



# THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA YOUTH DIALOGUE

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# THANK YOU

Dear friends of the Australia-China Youth Dialogue,

This report summarises the tenth ACYD held in Shanghai from 20-23 September.

An outstanding and diverse group of 30 Australian and Chinese citizens aged 25-40 were selected to partake in intimate, robust and frank exchange regarding the bilateral relationship. The delegates were distinguished by an identifiable sense of leadership, intellectual energy, and community consciousness. They comprised of diplomats, lawyers, management consultants, engineers, actuaries, health care professionals, university lecturers, and company founders.

Topics discussed at this year's dialogue centred on Technology. Each day was dedicated to deep diving into a particular theme, which were geopolitics, trade and investment, people-to-people exchanges and knowledge collaboration. Further details of each session are set out in this report.

In addition, this year marked the tenth Anniversary of the ACYD and a commemorative book was published titled *The First Ten Years*. It captures why and how the ACYD was formed, explores stories of just some of the people impacted by the ACYD over the past decade, and looks to future of both the ACYD and more broadly the Australia-China relationship.

The ACYD alumni pool now comprises of 300 past delegates. These individuals are based around the globe and occupy many positions of influence and leadership in their communities. The growth of the ACYD alumni network has achieved a depth, breadth, and scale that can generate a range of unrivalled networking interactions as well as constructive collaboration opportunities.


Never before have Australia and China 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. The ACYD Board and its Executive Team believe that the 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 express 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 eleventh ACYD in 2020 in Australia 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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# ACYD DELEGATE TESTIMONIALS



HONOR MCLENNAN

The ACYD has distinguished itself as the preeminent leadership forum for emerging leaders in Australia-China relations and being selected as a delegate in the 2019 cohort, as ACYD marks ten years, was a privilege. The forum expanded my understanding of the relationship, challenged my perspectives and introduced me to a network of diverse and inspiring delegates (who I now count as friends). I left the ACYD more informed, empowered and ambitious to contribute to the Australia-China relationship now and into the future.

PATRICK INGLE

The ACYD gives young Australian and Chinese leaders a unique opportunity to explore some of the most interesting and challenging themes in our bilateral relationship. Many of the most engaging conversations I had were in coffee breaks or over the dinner table, where the ACYD's intensive nature really comes into its own. I look forward to ACYD's next ten years and its critical role in fostering debate between our countries.



YU TAO

Learning, analysing, and reflecting on the many vitally important issues concerning the future of mankind with a group of the best minds and souls from Australia and Greater China over four days is an experience parallel to none, and joining the wonderful ACYD alumni network is a great privilege with which come great opportunities and responsibilities for the further improvement of the Australia-China relations. The success of the ACYD is vivid evidence that sincere, constructive, and inspiring discussions can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and determination, even in a world which is increasingly influenced by the toxic politics of unilateralism and ultra-nationalism. I would unreservedly recommend the ACYD to all Australian and Chinese young professionals and emerging leaders who believe in the mission of making our world a better place.





PRIME MINISTER

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

**AUSTRALIA-CHINA YOUTH DIALOGUE 2019**

Congratulations to all delegates selected to take part in the Australia-China Youth Dialogue during this very special anniversary year.

Over the past decade, the Australia-China Youth Dialogue has brought together 300 exceptional young professionals and emerging leaders to better understand each other's countries and to further the bilateral relationship.

This year in Shanghai, I have no doubt that the Dialogue's theme of Technology will stimulate further fascinating conversation and inspire new possibilities for Australia-China collaboration. This is a wonderful platform to establish lasting friendships and professional networks and I know you will be open-minded and respectful as you seek to find common ground.

Enjoy these four days, sharing your perspectives and celebrating the prosperity generated by the Australia-China relationship so far. Thank you for pursuing this unique opportunity and for your contributions to strengthening the connections between our nations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison'.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

12 September 2019



## WHAT IS THE ACYD?

The ACYD advances the Australia-Greater China relationship by promoting frequent and meaningful dialogue between young leaders from the two regions. ACYD's core objectives are to:

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

### SITUATION

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

### CONTEXT

Australia and China have a relationship that continues to grow in importance, whether in diplomacy, trade, culture, and sport.

### RESOLUTION

Invest in talented and committed emerging Australian and Chinese leaders to nurture and develop their understanding and appreciation of the relationship and build an influential and supportive network of thought leaders to work in and with government, corporate and not-for-profit institutions.



# ABOUT US

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

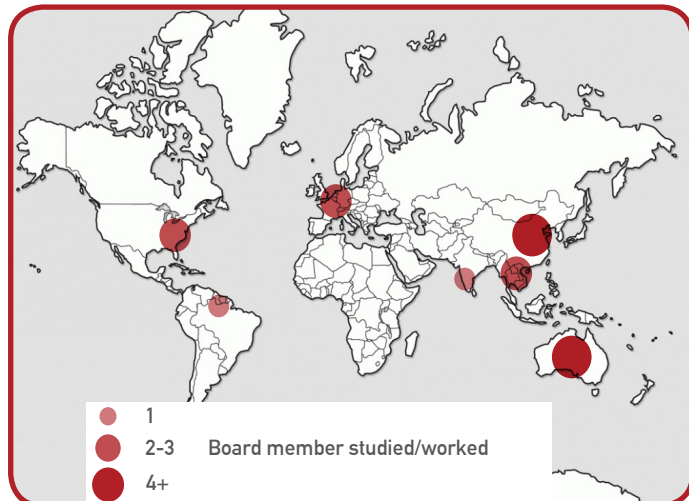
ACYD represents young professionals bridging the Australia-China gap, which is exemplified through the diversity of our Board of Directors' experience studying and working internationally. This year the ACYD farewells Natalie Cope and Henry Makeham and is grateful for all their energy and efforts. The ACYD welcomes Mathew Benjamin and Manelle Issa to the Board and Jade Little will become Chair in 2020.

- Natalie Cope
  - Cindy Gottinger
  - Jade Little
  - Henry F. Makeham
  - Elizabeth Reside
  - Michael Ting
- Company Secretary
- Michael Power
  - Patricia Saw

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

ACYD's Leadership Council consists of prominent, well-respected, forward thinking leaders in the Australia-China Space, which includes:

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



### Positions held by the Leadership Council

- Prime Minister of Australia
- Foreign Minister of Australia
- Australian Ambassador to China
- Secretary General at International Chamber of Commerce
- Chairman of Australia China Council
- Premier of New South Wales



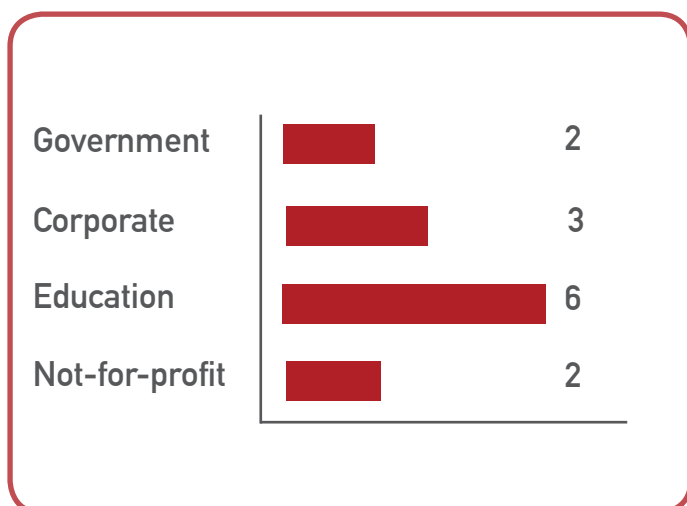
## PARTNERS

ACYD attracts an exclusive network of valuable partners to support the dialogue on annual or three-yearly sponsorships. ACYD Partners are from a range of institutions that are equally represented. This means the ACYD is able to access a broad and unique range of resources and expertise that is instrumental to the success of the Dialogue each year.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

ACYD's Management and Associates draw on the talents of global experts across a range of industries.

- Mathew Benjamin
- Nicholas Brandimarti
- Andrew Fei
- Vincent Hu
- Karim Issa
- Manelle Issa
- Tasharni Jamieson
- Liam Kearney
- Renae Liang
- Jade Little
- Josephine Macmillan
- Alistair Sexton
- Yen Tan
- James Tang
- Amber Ziyi Wang
- Yifan Wang
- William Zhao
- Ted Zhou



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

**ANNA LIN - 2017 DELEGATE,  
CONSUL (COMMERCIAL) AND TRADE  
COMMISSIONER AT THE AUSTRALIAN  
CONSULATE-GENERAL**

## GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

The ACYD Global Alumni Network consists of more than 300 emerging leaders.





# ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

The past ten years has seen the ACYD community grow in strength and size. This included interviewing The Hon. Warwick Smith AO (Inaugural Chair of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations) as well as a series of alumni from across the years who shared their reflections on their ACYD experience as well as their hopes for the future. The power of the ACYD comes not only from the four day Dialogue itself, but from the ongoing connections, opportunities and knowledge shared between alumni and supporters.

This year many events in Australia and China were held to bring our community together. For instance, we hosted a discussion in Shanghai that streamed live into Perth that explored how technology is shaping society with award winning designer Yiyin Lu. In Melbourne, our community met for an exclusive screening and Q&A of the documentary 'Melbourne City Chinese Flavour' [墨城华韵] which featured three individual stories demonstrating the cultural, education and sporting bonds between multicultural Melbourne and China.





# TENTH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

This year the ACYD team embarked on formally recording the organisation's first 10 years of history.

This book can be accessed:

<https://acyd.org.au/acyd/the-first-ten-years-acyd-launches-book-to-commemorate-its-10th-anniversary>



## SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI 2019

A spotlight on just some of the ACYD Alumni achievements in the last year:

- Of the 40 outstanding Asian-Australians recognised in the 2019 "40 Under 40: Most Influential Asian-Australian Awards", five were ACYD Alumni.
- 2013 delegate Dr. Yijia Li was awarded the 2019 Advance Awards, Asia Impact for his work in stem cell research between Australia and China.
- Labor MP Tim Watts, 2015 delegate, released his first book 'The Golden Country, Australia's Changing Identity'.
- 2010 delegate Dr. Christiana (Xiaoyan) Liang published 'The World We Live In'.
- 2015 delegate Edwina Kwan was promoted to Partner at King & Wood Mallesons, and was featured in The Australian for her role in promoting gender equity in the legal profession.

# DAY 1 GEOPOLITICS

## Session 1: Is it a trade war or tech war?

Location: King and Wood Mallesons, Shanghai

### Session Chair

Yen Tan (ACYD '17) – Regional Director, Trade & Investment (Hong Kong, Macau and South China, Invest Northern Ireland), British Consulate-General in Hong Kong

### Speakers

Rosita Dellios, Associate Professor International Relations, Bond University

Simon Lacey, Vice President Global Government Affairs, Huawei

Elizabeth Peak, Minister-Counsellor (Economic), The Australian Embassy in Beijing

John Swinson, Partner, King & Wood Mallesons

This session brought together senior figures from industry, academia and government covering a broad range of perspectives on the US-China trade war. We discussed the rise of “techno-nationalism”, the extent of technological and economic de-coupling between the two global powers, and its implications for Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

Panelists considered the geopolitical undercurrents of the current trade dispute and highlighted Australia’s ability to play an active role in shaping international norms based on its own interests, which it needs to be more forthright in representing. We explored US-China dynamics, particularly the importance of continuing to look for opportunities for collaboration, differentiating competition from conflict, and identifying the motivating forces behind the methods of Presidents Trump and Xi.

The trade and tech war were described as two sides of a geopolitical coin. The panel noted that assigning blame for the current state of affairs based on binary frameworks, comparing specific but vastly different aspects of US and Chinese society oversimplifies the issues at play. More nuanced approaches are required if we are to see any hope of resolution.

The delegates were left with the profound message that the implication of further economic and technological decoupling is very serious for Australia. As the first session of the dialogue, this panel set the tone for the days to come by highlighting the value of true cultural diplomacy in forums like ACYD for maintaining channels of communication in times of disruption and fostering an enduring relationship between Australia and China.





## Session 2: What are the comparative Perspectives of Intellectual Property (IP) from the East and West?

Location: King and Wood Mallesons, Shanghai

### Session Chair

David Bennett (ACYD '16) – IP Counsellor at the Australian Embassy

### Speakers

Charlotte Trinh, Senior Consultant, Rouse Shanghai

Louisa Xu, IP Manager, Treasury Wine Estates

This session brought together Australia's first Intellectual Property (IP) Counsellor to China, an IP services business focused on emerging markets and one of the world's largest wine companies. The panel discussed the vastly different risk landscapes for IP in Australia and China, particularly with China operating on a first to file system of IP rights. The panel explained that even established foreign brands entering the Chinese market may quickly lose their IP rights if they are not the first to file their brand trademarks and patents. The panel noted that although this has been the case for some time, Australian companies in the Chinese market still present with a lack of competency to protect their brands.

The panel raised the importance of companies, both Australian and Chinese, having staff dedicated to the protection of IP on all platforms and the value of collaborating with tech giants like Tencent's WeChat and Alibaba, which has proved to be highly useful in the identification and prevention of activities like counterfeiting. It was explained that counterfeiting is no longer a clumsy operation in China, with highly sophisticated and deceptive copies emerging on the market, posing greater risk to brands when the growing middle class in China demands authentic products.

The panel shared that this has been met by the emergence of the Alibaba Anti-Counterfeiting Alliance, which supports rated brands with high levels of success on Alibaba by providing assistance in counterfeiting investigations. It is in the interest of platforms like Alibaba to only on-sell genuine products to its customers which has led to it offering assistance to step in and provide data and communications analysis as well as physical raid squads to track down and terminate counterfeiting operations on behalf of its supplier. Great anecdotes of such raids were shared, and the expertise and experience of the exceptional panel was apparent.

With this year's dialogue's focus on technology, the panel looked at some of the other transformative solutions that are assisting in the protection of IP rights in China, showing that China is leaps and bounds ahead when compared with Australia in this field. For example, for the purposes of identifying counterfeiting in supply chains, certain companies have introduced blockchain programs to evidence each stage of the manufacturing process. Other solutions include QR code verification, which Penfolds wine introduced to assure its customers of the genuine nature of its products. To conclude, the panel provided the valuable insight that such innovations come from deep consumer engagement and understanding of the Chinese market, which is often more diverse and opaque than Australian companies are prepared for or willing to engage with.



## Gala Dinner

Location: M on the Bund and Glam

Delegates arrived for pre-drinks atop M on the Bund's famous terrace, soaking in a spectacular evening view of Shanghai's iconic Lujiazui skyline. The ACYD 10th anniversary Gala Dinner kicked off shortly afterwards at M Glam, joined by the Australian Consul-General in Shanghai Dominic Trindade and his wife, and founder of M Group Michelle Garnaut AO.

Delegates and guests were treated to a mesmerising panorama of the Bund's night lights as they enjoyed a sensational three-course meal, with Michelle's acclaimed Pavlova as a surprise finish. In her speech, ACYD Executive Director Jade Little highlighted the importance of this historic milestone, showcasing the achievements of the ACYD to date.

Asialink CEO Penny Burt delivered an inspired keynote address showcasing the deep links between Australia and China and the amplitude of opportunity contained within the relationship.

The evening's entertainment also featured a special performance of jazz classics by Tasharni Jameson (ACYD '16) on vocals and Liam Tay Kearney (ACYD '17) on piano. Delegates remained at M on the Bund, sharing stories and laughs well into the night.





# DAY 2 TRADE AND INVESTMENT

## Session 3: How Australian brands are leveraging Chinese technology?

Location: Rio Tinto, Shanghai

### Session Chair

Helen Dai (ACYD '14) – Director of the Office of Deputy CEO (Global Markets and Sector Engagement), Austrade.

### Speakers

Bing Liu, Senior Trade Marketing Manager, Austrade

Professor Hean Tat Keh, Professor of Marketing, Monash University

Mark Tanner, Managing Director of China Skinny

This session brought together senior figures from industry, academia and government. The panel unpacked the factors that lead to the success and failure of Australian brands entering the Chinese market. It was established through a number of examples that so far, the success of many Australian brands in China has been accidental rather than sophisticated or targeted with more strategic marketing capability required. The panel shared insights around the nuanced market segmentation that exists in China which makes such marketing so difficult. For example, the panel discussed how the first tier cities alone, such as Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen, all have wildly different priorities, characteristics and social segmentation. Thus Australian companies looking at focusing on first tier cities generally will have already lost if they are not going deeper in their analysis of the emotional and cultural values that will resonate with their consumers.

Where Chinese companies are succeeding by comparison is with nimble, aggressive and assertive small brands targeting these segments. The panel noted that unsurprisingly domestic brands are better with local technology and are more on the pulse, responding to things like WeChat's decline and pick up of new platforms like Tik-Tok, particularly among younger consumers. Chinese brands are also increasingly adopting lean agile start-up style operations, with the capability to take a product like a face mask from ideation to market in 3 months or less, while a foreign company might spend 3 years working on a shampoo strategy which is obsolete in China by the time it reaches the consumer.

Looking further at the Chinese market for Australian products, the panel spoke about the rising middle class in China which is travelling more, which in turn is increasing the Chinese exposure to and desire for foreign products. The panel spoke of examples such as Tasmania's Bridestowe Lavender Farm's 'Bobbie the Bear' (a lavender filled bear, the authentic original available only in Tasmania) which took China by storm as Chinese social media influencer sharing of the purple soft toy went viral. Another fascinating insight was value of brands tapping into notions of Chinese nationalism and deep cultural drivers such as the ability to change one's own destiny with certain products.

Overall, the panel had the delegates on the edge of their seats with the possibility, complexity, and immensity of the Chinese market and the incredible opportunities and real challenges that exist for Australian companies utilising Chinese technology.



## Session 4: How technology has supercharged productivity in China

Location: Rio Tinto, Shanghai

### Session Chair

Michael Su (ACYD '17) – Senior Strategy Manager, Tencent

### Speakers

Matthew Brennan, Managing Director, China Channel and tech commentator

Eva Xiao, China and Mongolia Correspondent, AFP

Robin Zhang, China CEO, Canva

This session led us on a journey from e-commerce and industrial robots to regulation, privacy and data mining. Panellists highlighted the fact that e-commerce is evolving rapidly and having a marked effect on all businesses in China – leading to innovation arbitrage opportunities in other countries.

They emphasised that China is only “big” in parts, with technological activity concentrated in developed areas. Possibilities in underdeveloped areas, lower tier cities and rural geographies are enormous. In China, there remains ample opportunity for technology to improve the productivity of inefficient back-end processes. Moreover, China is becoming a frontier for experimental projects requiring big data mining and artificial intelligence, including in testing of autonomous vehicles. Valuable lessons can be extrapolated from Chinese data.

Turning supermarkets into experience fulfilment centres, and reversing the traditional approach of the recruiting industry (i.e. seekers searching for jobs) were highlighted as case studies for model innovation, and this was contrasted with technical innovation. Data privacy was also discussed at length, and panellists emphasised the need for effective, balanced regulation, especially regarding facial recognition and location tracking.





## Session 5: What does the Digital Silk Road mean?

Location: Rio Tinto, Shanghai

### Session Chair

Mathew Benjamin (ACYD '18) – Founder, AsiaRecon

### Speakers

John W.H. Denton AO, Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

This year delegates were privileged to hear from John W.H. Denton AO, the newly appointed Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). One of the key messages that came out of this session was that global institutions have not reorganised themselves to accommodate for new realities, including the biggest geopolitical shift in the last 20 to 30 years, the emergence of China. John spoke passionately about the opportunity to transform the ICC to make it more relevant in the 21st century, including to support the establishment of new principles for the digital economy.

This session provided delegates the unique opportunity to hear both global and bilateral perspectives on Australia-China affairs. Delegates asked questions surrounding how, and by what standards, a belt and road initiative (BRI) would enable new forms of commerce in the new digital economy. This led to discussions about how new internet standards and laws from China are affecting the norms and standards of globalisation and harmonisation of open trade and investment globally. This pushed the conversation to acknowledge security concerns that come with this, including how Australia and China could better balance security and business interests. Discussions also delved into narratives that had been forming out of the broader US-China trade war, including references to “decoupling” of critical economic and technological infrastructure.







## Session 6: Tech in Action

Location: Ctrip Headquarters, Shanghai

### Session Chair

Cindy Gottinger (ACYD '13) – Product Market Lead, Google

### Speakers

Wendy Min, Senior International Affairs PR Manager, Ctrip

Ting Zhou, Marketing Manager, Ctrip

The delegation ventured out to Hongqiao airport to visit the headquarters of Ctrip, one of China's largest Online Travel Agency. Wendy Min provided a fascinating overview of Ctrip group's strategy and vision. Continuing the themes emerging from panel sessions earlier that day, Wendy noted the fierce competition and constant pressure Ctrip faces in the Chinese market, and that one cannot market itself to China as just 'one country'. In order to succeed in this market, companies need to put customer service at the core of their strategy.

We also reflected on Ctrip's company mission, to bring about world peace through travel. Chinese consumers are curious and enjoy trying to unique experiences that allow them to learn about the local culture and history. This curiosity fosters understanding and compassion which is key to furthering their mission.

We also had the opportunity to tour Ctrip headquarters and learn about the company culture. During the tour we had a sneak peek into their data control room where we saw first hand how ctrip uses technology to deliver 24/7 customer service.



# DAY 3 PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXCHANGES

## Session 7: Social media, the internet and new technologies - how are these leveraged in different cultures?

Location: Lendlease, Shanghai

Facilitated by ACYD Communications Manager, Manelle Issa, delegates discussed social media, the internet and new technologies. Breaking out into groups, the discussions were guided and mentored by ACYD alumni from previous years. The groups then presented back their findings, with some using creative mediums to effectively deliver their message.

The 'Splinternet', a characterization of the Internet as splintering and dividing due to various factors such as geography, politics or technology, was identified as potential barrier for Australia-China engagement. Government regulations and protectionism was identified as prevalent across both the Chinese and Australian (or 'western') internet ecosystems. Both systems promote technology champions, have national policies for using and collecting data, and censor different content.

Social norms and adaptations of social media platforms and how, when and why these platforms are used was also identified as an area of potential difficulty, especially for professionals working between clients or colleagues in both Australia and China. For example, a cross-border lawyer may respond to a client via WeChat, as the client is comfortable using the platform for both social and professional purposes, expects a quicker response time, and seeks to build a relationship. The Australian law-firms, however, who are billing the Chinese client may then require all the decisions or questions to be resent formally via email. This therefore creates additional work and confusion for the lawyer working between the two online and workplace cultures.

The division of digital worlds was also apparent in structural systems such as banking and business. The traditional banking system, such as the one used in Australia, has developed and matured over hundreds of years. This established infrastructure is accustomed for Australian consumers and businesses. The modern Chinese banking system by comparison is relatively new, and therefore the system more readily embraces technological advancements. Chinese users are adapting to new technology, and modern banking platforms, such as WeChat and AliPay, and this use is pervasive across age groups and demographics in China. Australian businesses therefore stand to gain valuable customer engagement by adapting to new banking and e-commerce systems.

While social media technologies have been developed to connect people across the globe, the potential siloing of social media platforms and communities was cautioned by many of the delegates. It was suggested that the antidote to the Splinternet is to promote consumption of digital content on both Australian and Chinese platforms, and find commonalities in the human stories and values posted online.





## Session 8: What are the joys and challenges of life abroad?

Location: CiCi's Dumplings, Shanghai

To begin this session, the delegates enjoyed bonding over the challenge of making their lunch together as they learnt how to make Shanghai's most famous soup-filled dumpling, xiaolong bao. After a shared meal at the cooking school, the microphone was passed around the two long tables to give the delegates an opportunity to share their experiences of 'The joys and challenges of life abroad'.

A number of our Chinese delegates had studied and worked in Australia and then repatriated to China. While many of our Australian delegates had worked abroad and then returned home, only to find their overseas experience sometimes more burdensome than beneficial when it came to finding suitable work. The personal anecdotes and insights ranged from experiences of confusing corporate culture to campus cliques and general attitudes to the value of working abroad.

Although this was one of the dialogue's most informal sessions, it was one of the most powerful as delegates tapped into the highs and lows of their careers and their lives. The session also demonstrated the invaluable cross-cultural connections and friendships that ACYD facilitates as the delegates came to understand each other's perspectives better in an intimate setting.







## Session 9: Commemorating 10 Years of ACYD making P2P connections

Location: Lendlease, Shanghai

This year is the tenth anniversary of the Australia China Youth Dialogue. To mark the occasion The ACYD launched an anniversary book called: “十年 – The First Ten Years”, a publication celebrating the achievements in fostering people to people exchange and mutual understanding over the last decade.

During the launch we heard from Elizabeth Tang about how the book was created and also special guests Warwick Smith AM (Chair of The National Foundation for Australia-China Relations) via video and Professor Pookong Kee (BHP Chair of Australian Studies at Peking University). We also enjoyed readings of extracts from the book from Ted Zhou and Manelle Issa. It was a memorable occasion to have 2019 delegates, alumni and partners in attendance.

## Alumni Celebration Dinner

Location: The Australian Consul-General's Residence, Shanghai

With the ACYD now into its 10th year, the ACYD network continues to grow and strengthen. On the evening of Day Three, the ACYD Delegates were introduced to this network at the 2019 ACYD Alumni Dinner, generously hosted at the Australia-Consult-General's Residence in Shanghai.

The evening opened with a powerful Kung-fu performance in the front lawn followed by a warm welcome by the Australian Consul-General, Dominic Trindade. The Consul-General described the history of the residence and also spoke to the power of this unique ACYD community.

Inside guests were privileged to hear, on the ACYD's 10th Anniversary, from the Founder, Henry Makeham. Henry talked to the history of the ACYD, which included sharing funny stories and also asking a two alumni – Peter Cai (2010) and Mark Chan (2014) – to elaborate on how the ACYD has impacted their lives. Having spent the past few years in the US, Henry also touched on his observations from that part of the region relating to Australia-China affairs.

In true ACYD Alumni Dinner style, the night was filled with various challenges that had each table competing again the other. The 75 guests were involved in competitive games using WeChat functions that brought about much bonding and many laughs.

The evening concluded in true ACYD style, with alumni, Delegates and guests joining in chorus at KTV.

# DAY 4 KNOWLEDGE COLLABORATION

Session 10: What is the Future of Chinese and Australian collaboration in science and technology?

Location: XNode, Shanghai

## Session Chair

Matthew Baker (ACYD '15) – Scientia Research Fellow, UNSW

## Speakers

Dr. Guangxi Dong, Head of Membranes, Materials & Manufacturing Development (M3DU)

Lydia Lopes, Manager Global Strategy, CSIRO

Dane Richmond, Technology and Investment Lead, Austrade

This session introduced delegates to the complex dynamic that exist when our economic and security interests overlap. Panelists and delegates raised concerns surrounding the lack of guidelines that defines and differentiates scientific collaborations between Australia and China with programs that might be classified as sensitive and fall under Australia's Defence Export Controls. These controls appear to be applied arbitrarily without much engagement with the Australian research community. The opportunity here is to create clearer guidelines to enable continued collaborations between Australia and China across the areas of science and technology.

Overall the sentiment was that the cold war mentality appears to have set in, and made it very difficult to establish areas of mutual cooperation in areas such as robotics, quantum computing and artificial intelligence. Operating in a global marketplace we discussed the need for reciprocity. Concerns were raised with China's new data sovereignty laws becoming restrictive for new cross border innovations across emerging areas related to data. It has become increasingly difficult to identify areas of mutual cooperation in emerging technologies that do not have dual-use applications.

With all the concerns raised from both sides delegates were surprised and inspired to learn that the Australian Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) has now been working with China for 40 years. Their longest-standing partner in that time has been the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), who first visited CSIRO in 1975. The deep research collaborations do exist in areas that are less known by the general public in areas that span agriculture, water, advanced manufacturing, mining and metals.







## Session 11: Where do Tech and Art meet?

Location: XNode, Shanghai

### Session Chair

Tasharni Jamieson (ACYD '16) – Global Founders Program Manager, UNSW

### Speakers

Benjamin Bacon, Co-Founder, Dogma Labs

Bin Dixon Ward, Sessional Lecturer, RMIT

Vivian Xu, Co-Founder, Dogma Labs

Throughout history, the art world has repeatedly experienced the disruption of old mediums, and the adaptation of new artistic technologies. But ultimately, these disruptions and technologies have stood for the advancement of art. In the social media era, the collision of art and technology has been empowering the artist and audience alike in China and Australia. Artists can expose their work to a global audience by simply clicking 'share' on any chosen social media platform, and the playing field has been leveled so artistic success is possible for anyone with a smartphone in their grasp.

Our panel of art and design experts discussed the changing landscape of art in both China and Australia, and how traditional craft combined with modern mediums have shaped their works. China has seen a modern surge in its attitude towards design, and in particular design education, and is placing an emphasis on modern design technique. And while the panelists identified that the perception of craft and the craftsman has been altered by use of modern medium and techniques, ultimately the relationship to art remains the same.

Delegates and panelists alike were then invited to explore the topic further through a Soft Shoe Shuffle exercise. Prompted by leading questions, delegates were asked to identify their views on art and technology, automation and creativity, craft and production, and the ever-changing role of art in daily life, politics and cultural identity.

### Closing

ACYD concluded with Executive-Director, Jade Little thanking the delegates for their consistent engagement and participation during the course of the four-day dialogue as well as Management Team for their efforts in leading up to and during the series of events.

ACYD's Management Team volunteers their time to bring this unique forum to life each year and it was important to acknowledge its members. The delegates then returned to the hotel for some final group photos, to exchange WeChat and contact details and make plans for future catch ups – the delegates staying on for work and travel in Shanghai didn't part ways there but went on for another meal together of their own organisation! It was brilliant to see ACYD's newest alumni buzzing with enthusiasm for future activities together less than minutes after the dialogue for 2019 had come to a close.

## ACYD DELEGATES



JOSHUA ARMSTRONG

Joshua Armstrong is a Research Assistant to The Hon John Howard OM AC, the former Prime Minister of Australia between 1996 and 2007. Prior to his current role, he was a Maritime Warfare Officer in the Royal Australian Navy for nearly six years. He holds a Master's degree in Strategic studies from the Australian National University and is currently studying a Diploma of Languages (Chinese) at the University of Sydney. Last December Joshua attended the Australia-China High-Level Dialogue, a 1.5 track leadership dialogue, with Mr. Howard in Beijing. Earlier in the year he was the Liberal Party campaign manager for the division of Kogarah, the seat with the highest proportion of Australians with a Chinese background. Being involved in the Australia-China relationship at both the local and national level, he is deeply committed to the people-to-people links between the two nations. More broadly, understanding the challenges for the relationship from both the strategic and political perspectives, he is supportive of continuing engagement by finding new areas of cooperation.



BRODIE BURNS-WILLIAMSON

Brodie Burns-Williamson is a Senior Research and Public Affairs Officer at the Australian Consulate-General in Chengdu, China. Brodie uses his Mandarin language skills to build economic and cultural links between Australia and southwest China. Over the last four years, Brodie has assisted high tech Australian start-ups like Cozitrip land in southwest China, overseen two advertising campaigns that reached more than one million people and helped expand the Australian Studies Centre network in China to Sichuan Normal University, among other projects. Along the way, he has conducted research, produced two books and co-founded southwest China's first Australian alumni network. Brodie holds a Master of International Laws from Zhongnan University of Economics and Laws, Wuhan, and a Law/Asian Studies double degree from La Trobe University, Melbourne.



FREYA CARLTON

Freya has served as Second Secretary (Economic) at the Australian Embassy Beijing since February 2017. In this role, she is responsible for reporting on China's economy and cybersecurity-related policy developments, overseeing Australia-China services trade, and supporting Australia's relationship with international organisations (such as the IMF and World Bank) based in Beijing. Since joining the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in 2012, Freya has served as Third Secretary in the Australian High Commission Nairobi and worked in Canberra on WTO policy and UN and Commonwealth issues. She began her DFAT career in Pacific Division where she was responsible for managing Australia's relations with Pacific Island Countries including Nauru, Tonga, and Vanuatu. Freya has a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)/Arts from the University of Melbourne. She speaks Mandarin, Italian and French.



OSCAR CHEN

Oscar is a Senior Product Actuary at Challenger Limited, Australia's largest annuity issuer. His main responsibilities include providing actuarial support for pricing and product development of Challenger's \$13 billion annuity portfolio. Oscar has 9-year working experience across financial services industry, specialised in insurance pricing and valuation, product innovation and banking capital management.

Born and raised in China, Oscar moved to Australia as a teenager and has since then become a firm advocate for cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Australians and Chinese. Oscar dedicates his free time to working with the non-profit organisation, Australian Wall Street (AWS), which connects Chinese college students in Australia with industry professionals. He is now a mentor, committee member and Head of Actuarial at AWS.

Oscar was a recipient of Victorian Premier's Award for top international student of the year and earned a Melbourne International Undergraduate Scholarship.



SHASHA CHEN

Shasha is a highly-innovated professional with extensive experience in market-entry strategy, digital marketing (Facebook, Wechat, LinkedIn, etc), crisis management, content innovation, users engagement, data analytics, and regulatory risks in Asian, particularly China markets. Having lived in China, the UK and Singapore, her career spans from Financial Times Newspaper, J.P.Morgan, and digital startups. Shasha has worked with clients in various industries including banks, FMCG, education and agriculture. In her spare time, she volunteers as Director of Young China Watchers, a global community of China-engaged young professionals. Her latest role is the Digital Marketing Director for Eduknow, which helps global education providers to marketing their services to Chinese middle-class families. With solid expertise on China's social media landscape, her team had successfully engaged with over 300 million parents in 2018.



ROGER DONG

Roger is a corporate lawyer qualified in Hong Kong and Australia and currently works in the Hong Kong office of an international law firm with a leading presence in Australia. Roger frequently advises Hong Kong, Australian and mainland Chinese clients including multinational corporations, HKEx listed companies, private equity houses, state-owned enterprises, banks and sovereign wealth funds on challenging and exciting matters spanning throughout Asia, Australia and beyond. Before moving to Hong Kong, Roger worked at the Beijing office of RPMGlobal, an Australian mining consulting company, as an engineering consultant. He worked in a great team which carried out independent analysis and due diligence on mining and resources projects throughout Asia while drawing from the depth of expertise in Australia's own mining industry. Roger moved to Beijing from Australia as part of a program sponsored by the Australian Chamber of Commerce. Roger was born in Shanghai, and grew up in Melbourne, where he studied law and engineering at the University of Melbourne.



## ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED



LUCY DU

Lucy is the public diplomacy manager at the Australian Consulate-General in Shanghai, where her role is to raise awareness of Australia and broaden the dialogue between Chinese institutions and the Australian counterparts. Growing up in Melbourne with Chinese parents, Lucy spent her childhood playing bat tennis and grinding ink to write Chinese calligraphy. Lucy uses her cross-cultural strengths to lead the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative (ACYPI) in Shanghai, a platform for young professionals to engage in bilateral issues. Lucy is also passionate about mental health and diversity and inclusion, volunteering with Lifeline Shanghai and is the vice-chair of AustCham Shanghai's women in business committee. Before joining the Consulate, Lucy was an analyst at Westpac where she was responsible for understanding and interpreting Chinese government financial regulations on the Shanghai Free Trade Zone. Prior to that, Lucy was a policy officer at the Department of Education (Canberra). Lucy holds a Master of Social Research from the Australian National University,



SOPHIE EATHER

*New Colombo Plan Fellow*

Sophie is an Australian Government New Colombo Plan Scholar from Adelaide. The New Colombo Plan is a signature government initiative which aims to support Australian undergraduates to undertake study and internships in the Indo-Pacific region. Growing up in the Barossa Valley, Sophie is excited about further developing trade between Australia and China, particularly within the wine and tourism industry. Her experience at Yalumba and Penfolds has allowed her to act as an ambassador for South Australian wine and tourism, using her Mandarin skills to deliver carefully tailored wine experiences for Chinese visitors including dignitaries. The New Colombo Plan has allowed Sophie to continue her ambassadorial role in Shanghai. Sophie recently completed a semester of advanced-level Chinese language study at Fudan University, whilst also completing the Barossa Wine School course in Mandarin at leading wine education providers. Following that she assisted in promoting and translating at China's largest food and drinks fair: the Chengdu Fair.



SHANE HAYES

Shane Hayes is a sports injury rehabilitation specialist, with 10 years' experience as head of medical services &/or team physiotherapist, winning major championships with 3 nations. Recently Shane supported China's 3x3 basketball team's 2018 Asian Games campaign and was Medical Lead for 2017 ICC World Champions Trophy winning Pakistan's Men's Cricket Team. Gained his first China experiences working closely with Chinese badminton coaches, Wushu & Table Tennis players at Singapore Sports Institute, & at 2010 Guangzhou Asian Games with Team Singapore. Shane was also Head of Medical for Singapore Slingers, the former Australian-NBL basketball team. Ahead of Sochi 2014 he was hired by the Chinese Olympic Committee as Winter Olympic Team's first Head of Rehabilitation and toured with China's short-track speed skating team. Graduated from world's leading physiotherapy school at University of Sydney, and furthered his qualifications specialising in sports injuries at La Trobe University. He attained APA's Level 3 sports physiotherapy certification at Australian Institute of Sport.



JOE YIZHOU HE

Joe He is the managing director and China CEO of Australian Capital Equity (“ACE”), a private investment group founded by the prestigious Australian magnate, Kerry Stokes AC. Joe has led more than USD \$300million investment in the internet and consumer sector. Such as WiFi Master Key, a global WiFi share mobile application with more than 600 million users worldwide; MeiCai, China’s largest online B2B food delivery services company covers 25+ cities in China; DJI, world’s largest consumer drone and image technology provider; and AHAVA, a treasured Israeli cosmetic brand, the transaction was awarded as “M&A of the Year” in 2016. Joe is a member of Advisory Board of CMC Capital Partners and the Board Member of Shanghai Oriental Pearl Mobile Television Co., Limited. Before joining ACE, Mr. He was the investment director of Fosun Group, a renowned comprehensive investment group in China. As the vice chairman and CEO of Fosun’s cosmetic sector, Mr. He has led a series of successful cross-border investments and M&As. Bridging China’s capital with global industrial resources.



PATRICK INGLE

Patrick is a strategy consultant in AlphaBeta Advisors’ Sydney office. He has significant experience in public policy, and has worked on projects that have informed digital and sustainability policy across Australia. Prior to joining AlphaBeta, Pat worked at the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York as Special Assistant and Senior Advisor to the President.

Pat started his career in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Canberra, where he focused on foreign and strategic policy matters relating to China, Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Pat holds a BA with First Class Honours from the Australian National University, and an MSc with Distinction from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

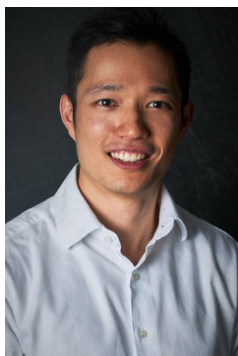


SIYAO JIANG  
*University of Sydney Fellow*

Economist and historian by training, with a banking career spanning across Australia’s central bank, the Reserve Bank, Macquarie, Sumitomo Mitsui, and Natixis. Energy and Natural Resources banker, facilitating cross-border transactions in metals & mining, oil & gas, and agriculture over the last decade. Master’s degrees from Oxford University in Medieval History and Sydney University in International Law, keen interests in global medievalism and the exchange of ideas, people and goods across the Eurasian continent over the last millennium.



## ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED



ADRIAN MAK

Adrian is a Commercial Manager at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). He works on special projects for the university and helps manage its commercial operations. These projects include launching online courses, establishing international campuses, student accommodation and property leasing and development. Adrian plays a crucial role in ensuring that projects are financially sustainable and align with UNSW's strategic priorities, and has been active in promoting closer ties between Australia and China. He has dedicated his career to the tertiary education sector, as he believes that universities will play a critical role in the transition to a knowledge economy. Prior to UNSW, Adrian worked at Morgan Stanley's investment banking division, where his focus on mergers and acquisitions helped facilitate cross-border investment into Australia. Born and raised in Hong Kong and fluent in both Cantonese and Mandarin, Adrian migrated to Australia as a teenager. In the years since, he has traveled extensively across China and has personally witnessed the country's rapid economic development.



HONOR MCLENNAN

Honor McLennan is a senior international relations professional and qualified legal practitioner, specializing in China-Australia engagement. Honor currently leads the NSW Government's engagement with China; overseeing a team of thirteen staff that spans across Sydney, Shanghai and Guangzhou to attract Chinese productive foreign direct investment, support exporters to enter the Chinese market and foster positive bilateral relations between NSW and China. Prior to her role at NSW Government, Honor held a number of roles at the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade), where she advised senior leadership on strategy for the China and ASEAN markets. Honor's commitment to the Australia-China relationship extends beyond the workplace. She has served as the President and Director of the NSW Chapters of the Australia China Youth Association and the Australia China Young Professionals Initiative respectively, and continues to develop strong Mandarin language skills. Honor holds a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) and Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (China).



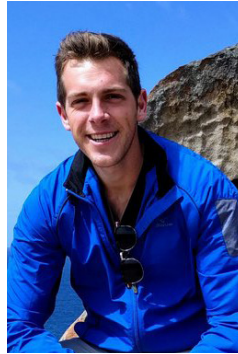
ZHU ZOE MEI  
*FASIC Fellow*

Zhu Mei, also known as Zoe Mei, is Investment Risk Manager at New Hope Group, a pioneering Chinese private company mainly engaging in agriculture, food processing and finance. In this role, Zoe identifies and reviews investment projects for the group, as well as coordinates international business development. Zoe is a high-performing professional in developing strategic international partnerships. Before joining New Hope Group, Zoe spent years in organizations including China's public sector and public-private partnership organization in Europe. Passionate about international trade and finance, Zoe provides services that help international business grow sustainably in China and present global cooperation opportunities to Chinese companies. Zoe holds Master degree in Cognition and Communication from University of Copenhagen, Denmark.



ALANNA RENNIE

Alanna Rennie is an Associate at law firm Baker McKenzie in Sydney, where she practices Mergers and Acquisitions and plant intellectual property. Alanna has a strong interest and vision for the Australia-China relationship, particularly in the agricultural space. Alanna completed her Masters in Chinese Law at Tsinghua University and thesis on Plant Breeder's Rights in China, where she engaged closely with China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and the State Forestry and Grasslands Administration, international plant breeders active in or looking to enter the Chinese market, and other stakeholders. In her capacity at Baker McKenzie and through her work with international breeding association, CIOPORA, Alanna has worked closely with Australian and other foreign breeding companies on their commercial and intellectual property strategy in China and on novel enforcement issues. Alanna has played a significant role in facilitating exchange between the foreign breeding community and Chinese officials and judges in this space, and has directly contributed to the legislative changes in China's Plant Breeders Rights legislation.



JUSTIN STEELE

Justin Steele is Head Honcho (老大) at AussieYou Travel (澳自游), a leading Sydney-based tour company specialising in small-group "live-like-a-local" experiences. A former corporate lawyer, Justin escaped his desk-job in 2016 to start a new career in tourism. Since then, he's been a tour guide, a boutique hotel and hostel receptionist, a freelance consultant and an MC and video host for Chinese organisations including the People's Daily and NetEase. Justin speaks advanced "tour guide-level" Mandarin and has shown thousands of guests from all over the world around his adopted home of Sydney on his bilingual tours. In his previous life as a corporate lawyer, Justin advised Chinese SOEs and private enterprises on investments and acquisitions in Australia across a range of sectors. Justin has been involved in Australia-China affairs for over a decade and held leadership roles in the Australia-China Youth Association and the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative, as well as being involved in the inaugural Australia-China Youth Dialogue in 2010.



RACHEL SWIFT

Rachel works at the intersection of data collection and care delivery, improving patient outcomes and health system operations. Her work led to the formation of the International Consortium for Health Outcomes, unlocking the potential of value-based health care, now recognised as the OECD standard for patient reported outcomes. After a decade with The Boston Consulting Group, Rachel founded an Australian health outcomes consulting firm. Dr. Swift was strategic adviser to the Special Representative of the Secretary General for the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response working in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. Rachel worked with the Clinton Health Access Initiative, designing a new program to combat malnutrition with Presidents' Clinton and Kagame launching the Rwanda program in 2013. She has also worked with Noel Pearson on behavioural economic programs to support Indigenous economic development in Cape York. Rachel holds Board positions in Medical Innovation and Education and has held appointments at the Universities of Oxford, Southern California and Adelaide.



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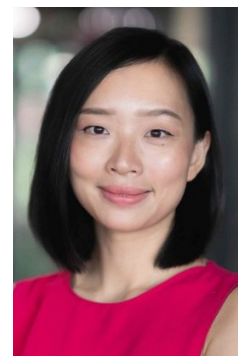
YU TAO

Dr Yu Tao is a lecturer in Asian Studies at the University of Western Australia (UWA), where he teaches contemporary China and coordinates the Chinese Studies major. Prior to UWA, Yu worked as a senior lecturer and course leader in Asia Pacific Studies at the University of Central Lancashire in England. Yu holds dual bachelors' degrees in public administration and sociology from Peking University, a master's in sociology from the University of Cambridge, and a doctorate in politics from the University of Oxford. Trained as a political sociologist, Yu primarily focuses his academic investigations on the interactions and interactions among religious groups, civic organisations and local state agencies in contemporary Chinese society and overseas Chinese communities. Yu is currently leading a faculty Accelerator Grant project on Chinese international students at UWA and has been actively working with local public entities in Western Australia to enhance the study and life experience of international students in Australian universities. Yu has academic publications in reputable English and Chinese journals.



WANG GUANNAN

Guannan Wang has been working in China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, which is China's government agency for promotion of international trade and investment for 16 years. She is a practical, result-driven leader with extensive experiences in China's international trade and outbound investment promotion. She has overseas working experiences in UK and Australia.



JEANETTE WANG

Jeanette Wang was born in Hangzhou, China and came to Australia in 2011 as an international student. She graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Arts (Communication and Journalism) degree.

Since graduating she has worked at the State Parliament of Victoria, a boutique investment company and is currently embarking on a career in the aviation industry. Jeanette is an Executive Member for the National Council of Women Australia (NSW).

In 2017, Jeanette featured in an episode of ABC's Compass, 'Power of belonging', in which she discussed her experience as a young migrant to Australia.



JOHNSON WANG

Johnson returned to Australia earlier this year to co-found Riverlane Capital, a private investment firm that aims to sustain and grow Australian small business over future generations.

Prior to Riverlane, Johnson worked in London for the private equity team at Oaktree Capital Management, and before that he was a management consultant at McKinsey & Company. In addition, Johnson co-founded CHOPCHOP, a foodtech startup in London, and was a product manager at Thanx, a customer intelligence startup in San Francisco.

Johnson's professional career began in various factories in China where he assembled metal woks on conveyor belts for his family's business. Johnson holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BEng and BComm from The University of Melbourne.

He also spent a semester at Tsinghua University in the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies.



MATTHEW WARR

Matthew Warr's professional and educational background has revolved around China and the Australia-China relationship for the past ten years. Matthew currently lives in South China where three main things occupy his time. As a legal consultant at Zhong Lun Law Firm in Guangzhou, Matthew works with a team of Chinese lawyers to provide legal advice and services to foreign companies doing business in or with China in the practice areas of corporate law, foreign direct investment, mergers & acquisitions, labour & employment, intellectual property, and litigation & arbitration. Matthew is also a Board Director of the Australian Chamber of Commerce (AustCham) South China, a volunteer role which involves working with leading executives from Australia and China to connect, inform and advocate on behalf of Australian businesses, and advance the overall Australia-China business and economic relationship. In addition to his current professional endeavours, Matthew is also studying an MBA at Peking University HSBC Business School in Shenzhen on a BHP Billiton Australia-China Scholarship.



JING WEI  
*RMIT Fellow*

Jing currently works as post-doc in Tsinghua University, Department of Hydraulic Engineering. Her current research focus on comparative assessment of Australia and China river basins management in identifying important policy, institutional difference and/or cultural differences, as well as transboundary river conflict and cooperation analysis. Jing holds a PhD degree from the University of Melbourne, and Bachelor of Engineering from RMIT University. During her PhD period, Jing has worked as research assistant in Australia-China Joint Research Center on River Basin Management, she assisted in coordinating 2013 Tsinghua-Melbourne University summer school program, and the first joint course between The University of Melbourne and Tsinghua University on International River Basin Management, which aims to equip tomorrow's water managers with adaptive approach by linking cutting edge knowledge to stress-tested practices in river basin management. Jing was born in China and has lived in Australia for the past ten years.



## ACYD DELEGATES - CONTINUED



JESSICA WONG

Jessica is a Chinese-Australian young professional who enjoys having roots in both cultures. Jessica is a Director in the Deals and International Tax practice of a Big Four accounting firm in Sydney. As a lawyer and Chartered Accountant, Jessica has approximately 12 years of experience advising large multinational groups with the Australian tax aspects of their investments and cross-border transactions. Jessica enjoys leading cross-border projects including assisting Chinese investors in the technology and consumer industries with the tax, legal and accounting aspects of their Australian investments. Jessica is particularly drawn to the “Technology” theme of this year’s ACYD Conference – from a tax professional’s lens, the taxation of global technology companies is a “hot topic” and a significant focus of many countries including Australia and China. Taking a broader lens, how Australia and China embrace emerging technologies and capabilities will present many business opportunities for start-ups as well as more established businesses in both countries.



ZOE WONG

Zoe is a strategy professional with over 8 years of experience working across Australia and China. She is currently the Strategy Manager at Treasury Wine Estates (TWE) North Asia. Previously, she held global strategy roles partnering with senior leaders within TWE to develop and implement successful growth strategies for Asia.

Prior to this, Zoe was an Associate at L.E.K. Consulting in Melbourne where she worked across a variety of industries on M&A and strategy projects. She is also passionate about social impact and enjoys being “on the ground”, having volunteered in multiple international outreach programs. Combining this passion with her experience in strategy, she currently serves as a Director on the Board of the Global Consulting Group, a not-for-profit organisation providing pro-bono consulting services to charities.

Zoe graduated from the University of Melbourne with a double degree in Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Commerce.



EVELYN YIN XING

Ms Yin Xing currently works for the Australian Embassy in Beijing as Senior Interpreter and Engagement Officer. Prior to this position,

Ms Yin worked for Chevron China as Senior Interpreter and Bullseye Energy in Houston as Assistant Land Manager and Interpreter. Ms Yin is an interpreter, translator and editor, with deep interest in energy sector, non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, environmental protection and climate change.

She graduated with MA in Translation and Interpretation in 2016 from Monterey Institute of International Studies in the United States and MA in English Language and Literature in 2008 from Southeast University in China.



**LOUISE YUN**  
*Monash University Fellow*

Louise is a banking and finance solicitor at King & Wood Mallesons, an international law firm with a strong presence in Asia. She has worked with Chinese banks, advised on China's Cybersecurity Law and co-authored publications on data and autonomous technology. She also coordinates the firm's national China Practice Group fortnightly call and is actively involved in the firm's China focused events and initiatives. Louise was previously with Deloitte Lawyers, advising clients including high net wealth Chinese individuals looking to invest in Australia on various aspects of tax law. She has also worked several years for Jenny Macklin, a former Federal MP and Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. Outside of work, Louise is a violinist in the Melbourne Lawyers' Orchestra and plays in a social dodgeball league. She graduated from Monash University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Commerce / Bachelor of Laws, holding various leadership positions in student committees and receiving awards for studies in international finance and behavioural economics.



**REBECCA ZHANG**

Rebecca Zhang is a Senior Venture Architect at BCG Digital Venture in Shanghai. At BCG DV, she works with multidisciplinary team to invent, build and invest in startups with the world's most influential companies. Rebecca has worked and lived in China, Australia and United States. She has over 10+ years working experience in financial services. Since she returned to Australia in 2010, she has worked at JP Morgan and Moody's Investor Service before she pivoted her career into venture capital and startups. Rebecca holds of Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Adelaide and Master of Applied Finance from the University of New South Wales. In 2018, She completed her MBA (Executive) from Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM) and did an exchange at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Rebecca is passionate about venture capital and entrepreneurship, in particular, to encourage more female investors to engage in venture capital in order to bring in the diversification to the industry. Rebecca's motivation to attend ACYD 2019 is to deepen the understanding of Australia-China.



**YUTONG ZHU**  
*FASIC Fellow*

As an operations manager and engineer at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Yutong works on developing sustainable manufacturing processes covering chemical, pharmaceutical, minerals and energy sectors. He is interested in research collaborations and technology commercialisation, and has implemented multiple CSIRO technologies into industry.

Yutong is also passionate about cross-disciplinary communications in Australia-China space and currently serves as president for the Australia China Young Professionals Initiative (ACYPI), a not-for-profit volunteering organisation for young professionals to engage with the Australia-China relationship through events in major cities across two countries.

Yutong holds a Bachelor and Master degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Queensland, and has previously studied at Tianjin University in China and Georgia Institute of Technology in the US.



# ACYD SPEAKERS



**BENJAMIN BACON** Dogma Labs

Benjamin Bacon is a hybrid artist and musician that creates work at the intersection of sound art, computational design, networked systems and mechanical installation. He has held professorships at Parsons School of Design, New York University Shanghai, Shanghai Institute of Visual Art and was also the former Director of the undergraduate Design + Technology program at Parsons School of Design.

He is also the Co-Founder of DOGMA Lab, a cross-disciplinary art and design lab based in Shanghai, China. Founded by Benjamin Bacon and Vivian Xu, we believe in the cross-pollination of ART, DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY and SCIENCE in the creation of products, as well as experimental works in art, music, and performance.

SoundSpade is his performance name for his music and sound art. He is the founder of Voltage Divider, a series of live music, interactive media events that explore different experimental and avant-garde musical styles and non-traditional production methods.



**MATTHEW BRENNAN** Managing Director, China Channel

Matthew is a speaker and writer focusing on Chinese internet and tech innovation. In particular, he's known for analysis of Tencent, China's tech giant and WeChat, China's famous super app. His opinions are regularly featured in global media including The Economist, Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg, BBC, Financial Times, Forbes, Harvard Political Review, Quartz, TechCrunch, CNN, Business Insider, eMarketer and Wired. He delivers presentations for executive teams seeking to gain insight into Chinese tech innovation.

His company China Channel organizes China's largest WeChat marketing conference series for international companies. Matthew works with a select few international businesses to help form and implement their WeChat & China digital marketing strategy.

Matthew co-hosts the ChinaTechTalk podcast produced together with China's largest English language tech media, Technode & TechCrunch China. Matthew's also is currently writing his first major book 'The Story of WeChat'.



**PENNY BURTT** CEO, Asialink

Penny is the Group CEO of Asialink, Australia's leading centre for the promotion of public understanding of the countries of Asia and of Australia's role in the region. She joined Asialink from global payments company Visa, where she served as Vice President, Government Affairs, Asia Pacific. Prior to Visa, Penny led External Relations and Client Service Risk for the Asia Pacific with McKinsey&Company.

Penny is a former diplomat and represented Australia in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and at the United Nations in Geneva and New York. She previously served as Adviser to the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

In the course of her career, Penny has participated in key regional economic and trade initiatives, including bilateral FTA negotiations, APEC, the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations and as a business delegate to regional economic ministers' meetings. She has served on the Board of U.S. National Center for APEC and the Singapore Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



**ROSITA DELLIOS** Associate Professor, Monash University

Rosita Dellios is Associate Professor of International Relations at Bond University.

She is a founding member of the Centre for East-West Cultural and Economic Studies at Bond, and has long been involved in Confucian studies. She lectures and writes on the themes of China's defence and strategic philosophy, geopolitics, and future trends in global politics.

She has published widely in these areas. Her more recent works include two books co-authored. One is *China's Quest for Global Order*. It examines the evolving Asian century from a Chinese political and cultural perspective. The other is titled *The Politics and Philosophy of Chinese Power: The Timeless and the Timely*. This examines the philosophical dimensions of state power, delving into China's past and potential future developments.



**JOHN W.H. DENTON AO** Secretary General, International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

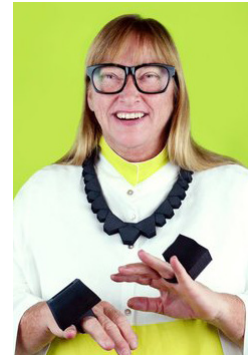
Mr Denton is a Board member of the United Nations Global Compact, as well as a founding member of the Business 20 (B20), the Australia–China CEO Roundtable and UNHCR in Australia.

Mr Denton serves on the Board of leading global infrastructure group IFM Investors and is Co-Chair of the Trade and Investment Working Group for the G20 Japan.

A former diplomat, Mr Denton served as Partner and Chief Executive Officer of Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Australia's leading independent law firm, for two decades.

In 2015, he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for his services to the business community, the arts and the rights of refugees, including as a founder of Human Rights Watch (Australia) and Teach for Australia.

Mr Denton is an alumnus of Harvard Business School and the University of Melbourne.



**BIN DIXON-WARD** RMIT

A graduate of RMIT, Gold and Silversmithing, Bin has exhibited in Japan, Europe and North America as well as in Australia. Recipient of several awards for her jewellery, including the Itami Award and the Diana Morgan Award. Bin's work has appeared in several major exhibitions including, *Melbourne Now* at the National Gallery of Victoria, *Schmuck in Munich*, *A Fine Possession* and *Out of Hand: Materialising Digital* at the Museum of Arts and Sciences, Sydney.

Bin was awarded the 2018 RMIT Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Excellence, for her PhD. Her research examines the interaction between the human and technology, in particular the grid as a technology of the city and how interactions between humans and the grid, inject an organic quality to the rigid logic of the built environment.

Her work is held in public and private collections including the National Gallery of Victoria, The Powerhouse Museum, Sydney, and Musée des Arts Décoratifs Paris and The Art Gallery of South Australia.



## ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED



**DR GUANGXI DONG** Head of Membranes, Materials and Manufacturing Development Unit, UNSW Centre for Transformational Environmental Technologies

Dr. Guangxi Dong is currently the Head of Membranes, Materials and Manufacturing Development Unit (M3DU) at the UNSW-CTET in Yixing, China. He received his Ph.D. from the UNESCO Centre for Membrane Science and Technology (UCMST) at UNSW in 2011. From 2011-2014, he worked at the same research institute as a research fellow, followed by a two-year post at Hanyang University (South Korea) as a senior research fellow. He returned to UNSW in 2016 as a senior researcher and sessional lecturer before he joined the UNSW-CTET in 2019.

Within his research career, his 26 publications on international peer-reviewed journals have been cited over 1,400 times. He is the recipient of Marie Curie Seal of Excellence in 2016 and 2017 (European Commission) and Elsevier Outstanding Reviewer Recognition in 2015 (Journal of Membrane Science). He also won the 1st prize at the CO2CRC Commercialisation Workshop Competition in 2010.



**DR HUA FAN** Tsinghua-Berkeley Shenzhen Institute

Dr. Hua Fan is a Registered Technology Transfer Professional (RTTP) who have practiced in both Asia and Oceania region with outstanding track record. Winner of KCA Best Commercialization Award in 2016. AUTM, KCA Member Serial entrepreneur, founder of 4 companies, Winner of Australian Government Innovate NSW Grant.

He completed his Ph.D. degree in University of New South Wales. His recent focus is on the applications of blockchain technology on Knowledge commercialization, especially enabling innovation freedom and contractual trust between various stakeholders during the lengthy commercialization process; enabling identity, credit tracing for practitioners and collaborators when commercializing/incubating a project; decentralizing technology transfer activity.



**POOKONG KEE** BHP Chair of Australian Studies, Peking University

Professor Pookong Kee is the third BHP Chair of Australian Studies at Peking University. He was Director of the Asia Institute at the University of Melbourne prior to taking up the Chair in February 2019.

He had held various academic and public-sector positions in the Asia-Pacific region, including as Director of the Chinese Heritage Centre in Singapore, Professor of the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies and Director of the Ritsumeikan Centre for Asia Pacific Studies at the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan, as well as Assistant Director of Australia's Bureau of Immigration and Population Research.

His recent teaching and research interests relate mostly to Asia-Pacific affairs, especially on international migration, diasporas, cultural diversity and Australia-Asia relations.



**MARK TANNER** Managing Director, China Skinny

Mark Tanner is the founder and managing director of Shanghai-based China Skinny. He has provided China market growth strategies and research to over 150 brands across 22 categories including IKEA, IHG, Colgate, Reckitt Benckiser and Tourism Malaysia.

His views on Chinese consumers have been quoted by more than 200 international media outlets and he regularly provides commentary in publications such as Bloomberg, Reuters, FT and Forbes where he writes a regular column. Mark was selected by Alibaba to anchor their promotional video introducing Single's Day in 2016. He authors the most read newsletter about marketing to China and is a regular keynote speaker in both China and internationally from Shanghai to Sydney, Barcelona to Beijing, Helsinki to Hong Kong and many places in between.

Prior to moving to China Mark led the world's first unbroken paddle down the River Nile, hunted for Viking treasure in Iceland and cycled solo across Canada mid-winter.

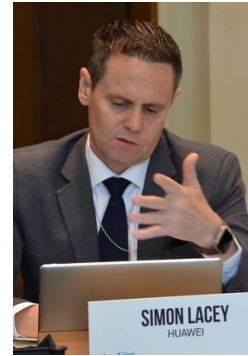


**HEAN TAT KEH** Professor of Marketing, Monash Business School

Hean Tat Keh (郭贤达) is a firm believer in balancing research and teaching excellence. His current research examines consumer psychology in the contexts of services marketing, sustainable marketing, and healthcare marketing, with a secondary interest in doing business in China.

His research has been published in leading journals such as Journal of Marketing, Journal of Marketing Research, Journal of Consumer Research, Journal of Consumer Psychology, Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science, International Journal of Research in Marketing, Journal of Service Research, Journal of Retailing, and Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes. His research has been widely disseminated through the media, including radio interviews (BBC and ABC), a Harvard Business Review editorial, online newsletters, and a podcast.

Professor Keh is the recipient of the prestigious 2018 ANZMAC Distinguished Marketing Educator of the Year Award.



**SIMON LACEY** Vice President Global Government Affairs, Huawei

Simon is currently Vice-President, Trade Facilitation and Market Access at Huawei Technologies in Shenzhen China. Before that he spent four years in Indonesia in various roles advising both the government and private sector on trade policy and international economic law issues.

With degrees in law from the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) and the Georgetown University Law Center (United States), Simon has worked in almost thirty countries, advising and training policymakers in Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Central Asia, East Asia and the Pacific.

Prior to joining Huawei, Simon was the Director of the Center for International Trade and Investment (UPH-CITI) at University Pelita Harapan (UPH) in Jakarta, implementing the WTO Chairs program and acting as Academic Director on the UPH's executive Masters in Trade Investment and Competition Policy and Law (MTIC), organized in collaboration with the World Trade Institute (WTI) in Berne, Switzerland.



## ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED



**LUI BING** Senior Trade Marketing Manager, Austrade

Liu Bing is Deputy Consul-General and Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner at the Australian Consulate-General in Shanghai. Prior to this role, Bing worked as Senior China Adviser, Acting General Manager, Asia, Acting Executive Director, International Markets and Asia Lead, Global Markets based in Austrade Sydney.

Bing started working with Austrade in 2001, the most recent role offshore was the Acting Senior Trade Commissioner/Deputy Consul General at the Australian Consulate General Shanghai. While in Shanghai, Bing managed the Austrade East China network of offices by providing business opportunities and services for Australian entities in trade, education and inward investment. Bing has also worked in similar roles in both Guangzhou and Beijing at the Australian Consulate in Guangzhou and the Australian Embassy in Beijing respectively from 2004-2012.

Bing holds a bachelor degree of Medicine from China and a bachelor degree of Nursing from Australia.



**LYDIA LOPES** Manager Global Strategy, CSIRO

Lydia Lopes is the Global Insights Manager for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia's national science agency. Lydia is passionate about supporting CSIRO's global growth agenda; which focuses on accelerating its global engagements and collaborations through science and technology to make an impact on Australia and the world. In her role, she leads a team that provides strategic advice and recommendations to senior executive leaders within the organisation on long-term opportunities and challenges presented by global economic, environmental, social, market and technological trends.

Lydia's diverse cultural background being born in Malaysia to Chinese and Indian parents and later immigrating to Australia and marrying an Australian – Spanish partner. Lydia holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Biotechnology and Microbiology) and a Master of Biotechnology, from the Queensland University of Technology.



**ELIZABETH PEAK** Minister-Counsellor (Economic), Australian Embassy Beijing

Ms Peak is a senior career officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Minister-Counsellor (Economic) to Australia's embassy in Beijing, where she leads economic engagement between Australia and China.

From 2010-11, Ms Peak was legal counsel for negotiations towards Australia's free trade agreements with China, Korea and Japan.

Ms Peak has represented Australia in the United Nations on climate change extensively, including establishing the inaugural Office of International Climate Law in 2008-09. Ms Peak has served overseas as Counsellor in Ottawa from 2006-08. Prior to joining DFAT, Ms Peak was a lawyer at Freehills and Dwyer Durack.

She holds an Executive Masters of Business Administration from Kellogg-HKUST, Masters of Law (International Law) from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland.



**OSCAR RAMOS** Partner and Managing Director, Chinaccelerator

Oscar Ramos, Partner and Managing Director of Chinaccelerator, is a “full stack innovator” with expertise ranging from product development to corporate strategy. He has experience as an entrepreneur, management consultant, and early stage investor.

A Telecom MEng and Biomedical PhD dropout, Oscar began his career 14 years ago as an R&D engineer in Ericsson’s Research Center, and then in a similar post at Telefonica. After discovering the concept of Business Model Innovation, he transitioned to the world of MedTech startups. This propelled his move to China in early 2008, since then he has been involved in various dimensions of innovation: product launches, go-to market strategies, venture capital financing, and M&As.



**DANE RICHMOND** Technology and Investment Lead, Austrade

Mr Dane Richmond, Austrade Trade Commissioner and Commercial Consul at the Australian Consulate-General Shanghai.

Dane joined Austrade from the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism. He worked in the Tourism Division of Austrade prior to taking a posting in Shanghai. Previously he worked for the Department of Finance and Deregulation and prior to that he worked for Australian water tech start up in Shanghai.

He holds a bachelors in Asian Studies from the Australian National University and a Masters in Strategic and Defence Studies from the ANU. He speaks Mandarin and Korean.

Dane is leading the Services and Technology team with sectoral focuses on Innovation, Financial Services, Tourism, Sport, and Digital Entertainment.



**JOHN SWINSON** Partner, King & Wood Mallesons

John Swinson specialises in intellectual property and technology law. For over 30 years, John has acted for many high profile technology corporations, internet businesses, investors, and educational and financial institutions. He has considerable experience in the domestic and international aspects of copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret, Internet and privacy laws.

John advises clients on a variety of legal matters involving technology, including obtaining protection for new products and services, commercialising technology, enforcing rights, licensing, procurement, outsourcing, online contracting, project recovery, security, hacking, domain names and plant breeders rights.

John represents clients in a wide range of business sectors including travel, education, gambling, financial services, property, hotels, mining, software distribution, Internet start-ups and government.



## ACYD SPEAKERS - CONTINUED



**CHARLOTTE TRINH** Senior IP Consultant, Rouse

Charlotte works within the IP Consulting and Commercial practices at Rouse. She supports clients in reaching their commercial and market entry goals by helping them to capture, protect, and exploit their intellectual assets. Charlotte advises on IP and technology related issues across a range of industry sectors. Her experience includes developing and executing the China IP strategy for major global FMCG companies, including managing IP portfolios and enforcement programmes, civil and administrative litigation, and advising on online and offline regulatory, marketing, and advertising issues.

Charlotte joined Rouse in 2013 after training as a solicitor in Sydney, where she worked in the Intellectual Property group of a leading international law firm. Since then she has had a number of roles within the Rouse Beijing, Shanghai, Ho Chi Minh City, and Hong Kong offices. Her experience also includes a stint as seconded inhouse counsel to a multinational food and ingredients business.

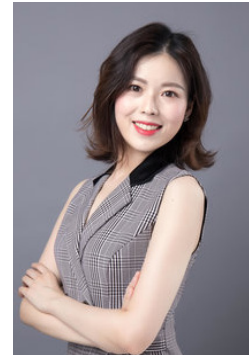


**EVA XIAO** China and Mongolia Correspondent, AFP

Eva Xiao is a Beijing-based journalist at Agence France-Presse, where she covers a broad range of topics, including technology, politics, culture, and society. Previously, she wrote for Tech in Asia and Technode.

In the five years that she has lived in China, Eva has written extensively on technology. Her reporting has taken her everywhere from bitcoin mines in Inner Mongolia to makerspaces in Shenzhen. She has interviewed startups and entrepreneurs across a broad range of industries, such as artificial intelligence, e-commerce, and fintech.

In her free time, Eva also co-hosts a biweekly podcast called Digitally China, where she discusses trending topics in China's tech industry. Past episodes have covered Huawei's "wolf culture", the meteoric rise of TikTok, and more.



**LOUISA XU** IP manager, Treasury Wine Estates

As the IP manager (North Asia) in Treasury Wine Estates, Louisa Xu manages the IP portfolio, and provides IP and risk mitigation advisory services to this region, while crafting and executing a robust and comprehensive brand protection strategy.

In addition, Louisa also develops close relationships with key internal and external stakeholders, including local authorities, government bodies, key online marketplaces and industrial organisations, while also working as the Vice Chair of Government Affairs and Public Policy Committee in the Quality Brand Protection Committee for foreign invested enterprises (QBPC) to coordinate with various government units, including The Office of the National Leading Group on fighting against IPR Infringement and Counterfeiting.

Louisa has extensive experience in relation to IP management and brand protection, and is especially skilled in navigating data in support of the overall IP strategy in the current digital era.

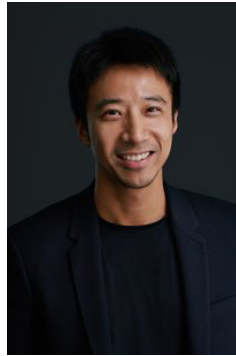


VIVIAN XU Dogma Labs

Beijing-born Vivian Xu is a media artist, designer and researcher currently based in Shanghai. She is an independent artist. Her work explores the boundaries between bio and electronic media in creating new forms of machine logic, life and sensory systems, and often take the form of object, installation and/or wearable. She has shown, lectured, and performed at various institutions in China, the US, Germany, and Australia.

Vivian co-founded Dogma Lab with Benjamin Bacon, a trans-disciplinary design lab in Shanghai, dedicated to creating experimental research at the intersection of design, technology, art and science.

From 2013–2015, she was a research fellow at the New York University Shanghai Campus. Since then, she has lectured at various universities and programs, among them Shanghai Tech University, Chinese University of Hong Kong Shenzhen Campus, and the Roy Ascott Technoetic Arts program.



ROBIN ZHANG China CEO, Canva

Robin Zhang is the China CEO of Canva.

Canva is the world's largest online design and publishing platform. It was originated from Sydney and is now valued at US\$2.5 billion. Prior to joining Canva, Robin was a founding member of LinkedIn China, leading consumer marketing and product operations.

Robin also worked at Bain & Company and Apple and had an MBA degree from Wharton Business School.



# 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).



**JADE LITTLE** Executive Director

Jade's career has been focused in the resources industries. She is employed by BHP as a Production Manager and previously worked for UBS as an Analyst in their Mining Research Team, a consultant in transformation services for mining, oil & gas and construction sectors for McKinsey & Company, and a Project Manager compiling independent technical reviews used for mining related Initial Public Offerings for RungePincockMinarco based in Beijing. Prior to Jade's move to China, she worked in Queensland and New South Wales as a mining engineer and completed university work placements in China and India.

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). She also has a Master of Science in Global Finance jointly awarded by Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) and New York University's (NYU) Stern Business School. She 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.



HENRY F. MAKEHAM Director

Henry is a Senior Associate Counsel with one of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds. Henry founded the Australia-China Youth Dialogue. He also co-founded the Australia-China Youth Association and the Australia-China Young Professionals Initiative. He serves on the Panel of Advisors of the University of Sydney's China Studies Centre and has written on Asia Pacific regionalism, 'Chinese Perspectives on the Feasibility of an Asia Pacific Community', published in *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* (Oxford University Press). He has been a participant in the Young Leadership Dialogue of the Australian American Leadership Dialogue, the Australia-China Forum and Asia Society's Asia 21 Young Leaders Initiative. Henry graduated with double First Class Honors degrees from the Australian National University in Law and Chinese Studies. He is a recipient of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavor Award, and was honored as the university's 2015 Young Alumnus of the Year. He also holds a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School where he served as Managing Editor of the *Harvard Business Law Review*.



ELIZABETH RESIDE Director

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.



# COMPANY SECRETARY



**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.



**PATRICIA SAW** Company Secretary

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.

# MANAGEMENT TEAM



**MATHEW BENJAMIN** Program Curator

Mathew Benjamin joined the Australia-China Youth Dialogue Management Committee in January 2019, having been a delegate in 2018, and speaker in 2017.

Mathew is Founder of AsiaRecon, an organisation that was established in 2014 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 investments into Australia's leading technology backed startups from the likes of Foxconn, Sequoia China and Tencent.

Mathew holds a Master of International Business and Law from the University of Sydney. Mathew has also undertaken coursework at East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai, and was awarded the Taiwan Ministry of Education MTC Scholarship to undertake Chinese studies at the National Taiwan National University, Taipei.



**HU YUZHOU VINCENT** Delegate Selection Manager

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

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

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



**KARIM ISSA** Project Manager

Karim is a lawyer working for an international firm in Beijing. His practice focuses on representing Chinese and foreign clients in cross-border mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions in the Asia region.

Karim has applied his love for China to propel his success in numerous cultural events, including representing Australia in the World Finals of the China Bridge Chinese Language Competition and various other language and cultural competitions. He was recently a finalist for the Young Australian China Alumni of the Year Award, and a panelist on the CCTV coverage of the G20 Leaders' Summit held in Hangzhou in September 2016.

Karim holds a Bachelor of Laws with honours and a Bachelor of Arts (Chinese) from the University of Queensland and a diploma in Advanced Chinese Studies from the Beijing Language and Culture University. Karim has also worked in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Brisbane, his passion for cross-cultural connections has seen him pick up a little bit of Japanese, Cantonese and Queensland-English along the way.

## MANAGEMENT TEAM - CONTINUED



**MANELLE ISSA** Communications Manager

Manelle is a marketing and communications professional with a passion for culture and creativity. For five years Manelle worked in the Chamber of Commerce network within Australia. She has worked on international trade projects for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland, with a particular focus on export growth in China. She was program manager for CCIQ ecoBiz, a Queensland Government initiative providing education and advisory services to help SMEs improve sustainability and productivity. She also managed key corporate partnerships including Deloitte, BDO and Shell. Manelle was responsible for federally-funded digital enterprise initiatives and is passionate about big data, technology and strategic marketing.

She holds a Bachelor of Business/ Creative Industries (with distinction) in Marketing and Media Communications from the Queensland University of Technology and has been a Mentor since 2014. She hosts a regular segment on local ABC Radio Brisbane and runs a trivia company in her spare time.



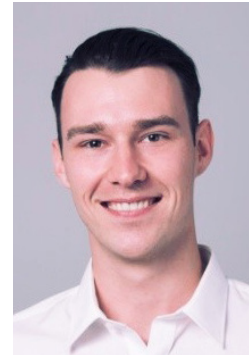
**TASHARNI JAMIESON** Alumni Manager

Tash Jamieson is the Global Founders Program Manager at the University of New South Wales, helping established startups with their international ambitions.

She has previously worked in Strategic Policy at the Australian Department of Defence, was the inaugural China Alumni Engagement Manager for the Australian Embassy, Beijing, and worked for the and 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 and 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.

Tash is the International Youth Representative for Tall Ships Australia and New Zealand, and is a qualified group fitness instructor. She has performed as a musician in Melbourne, Sydney and Beijing.



**ALISTAIR SEXTON** Logistics Manager

Alistair Sexton is a Relationship Manager at the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai. He works with members to further their business interests by ensuring they have access to all the networking, support, advocacy and services that the Chamber provides. Alistair is primarily focused on assisting companies in HR, Manufacturing and professional services sectors.

He holds a Bachelor of International Business and a Bachelor of International Relations from Griffith University. After graduation, Alistair worked as a project manager for an Australian manufacturing company in Brisbane for two years before taking the leap and moving to Shanghai in 2018.

Alistair is also on the committee of the Australia-China Young Professionals (ACYPI) chapter in Shanghai, organizing activity to help young professionals develop a deeper understanding of the issues facing businesses in China and Australia.

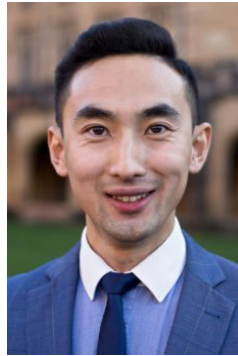




**JAMES TANG** Photographer

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.



**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.



**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.

# 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.



**ANDREW FEI** Partnerships Associate

Andrew Fei is a trilingual lawyer who advises global clients on a broad range of cross-border banking, capital markets, fintech and financial regulatory matters.

Andrew holds a master of laws degree from Harvard Law School, and master and bachelor of laws degrees from Cambridge University. He is currently a senior associate at King & Wood Mallesons. Previously, he worked 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. He advises Chinese companies about complex cross-border transactions in Australia and the Asia Pacific region.



**LIAM TAY KEARNEY** Partnerships Associate

Liam is a macroeconomics research student at the University of Western Australia under the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) programme, specialising in foreign direct investment.

Liam was previously the New Colombo Plan China Fellow (2017) and Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Asian Exchange Scholar (2018) – and completed placements at the Australian Embassy, Beijing, and United Nations Capital Development Fund in Yangon, Myanmar.

Liam curated the Australia-China Emerging Leaders Summit (ACELS) in Beijing (2018) and Shanghai (2019) and served as China Manager of the Australia-China Youth Association in 2018. Liam lived in China for three years with stints in Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou and comes from a Singapore-Irish background.



**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.



**YEN TAN** Alumni Country Head

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Yen developed strong ties to Australia whilst travelling around the country on a working holiday visa at the age of 20. She went back to Hong Kong to finish university and later joined Morgan Stanley, helping clients raise capital via overseas listings and mergers.

Yen migrated to Sydney in 2012 and later became an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs Australia. She provides business intelligence on financial services, consumer retail, technology and natural resources as well as contributing to some of the largest cross-border mandates. With her broad set of skills, cultural sensitivity and exposure to different markets, she wanted to promote Australia-China economic and cultural exchange via the Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD).

Following the growing opportunities in Asia, Yen has recently returned to Hong Kong as Regional Director, Trade & Investment at the British Consulate-General in Hong Kong. In her new role, she is responsible for developing market strategy and partnerships to secure trade and investment in the region.



## ASSOCIATE TEAM - CONTINUED



**AMBER ZIYE WANG**  
Communications Associate

Amber Ziye Wang is the Senior Public Diplomacy Officer at the Australian embassy in Beijing. A former journalist and researcher, Amber found her passion for China-Australia relations when she was an international student in Melbourne. After seeing fellow Chinese students passing through the system without sufficiently engaging with the local community, she was inspired to take part in change via writing. Starting her career covering the Chinese Australian diaspora for Chinese-language media, she has since reported for many publications on China including the Washington Post and Bloomberg, and has conducted research for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute on China's digital censorship against foreign governments including Australia. Also a part of the Australia China Youth Association in Beijing, she is deeply passionate about youth engagement and a strong advocate in the areas of media and education.



**YIFAN WANG** Treasury Associate

Yifan is currently undertaking a Master of Management (Accounting and Finance) at the University of Melbourne. While studying a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Newcastle (UoN), Yifan found her passion in Sino-Australian relationship. Her community achievement was proudly recognized by UoN as 2016 Global Citizen Award Winner.

Yifan has experience working in both financial services industry and non-governmental organizations, such as Corpus Prima Mandiri Jakarta and AustCham Beijing. In 2018, she was elected as the National Treasurer for the Australia-China Youth Association (ACYA).

Yifan is a strong advocate for gender equality and cultural diversity. Seeing herself 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, a launching pad for women to grow, lead and empower each other. Her exchange experience has further strengthened her cross-cultural communication.







# SESSION CHAIRS



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.



DAVID BENNETT 2016 Delegate

David Bennett is IP Australia's first Intellectual Property Counsellor to China, based at the Australian Embassy, Beijing. He helps Australians to protect their intellectual property in China, in particular by providing information and guidance on the realities of IP registration and enforcement, which often differ from people's expectations. He also supports the Australian government's engagement with China on IP matters.

David has worked in IP Australia's international, domestic, and trade policy sections, as well as in the private sector. He is a registered Trade Marks Attorney and former biotechnology patent examiner, with a technical background in molecular biology. He has worked and studied in the USA, Japan, Australia and China, and he participated in the Australia-China Youth Dialogue in 2016. David enjoys exploring Beijing, particularly the hutongs and the growing craft beer scene.



MARK CHAN 2014 Delegate

Mark Chan 陈兴万 is the Founder and Principal of the Consseau Institute 孔梭学院. Founded in 2016 and headquartered in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, the Consseau Institute is one of China's leading specialist international education service providers, partnering with high schools like Ningbo Foreign Language School and universities like Zhejiang University.

Previously Mark was the Head of Risk-Asia, Sales & Project Finance, Global Growth & Operations at GE Corporation. With a banking & finance career spanning 10 years working in Sydney and Hong Kong, Mark had significant experience working on Private Equity, Leveraged Finance, Project Finance, Structured Asset Finance and Cross-Border Structured Debt deals, with a cumulative transaction value of USD 120 billion. Prior to working at GE, Mark began his career at ANZ in their Investment Banking division.

In Australia and in Hong Kong, Mark was heavily involved with the Liberal Party. Most recently, he was the Chairman of Australian Liberals Abroad (Hong Kong) branch.





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.

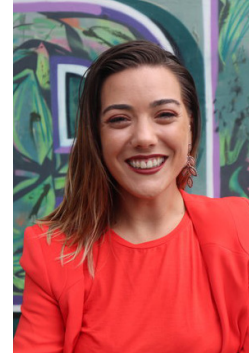


CINDY GOTTINGER 2013 Delegate

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).



TASHARNI JAMIESON 2016 Delegate

Tash Jamieson is the Global Founders Program Manager at the University of New South Wales, helping established startups with their international ambitions.

She has previously worked in Strategic Policy at the Australian Department of Defence, was the inaugural China Alumni Engagement Manager for the Australian Embassy, Beijing, and worked for the and 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 and 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.

Tash is the International Youth Representative for Tall Ships Australia and New Zealand, and is a qualified group fitness instructor. She has performed as a musician in Melbourne, Sydney and Beijing.

## SESSION CHAIRS - CONTINUED



CHRISTOPHER KONG 2011 Delegate

Christopher Kong is Director, Data/Digital Transformation & Insight at Danone Nutricia China. He leads the company's endeavours to leverage technology & analytics to become more consumer-centric, results-focused & data-driven. Before joining Danone, he advised 30 multinational Consumer Packaged Goods companies at Nielsen China. He previously held leadership positions at Cadbury / Kraft, where he navigated a turnaround business in China to achieve its first year of profitability, and launched a new brand.

Christopher's background is in Economics & Law, having earned a BCom / LLB (Hons) from the University of Melbourne. He has participated in the Executive Leadership Program at IMD Business School, and is a qualified Chartered Financial Analyst.

In his spare time, Christopher volunteers for Bloom Education, mentoring youth to discover & leverage their strengths.



MICHAEL SU 2017 Delegate

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

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

Having experienced first hand the social, economic and technological forces which have transformed China over the past few decades, Michael is passionate about how China will contribute to the region and to the world.



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.



YEN TAN 2017 Delegate

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Yen developed strong ties to Australia whilst travelling around the country on a working holiday visa at the age of 20. She went back to Hong Kong to finish university and later joined Morgan Stanley, helping clients raise capital via overseas listings and mergers.

Yen migrated to Sydney in 2012 and later became an Executive Director at Goldman Sachs Australia. She provides business intelligence on financial services, consumer retail, technology and natural resources as well as contributing to some of the largest cross-border mandates. With her broad set of skills, cultural sensitivity and exposure to different markets, she wanted to promote Australia-China economic and cultural exchange via the Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD).

Following the growing opportunities in Asia, Yen has recently returned to Hong Kong as Regional Director, Trade & Investment at the British Consulate-General in Hong Kong. In her new role, she is responsible for developing market strategy and partnerships to secure trade and investment in the region.

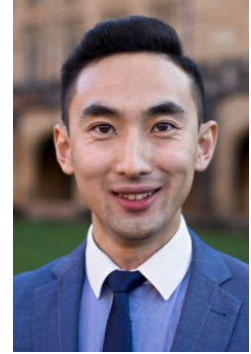


LIAM TAY KEARNEY 2016 Delegate

Liam is a macroeconomics research student at the University of Western Australia under the Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) programme, specialising in foreign direct investment.

Liam was previously the New Colombo Plan China Fellow (2017) and Westpac Bicentennial Foundation Asian Exchange Scholar (2018) – and completed placements at the Australian Embassy, Beijing, and United Nations Capital Development Fund in Yangon, Myanmar.

Liam curated the Australia-China Emerging Leaders Summit (ACELS) in Beijing (2018) and Shanghai (2019) and served as China Manager of the Australia-China Youth Association in 2018. Liam lived in China for three years with stints in Beijing, Shanghai and Hangzhou and comes from a Singapore-Irish background.



WILLIAM ZHAO 2016 Delegate

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.







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