

Friday Forum – October 2024

***The Future of AUKUS:
Transpacific Security and the Anglosphere***

Chaired by Professor Paul Giles

Friday 25 October 2024, 1.30pm–3.00pm AEDT

To be held via Teams and in person at ACU Melbourne campus
Room 11, level 7, St Teresa of Kolkata building (421.7.11)
115b Victoria Parade, Fitzroy VIC 3065

ABOUT THIS FRIDAY FORUM

This forum will consider the future of the AUKUS partnership, the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States announced in 2021 that is intended to "promote a free and open Indo-Pacific that is secure and stable." This partnership has recently been the subject of intense political controversy and public debate, and this forum will debate the prospects and implications of AUKUS not just in relation to security issues, but also the cultural politics of the Anglosphere and conceptions of national identity more generally.



ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

[John Blaxland](#) is Director of the ANU North America Liaison Office and Professor of International Security and Intelligence Studies in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC), Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, College of Asia and the Pacific at the Australian National University (ANU).

[Maria Rost Rublee](#) is Professor of International Relations at the University of Melbourne, with expertise in international relations, including nuclear politics, maritime security, and gender and diversity in national security.

[Brendon O'Connor](#) is a Professor of US Politics and US Foreign Relations. He is jointly appointed between the United States Studies Centre and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (in the Discipline of Government and International Relations) at the University of Sydney. He is the editor of seven books on anti-Americanism and has also published articles and books on American welfare policy, presidential politics, US foreign policy, and Australian-American relations.

ABOUT THE CHAIR

[Paul Giles](#) is Professor of English in the Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences. He is the author of eleven monographs and numerous essays on English, American and Australian literature and culture.



Postcard commemorating the "Great White Fleet"'s visit to Australia, 1908. Source: [Australian Maritime Museum](#).

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