firm. Passionate about Chinese digital media and cross cultural marketing Nicholas hopes to pursue an international marketing career in China after graduation.

Nicholas joined ACYD in 2018 and is looking forward to playing a positive role in strengthening the Australia-China relationship.



**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. Using her fluent bilingual skills Yushan has been able to establish strong connections overseas and convince her network abroad to find markets in China.

Yushan holds a Master Degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of Engineering from Beijing Forestry University.



**RENAE LIANG** Partnerships Associate

Renae is a public policy professional with experience in both the public and private sectors. The Australia-China relationship has been a key factor throughout much of her career. She previously worked for Jemena, an energy company majority owned by China's State Grid. She also worked in the China Policy Unit and secretariat to the Foreign Investment Review Board at the Australian Treasury. She has advised ministers and senior government officials on a range of policy, economic, trade and investment issues—including the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

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.



**JOSEPHINE MACMILLAN**  
Partnerships Associate

Josephine Macmillan is a solicitor with King & Wood Mallesons (KWM), currently in Mergers & Acquisitions. She recently completed a dual Bachelors of Laws and Arts at the University of Queensland. With an extended major in Art History and electives in French and Chinese, Josephine is enthusiastic about the role languages and the arts have to play in more meaningful cross-cultural engagement.

After being awarded the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Scholarship for Asian Exchange in 2016, Josephine traveled through rural China and taught English before a semester studying Law and Chinese at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She interned with KWM in Shanghai and spend another semester on Chinese at Peking University in Beijing.

As Managing Director of the Australia-China Youth Association in 2017 and an ACYD Partnership Associate in 2018, Josephine has enjoyed working with and learning from the talented and driven young professionals that the Australia-China space attracts.



**COURTNEY SCALES**  
Communications Associate

Courtney is a marketing specialist within the digital marketing sector, currently undertaking a Masters of Marketing at the Queensland University of Technology. She has also graduated with a Bachelor of Business Management, with an extended major in Marketing from the University of Queensland. Courtney has followed her passion across a diverse range of industries, from hospitality, start-up and not for profit.

Her connection with China stems from a varied range of interests including historical, culinary, and cultural, as her affinity with the Chinese culture is reflected through varied personal and professional interests throughout her career in both hospitality and marketing sectors.

She is currently employed by the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland as a Marketing Specialist where she connects with varied Government and Commercial stakeholders to manage multiple sustainability and SaaS programs to the economic benefit of business across the State.



## SESSION CHAIRS



ALASTAIR BAXTER 2016 Delegate

Al played Rugby Union for the Wallabies and Waratahs from 1999 to 2011 and at the time of his retirement was Australia's most capped test prop after having played in two World Cups (Australia 2003 and France 2007) and two Super Rugby grand finals. Before beginning his career as a rugby player, Al completed degrees in both Architecture and Science at the University of Sydney. While playing rugby, Al worked part-time with the national architecture firm Cox Architecture and during this time he also sat on the board of the Rugby Union Players Association and was a Principal of the sustainability engagement firm Sustainable Forward.

Since retiring from rugby at the end of 2011, Al has continued his work as an architect having joined the global sports architecture firm, Populous, focusing on sports projects in Australia and Asia. Al is also a Director on the board of Waratahs Rugby and a Trustee on the NSW Government Statutory Authority, Sydney Living Museums (SLM).



MATT BAKER 2015 Delegate

Dr Matt Baker is a Lecturer in the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences and an Affiliated Researcher at the EMBL Australia Node for Single Molecule Science at the University of New South Wales.

Matt completed his DPhil at Oxford University as a John Monash Scholar studying the bacterial flagellar motor that makes nearly all bacteria swim. Subsequently Matt investigated protein transport, in particular the bacterial twin arginine transporter (TAT) using cell imaging and artificial bilayer systems. Matt recently demonstrated the novel domain-swap mechanism for rotor assembly (NSMB 2016), and he has focussed primarily on how simple subunit interactions govern assembly of complex architectures, including the filament (eLife 2017). The next question is how this complexity emerged. To begin addressing this, Matt's nascent group at UNSW looks at how ion selectivity changes using directed evolution to examine the evolutionary landscape that constrains the adaptation of the motor.



JASON CHAI 2016 Delegate

Jason is a Senior Adviser of Global Engagement and leads the Business Council of Australia's policy development and advocacy on trade and investment related matters. He advises Australia's leading Chief Executives, ASX100 companies and government officials on how to better enhance and engage in trade and investment with our neighbouring countries.

He is an international public policy and government relations professional with a strong interest in China and climate change.

Formerly an Australian diplomat at the Embassy in Japan, Jason managed market access, environmental, and legal issues. At Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Jason worked in a variety of roles including as an international trade and climate change negotiator and international lawyer.

Before joining DFAT, Jason was a public policy and legal analyst at the Asian Development Bank in Beijing.



HELEN DAI 2014 Delegate

Helen recently joined Austrade as the Executive Officer to the Deputy CEO of Global Markets and Sector Engagement. Prior to this role, she was a Foreign Investment Specialist at the Australian Treasury where she advised the government on foreign investment cases before the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) and was involved in the development of Australia's foreign investment policy.

Helen has over 10 years of experience in the federal public service. Prior to joining Treasury, she worked at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including serving as Consul at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta and as Capital Budget Manager in Canberra.

Helen holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Liberal Studies) from the University of Sydney (USYD), is a CPA and is currently completing her Master of Public Policy in Economic Policy from the Australian National University (ANU).

Helen was a 2014 ACYD delegate.



THOMAS DAY 2016 Delegate

Thomas' professional experience spans a range of China related roles in education, government and business. He has over a decade of experience engaging with China, including five years spent in-country.

In Thomas' current role as Enterprise Solutions Manager at Asialink Business' China Practice, Thomas is responsible for liaising with stakeholders from a variety of sectors to assist them understand the market, expand or grow in China.

Prior to joining Asialink Business, Thomas worked with a number of China related organisations, including the Confucius Institute at the University of Melbourne, Australia China Business Council, Australia China Alumni Association and the Australian Pavilion at the Shanghai World Expo.

Thomas is passionate about promoting the Australia-China relationship. He is a member of the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative (ACYPI) Melbourne Committee and was a 2016 ACYD delegate.



SHUANG LI 2016 Delegate

Mr. Shuang Li is a Biomedical Engineering PhD at The University of Melbourne after completing his Bachelor of Engineering with first class honour. He has 5 years working experiences in Engineering, Finance and technology startup, such as IBM, Credit Suisse and Flippa. In 2017, He moved into life science Venture Capital sector and worked at Bioclub, the leading biotech incubation platform in China, and Brandon Capital, the largest Australia life science Venture Capital firm. As a young entrepreneur, he co-founded EstateBaron, an online property development crowdfunding platform targeting retail investors in 2015. He also founded Melbourne Accelerator Program MedTech meetup, a platform to connect professionals/research/entrepreneurs in biotech startup space. In his PhD, he's working on the next generation of coronary artery stent which aims to improve the efficiency in heart disease treatment.

Shuang was selected as an ACYD delegate in 2016.

## SESSION CHAIRS - CONTINUED



CHRISTIANA LIANG 2010 Delegate

Christiana (Xiaoyan) Liang is a currently a lecturer in the School of Business and Law at CQUniversity Australia, teaching business-related subjects such as critical thinking and managerial decision-making, innovation, and managing human resources. Her research interests include Englishization-adoption of English as the official organizational language, Chinese immigrant professionals' acculturation process, business ethics and leadership.

Her ties with ACYD began in 2010 when she was selected as one of the 15 Chinese delegates to attend the inaugural ACYD in China. Having had a modest and monocultural upbringing, the bilateral dialogue widened her views and challenged some of her deep-seated cultural values. She remained involved in the ACYD organizing committee in 2012 and 2013. Having been inspired by the amazing over-achieving peers she met during the dialogues, Christiana made the decision to pursue a higher degree in Australia in 2014. She believes that the pursuit of truth is the highest moral order.



RENAE LIANG 2017 Delegate

Renae is a public policy professional with experience in both the public and private sectors. The Australia-China relationship has been a key factor throughout much of her career. She previously worked for Jemena, an energy company majority owned by China's State Grid. She also worked in the China Policy Unit and secretariat to the Foreign Investment Review Board at the Australian Treasury. She has advised ministers and senior government officials on a range of policy, economic, trade and investment issues—including the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

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.



ELVA ZHANG 2014 Delegate

Formally an international student from China, Elva is an Australian-qualified lawyer with a Master of Laws (LLM in International Economic Law) from Geneva, Switzerland. With a demonstrated history of working in the maritime industry and international trade, she is highly skilled in dealing with cross-border transactions and international dispute resolution especially international commercial arbitration. Fluent in English and a native Mandarin Chinese speaker, Elva has developed a specialty in China related matters. Elva thrives in multinational business environment and global legal context, in which she can synthesise her trained legal knowledge, strong commercial acumen, innate cultural intelligence and positive leadership to make a meaningful contribution to the growth of the business she is working for.

In addition to working as a lawyer, Elva is the Founder of Peace Lab, which curates and conducts experiential workshops that synthesis ancient Eastern wisdom teachings and contemporary Western science theories as an agent for well-being.





## PARTNERS

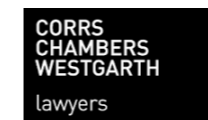
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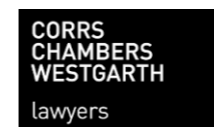
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