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The ACSS 2022 Debates

On the 22nd of this month the ACSS ran two inter-hub debates. They were held over a nation wide Zoom and moderated by our Hub Coordinators across the country. The debates were an opportunity for delegates to really grapple with some big global security questions and improve skills on developing rational evidenced based arguments.

The debate topics were:

- 1) UN military interventions are effective for countries experiencing political turbulence. Affirmative vs negative
- 2) Actions of eco-terrorism have effective outcomes for environmentalism and broader societies. Affirmative vs negative

A comment from Tutti Copping our Hub Coordinator for Sydney



TUTTI COPPING
HUB COORDINATOR
SYDNEY

"The inaugural ACSS debate that was run over the weekend was incredibly beneficial for the delegates. Not only were they challenged intellectually, but they were also challenged to work as a team. The first debate, which prompted delegates to consider the success of UN military interventions, provided a great opportunity for delegates to understand how they work together, and how they respond and adapt to new information when under pressure. The second debate, which examined ecoterrorism, provided a platform for delegates to really test their skills. They were given 15 minutes to prepare and construct an argument on a relatively difficult and controversial topic. Ultimately, the debate night simulated the style of Summit week, allowing delegates to build rapport as a team and get a taste of what to expect come December" - Tutti Copping





Mentor Spotlight



AMELIA FREEMAN

CRISIS SCENARIO DESIGNER AT
CONDUCTTR

Amelia Freeman, based in London, is a Crisis Scenario Designer at Conducttr, an immersive crisis simulation platform, responsible for designing and facilitating highly realistic crisis exercises. Amelia has worked on multi-national defence exercises, cyber security scenarios, natural disaster exercises and other threat response training. Exercises delivered by Conducttr place the participants at the centre of a realistic virtual environment, where they respond to unfolding events as they would in real life. Amelia has years of experience both creating and delivering exercises for complex scenarios and capable teams that require high-fidelity human terrain modelling, realistic and responsive media environments, and true-to-life stakeholder interactions.

Amelia is delighted to have worked with the Australian Crisis Simulation Summit for two years, collaborating with the design team to help create highly realistic and immersive scenarios for delegates. This year, Amelia has coordinated with the crisis design team to further utilise the Conducttr platform, so that delegates, either in Australia or overseas, can experience an innovative and immersive crisis experience. Amelia is greatly looking forward to hearing about another amazing Summit!



ALLAN BEHM

DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL &
SECURITY AFFAIRS PROGRAM AT THE
AUSTRALIA INSTITUTE

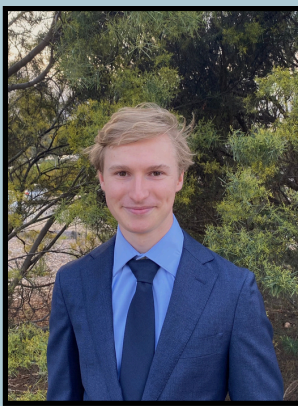
Allan Behm is the director of the International and Security Affairs Program at The Australia Institute. With a career spanning almost thirty years in the Australian public service, Behm was the Chief of Staff to Minister for Climate Change and Industry Greg Combet (2009 to 2013) and Senior Advisor to the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Penny Wong (2017-19).

He is also the author of *No, Minister* – an insider's account of what happens behind the scenes in Parliament House and his recent book published earlier this year, *'No Enemies No Friends'* is a critical analysis of Australia's engagement on the international stage.



The ACSS Podcasts

In its second season, The ACSS Podcast explores the ins and outs of Australia's national security environment. Designed, run and edited by members of the ACSS Education and Research team, the podcasts are selected to enhance our delegates understanding of pertinent security topics in the lead up to the summit in December this year. The idea being that topics will increase in their relevance to the simulations, the closer the date gets. Providing expert analysis, insights, and opinions from some of Australia's leading academics and practitioners, this series is an excellent opportunity for those wanting to be in the know and begin to piece together an ever-complex and changing environment.



LIAM SYNAN

HEAD OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

"Joining the ACSS in January this year I have been amazed by the professionalism and know-how of the Education and Research team. Not only has the organisation granted unparalleled opportunities for those involved, but actively contributed to the development of both practical and academic skills of those interested in the field. With opportunities ranging from interviewing ANU's Chancellor, the Honorable Julie Bishop, to exploring a topic of our own choosing, the series truly enshrines the motto of 'by students, for students'. A tailor-made approach to providing educational materials to those interested" - Liam Synan



Have a suggestion for us?

If you have any suggestions regarding interesting topics or even just general feedback regarding our podcasts please reach out as we would love to hear them. Please email us at acss@anu.edu.au.



Upcoming Podcasts

Our Research and Education team has been working diligently to produce a variety of ongoing podcasts drawing in a plethora of top experts to discuss some of today's biggest security issues. The podcasts will be released individually until the Summit week and the below episodes on Taiwan and Ukraine can be found on Spotify.

Guest Speaker



Iain D. Henry is a Lecturer in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University. His research interests include alliance theory and politics, Asian security, the Cold War in Asia, diplomatic history and Australian strategic policy.

Podcast Topic

- Taiwan



Dr Charles Miller is a senior lecturer in the School of Politics and International Relations. His work focuses on military conflicts, global strategy, military effectiveness and public opinion and foreign policy.

Podcast Topic

- Ukraine



Nicolas Lemay-Hébert is a Fellow in the Department of International Relations, and the Department's Director of Research. He graduated with his PhD in international relations from Sciences Po Paris (Institute for Political Studies in Paris) in 2010. His current research interests include statebuilding and intervention issues in Asia/Pacific and beyond. He is particularly interested in local resistance to international interventions and the political economy of interventions.

Podcast Topic

- Interventions

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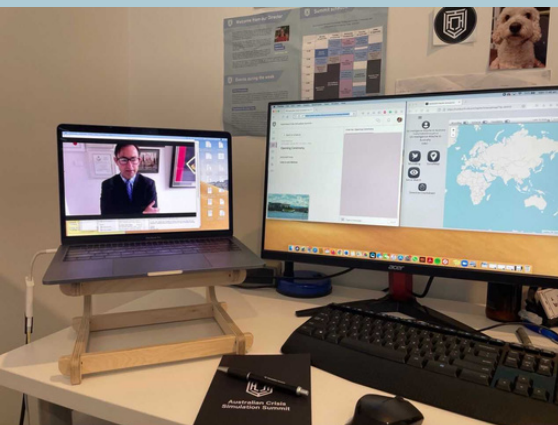
Upcoming Panel Discussions



LIAM SYNAN
HEAD OF RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION

Our Research and Education team is also excited to announce they will be running nine panel discussions during summit week 5-9th of December. These discussions will invite a wide range of leading thinkers across academia, government and the private sector to engage with insightful and critical questions on a number of key security issues affecting Australia.

There will be four panelists for each discussion that will go for one hour with a 20 min Q&A. Every discussion will also be live streamed and recorded for those that cannot attend in-person - recordings will be accessible on our website for the broader ACSS community.



Panelist Discussion Topics

- 1 Accountability and Oversight
- 2 Climate Security
- 3 Food Security
- 4 Aus Defence Industry
- 5 Future of Conflict
- 6 Future of Intel
- 7 Future of counter-terrorism
- 8 Value of Wargaming and Crisis Simulations in Modern Practice
- 9 More Than Just Glorified Travel Agents: Diplomacy



Marketing and Communications Team

Team Bio



DARLENE ROWLANDS
HEAD OF MARKETING &
COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Darlene is in her third year of a Bachelor of Political Science with a strong interest in the intersection between security issues, journalism and law. She is also currently an editor at ANU Observer. This year, she is looking forward to utilizing her interests to advance and solidify ACSS' online presence and strong reputation amongst university students across the country.



BRI COLLETT
SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER

Bri is a second-year Australian National University student studying a Bachelor of International Security Studies and a Bachelor of Design. As Social Media Officer at the ACSS, she combines these two passions to create engaging and insightful content. This year, she is looking forward to developing the social media presence of the ACSS.



BEN CASEY BROWN
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Ben is completing his second year of a Master of International Relations at the Australian National University with a research Specialisation in International Relations of the Asia-Pacific. Over the years Ben has become increasingly invested in Australia's national security and foreign policy, something that has led him to becoming a part of the ACSS. Currently he is working in a newsroom in Parliament and is excited about pursuing a career in journalism covering world politics and security.

What the team is currently up to?

At the moment the Marketing and Communications Team have been busy putting together gift bags that will be sent out to the delegates before the Summit. These bags are filled with a range of goodies that will help our delegates throughout the Summit. It is also the role of the Marketing and Communications Team to communicate key information prior and throughout the Summit, so be sure to follow our socials as this will be the key line of communication between our team and those involved throughout the Summit week.