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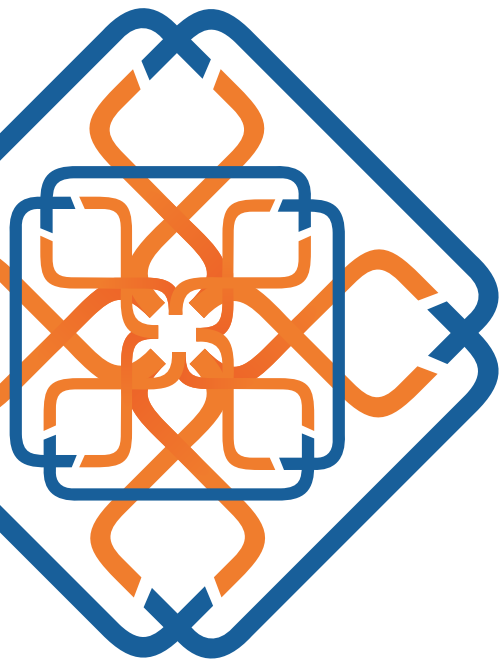
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WELCOME FROM AIYD CHAIR



Friends of the Australia India Youth Dialogue,

It is with immense joy and satisfaction that I share with you the Australia India Youth Dialogue 2019 (AIYD 2019) - Report, summarizing the eighth conference of the Australia India Youth Dialogue (AIYD) held in Melbourne and Sydney from 20 to 23 February 2019.

Over the past eight years, AIYD has evolved into the pre-eminent “people-to-people” Track 2 Dialogue between the two nations by creating a unique pathway for 240 young leaders to engage with the bilateral relationship. New and diverse voices have been added each year to reflect the aspirations of young people in the two countries and their aspirations for the bilateral ties. This year’s cohort included a Grammy Award Winner, two State-level Young Australians of the Year, one of the Top 100 Women of Influence, an Advisor to Chief Minister, a National Media Spokesperson, a Business Newspaper Editor, a Political Candidate in the upcoming Federal Elections, various Business Leaders and Academics.

AIYD 2019 has capitalized on the exciting possibilities of this bilateral relationship to leverage discussions around the theme of ‘Activating the Youth Multiplier’. This year’s delegates were provided with expert insights on Education & Cultural Intelligence, Economic Relationship and Policy Development. Leading representatives of the Australian Federal Government - Foreign Minister Marise Payne - and the Federal Opposition - Shadow Minister Jason Clare - were part of this year’s panels.

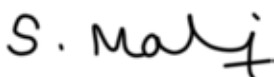
I hope that you will find this Report to be a fair record of our annual flagship event and one that effectively showcases the journey of this volunteer-run, youth-driven public diplomacy initiative.

AIYD 2019, like in all previous years, would not have been possible without the support of our Partners, the Board of Advisors and the tireless Steering Committee. We are grateful to our Partners for supporting AIYD and all its work; we are truly appreciative of the support extended by the two Governments and High Commissions for believing in our vision of the bilateral.

At the end of AIYD 2019, we bid farewell to Karan Anand (Chair), Talish Ray, Ben Heenan and Achyutha Sharma from the Steering Committee. They have worked tirelessly to build AIYD into what it is today and I can not thank them enough for all that they have done for this organization.

I hope you will enjoy reading through this Report and that this will supplement your views, opinions and hopes for the Australia India bilateral relationship.

Sincerely,



MANURAJ SHUNMUGASUNDARAM
INCOMING CHAIR
PARTNER, GANESAN AND MANURAJ LEGAL LLP

MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON

OUR PATRON'S MESSAGE

“Good relations between countries are ultimately founded upon good personal relationships. The Australia India Youth Dialogue recognises this, and for many years has been at the forefront of fostering friendship, contacts and networks between young people from both countries.

As Patron, I have every confidence that the bonds of friendship and respect forged by the AIYD will continue to contribute to the strength and value of this most important bilateral relationship.”

– *Governor General of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd).*

HON. SCOTT MORRISON MP, PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

2019 AUSTRALIA INDIA YOUTH DIALOGUE

It was almost 130 years ago that Alfred Deakin, Australia's second Prime Minister, appreciated the potential of Australia's relationship with India. Travelling to the subcontinent in 1890–91, he saw our nations' proximity as opportunity, and predicted the distance between us would diminish year by year.

Today, the truth of Deakin's words can be seen in the economic and strategic ties our nations so proudly share, and in the strong esteem in which we hold each other.

The Australia India Youth Dialogue is a wonderful opportunity to affirm the growing links between our nations and to consider issues of shared concern. I thank all delegates for your involvement and for the new perspectives you will bring.

The Australia—India relationship is strong and multi-faceted, and I have no doubt it will remain dynamic into the future thanks to the commitment of young people like yourselves to our partnership. It is in that spirit that I wish all participants a productive and thought-provoking Dialogue.



The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia

6 February 2019

HON. PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA, SHRI NARENDRA MODI



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प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister
MESSAGE

India and Australia have a long and productive history of effective bilateral relationship. Our mutual commitment and faith in the ideals of democracy has been a source of inspiration for many in the world. With the rejuvenation of global power axis in the Indian Ocean Region, India prominently with Australia and other countries from the region look forward to a more robust engagement for a just, stable and a peaceful region. Peace, progress and prosperity defines the objective of our relationship.

But at the heart of our relationship lies our strong people-to-people links. Only a stronger people to people relationship can strengthen a stronger government to government relationship.

The Australia India Youth Dialogue (AIYD) has been an effective track-two young leaders' dialogue between Australia and India since 2012. This year the dialogue on the theme of 'Activating the Youth Multiplier' is set to happen in Melbourne and Sydney in the month of February. I warmly extend my best wishes to the young and accomplished leaders from both the countries who will set the tone for a more meaningful and productive bilateral relationship between the two countries.

I encourage all the participating delegates and organizers to come out with some actionable points after ideation and proactive deliberations around issues concerning the two nations.

Best wishes for the Australia India Youth Dialogue.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
06 February, 2019

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The AIYD would not be possible without the generous support of all of our sponsors. Each sponsor brings unique value to the Dialogue and on behalf of all our delegates and the Steering Committee, we would like to thank them for their support.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Australia India Youth Dialogue's annual flagship conference was held between 20 and 23 February 2019. The conference brought together 15 delegates from India and 15 delegates from Australia to deliberate on issues of bilateral importance.

This year's delegates consisted of a Grammy Award winner, two state Young Australians of the Year, political advisors, journalists, entrepreneurs, management consultants and academics.

At the conference, which took place in Melbourne and Sydney, the delegates listened to a wide range of experts on the evolution of the relationship between the two nations. The theme of this year's conference - 'Activating the Youth Multiplier' and the three sub-themes: Education and Cultural Intelligence, Economy and Policy Development - allowed youth leaders to engage on innovative ways to generate opportunities of mutual interest.

The AIYD 2019 conference received letters of support from Hon Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia and Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India. The Hon Marise Payne, Foreign Minister of Australia and Hon Jason Clare, Shadow Trade Minister interacted with the delegates and offered their views on the role of politics in shaping the shared destinies of the two nations.

This year's conference focused on developing unique insights on developing an equitable relationship between the people of the two nations. Some of the key potential outcomes from the conference included collaborative efforts to increase the number of elected women representatives and developing safe online spaces for women politicians. Other such outcomes included untapping the potential of AIYD alumni to raising awareness about rural, agrarian distress using cricket.

The delegates who are part of the AIYD conference join an illustrious group of AIYD alumni whose network is expansive and rich in diversity. 25% of AIYD alumni have the title of CEO /Founder/Chair, 8 of whom are elected MPs (including two state opposition leaders in Australia), 6 of whom are news anchors or national editors, 3 are Olympic gold medalists, one former national cricketer and the total number of twitter followers of this network is around 2 million. This alumni network represents the true strength of the AIYD and, in many ways, the real potential of the bilateral future.

AIYD 2019 PROGRAMME

Programme Overview - Australia India Youth Dialogue 2019

20th – 23rd Feb, Melbourne and Sydney, Australia

DAY 1, Wednesday 20/2/19

Melbourne – Activating the Youth Multiplier

Time	Activity	Location
11:00	Delegates meet at Hotel lobby	Sofitel on Collins
11:30 - 12:00	Take tram to Deakin University CBD Campus	
12:00 - 13:15	AIYD Welcome by Steering Committee	Deakin University Downtown Tower 2, 727 Collins St, Docklands VIC 3008
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	Cultural Intelligence Workshop Facilitation led by Duncan Smith	
15:30 - 16:25	Introduction “Australia India Relations” Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Varghese, Chancellor University of Queensland • Rakesh Malhotra, Consul General of India to Melbourne • Barry O’Farrell, Deputy Chair of the Australia India Council and Former Premier of NSW Supported by Deakin University Moderator: John Molony , Pro Vice Chancellor (International), Deakin University	
16:25 - 16:30	Vote of Thanks by John Molony , Pro Vice Chancellor (International), Deakin University	
16:30 - 17:00	Afternoon Tea	
17:00 - 17:30	Travel back to Hotel	

18:30	<p>Opening Gala Cocktail Night Hosted by Hayley Bolding OAM, AIYD Steering Committee and 2012 Alumnus</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary-Anne Thomas MLA, Cabinet Secretary, Victorian Government • Stephanie Rice OAM, Triple Olympic Gold Medallist and AIYD 2017 Alumnus • Artistic Performance - Churning Waters 	Investment Centre Victoria, Level 46, 55 Collins St, Melbourne
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DAY 2, Thursday 21/2/19

Melbourne – Trade & Economics

Time	Activity	Location
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast	Sofitel on Collins
09:15 - 09:30	MC Introduction to Day 2: Trade & Economics	
09:30 - 10:30	<p>Panel discussion: Trade & Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessie Mitchell - Head, Victorian Government India Strategy Implementation • Megan Mulia - Director of Asia Practice at PWC <p><u>Supported by Victorian Government</u></p> <p>Moderator: James Edwards, AIYD 2016 Alumnus and Steering Committee Member</p>	Investment Centre Victoria, Level 46, 55 Collins St, Melbourne
10:30 - 11:15	Delegate Discussions	Investment Centre Victoria, Level 46, 55 Collins St, Melbourne
11:15 - 13:00	Group Challenge Introduction and Working Session 1 <u>Supported by Tata Consultancy Services</u>	
13:00 - 13:45	Lunch	
13:45 - 14:00	Travel to Melbourne Cricket Ground	Bus pickup Sofitel Melbourne, 25 Collins St.
14:00 - 16:15	<p>Melbourne Cricket Ground Tour with Delegates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A Session with Sachin Kumar, Head of International Relations & Scheduling, Cricket Australia and AIYD 2018 Alumnus 	Melbourne Cricket Ground, Gate 3, Jolimont St, Jolimont

16:00	Depart for Airport	
18:30 - 20:00	Flight to Sydney	
20:00 - 21:00	Transfer to Hotel	
21:00 - 22:00	Free Evening	

DAY 3, Friday 22/2/19

Sydney – Education & Cultural intelligence

Time	Activity	Location
07:00 - 08:30	Breakfast	At Hotel, Depart for UTS
09:00	MC Introduction to Day 3: Education & Cultural Intelligence	
09:05	Opening Remarks by Belinda Howell , Chief Market Development Officer at UTS Insearch	UTS - level 4, 645 Harris Street, Ultimo
09:15	Bala Rangaraju - Education Researcher and Social Entrepreneur - Policy Interventions in Education	Bus drop off/pick up: Mary Ann Street Park near Harris Street intersection
09:40 - 10:40	<p>Panel – Education & Building Cultural Intelligence</p> <p>Supported by UTS Insearch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Nina Burrige, Associate Professor Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Technology, Sydney • Bala Rangaraju, Education Researcher and Social Entrepreneur <p>Moderator: Manuraj Shunmugasundaram, AIYD 2014 Alumnus and Steering Committee Member</p>	
10:40 - 11:00	Morning Tea	
11:00 - 11:30	Discussion with The Hon. Jason Clare , Shadow Trade Minister on the Australia India Trade Relationship	
11:30 - 12:30	Group Challenge Working Session & Lunch	
12:30 - 13:15	Address by Senator The Hon. Marise Payne , Foreign Minister of Australia	

13:15 - 13:45	Transfer to Macquarie University by Bus	Macquarie University Incubator, North Ryde
14:00 - 14:45	<p>Interactive Panel Discussion “Building Cultural Intelligence Through Education”</p> <p>Supported by Macquarie University</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Julian Knowles, Associate Dean International, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University • Dr Julian Droogan, Sr. Lecturer, Dept. of Security Studies and Criminology, Macquarie University 	
14:45 - 15:00	Afternoon Tea & Presentation of Macquarie Incubator	
15:00 - 16:30	Readings for Equitable Dialogue: Facilitated by Achyutha Sharma , AIYD 2014 Alumnus and Steering Committee	
16:30 - 17:00	Tour of the Arts Facilities, Macquarie University	
17:00 - 17:45	Head back to Hotel by Bus	
19:00	Activity - Cruise on Sydney Harbour	Pyrmont Wharf

DAY 4, Saturday, 23/2/19

Sydney – Policy Development

Time	Activity	Location
08:30 - 09:00	Travel to UNSW	Tyree Room, Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington
09:05 - 09:10	MC Introduction to Day 4: Policy Development	
09:10 - 09:15	UNSW Welcome Remarks: Laurie Pearcey , Pro Vice Chancellor International, UNSW	

09:30 - 10:30	<p>Panel Discussion - Policy Development</p> <p>Supported by UNSW</p> <p>Mihir Sharma - ORF Fellow, Columnist, Author</p> <p>The Hon. Scott Farlow MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier (Leader of the House) in the Legislative Council</p> <p>Moderated by Monika Barthwal-Datta, AIYD Steering Committee Alumnus and Lecturer at UNSW</p>	Tyree Room, Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington
10:30 - 11:15	Delegate Discussions	
11:15 - 11:30	Morning Tea	
11:30 - 12:00	Travel to USyd	
12:00 - 14:00	Lunch/Group Challenge Last Working Session	RD Watt Building, University of Sydney
14:00 - 14:30	Group Challenge Pitches	
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Policy in Action: University of Sydney Policy Lab Session</p> <p>Supported by the University of Sydney</p> <p>Facilitated by Professor Marc Stears</p>	
16:00 - 16:30	<p>Afternoon Tea & Alumni Presentation</p> <p>Danielle Rajendram, AIYD 2014 Alumnus and Steering Committee Alumnus</p> <p>Talish Ray, AIYD 2015 Alumnus and Steering Committee Member</p>	
16:30 - 17:00	Travel Back to Hotel	
19:00 - 22:00	<p>Closing Gala Dinner</p> <p>Hosted by Ben Heenan, Steering Committee Member</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Ray Williams, NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, Representing The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, Premier of NSW • Senator The Hon. Lisa Singh • The Hon. Julian Leeser MP, Co-Chair Parliamentary Friends of India • Talish Ray - Founder, Girls Gotta Know and AIYD 2015 Alumnus 	Terrace Room Maritime Museum Darling Harbour

AIYD 2019 GROUP CHALLENGE

Supported by Tata Consultancy Services

The group challenge is by far one of the most exciting elements of the AIYD Conference. This year, it allowed delegates to explore, in depth, opportunities for Australia and India to collaborate and address issues in relation to the AIYD 2019 theme: activating the youth multiplier.

The delegates were split into six groups of Australian and Indian participants from differing backgrounds; and asked to identify what they considered to be an issue - “challenge” - around which the youth of Australia and India could meaningfully collaborate. The idea of what is a challenge is left open in order to encourage creativity and fresh ideas from the groups. It could be something specific to Australia and India or it could be a universal issue to which Australia and India could make a unique contribution.

Each group was given a minimum of three working sessions together before they presented their work on the final day of the Conference. It was essential that geographic and gender balance within each group was maintained. Each group also had an AIYD Steering Committee member to mentor them. Dr Praveen Gauravaram, an innovation and technology expert, from Tata Consultancy Services was present throughout the working session to guide all groups. Drawing on his extensive experience driving multi-country innovation projects at TCS, Dr Praveen Gauravaram provided valuable inputs to all teams on how to frame their issue(s) and how to present their solution(s).

By bringing together delegates with different experience and perspectives, the Group Challenge helped the Conference at large identify emerging challenges and new ways to collaborate that could strengthen and progress the Australia-India relationship. Working together over the three days of the dialogue, the Group Challenge allowed the delegates to form closer working relationships that will endure beyond the Conference.

On the final day of the Conference, each group pitched a three minute presentation to our judging panel that included representatives from all Sponsor / Partner Organizations. With the aid of some impressive role play, the groups presented some truly thoughtful ideas making it a tough decision for the judges. For the first time in the history of the AIYD Group Challenge, two groups (group number 1 and group number 3), both exploring the theme of encouraging more young women to enter politics, were selected as joint winners.



A short synopsis of each of the group challenge pitches is included below:

Group 1 - Safe Digital Spaces

The group, consisting of a pre-selected candidate for the Federal elections, advisor to an elected Chief Minister and journalist, came together and identified the lack of safe digital spaces for women across the two countries. The group had pitched a Twitter/ social media storm idea by online users in the two countries to raise awareness of abuse and harassment faced by women, especially those in public life, online. The project would work on a “WO-manifesto” endorsed by senior women politicians across the aisle and the ocean to urge Twitter, Governments and fellow public servants to change online behaviour.

Group 2 - Platform for Collaboration and Support

Group 2 pitched a platform for young kids to come together and have conversations. The conversations will be facilitated by the providers of the platform. The platform will leverage technological advances, like a web enabled physical infrastructure where young kids can come and interact with each other. The targeted beneficiaries of this platform would be “children of impressionable age” and the objective of the overall project was to sensitise kids of existing differences and identify the areas of mutual co-operation and support.

Group 3 - Pathways to Politics

Group 3 concentrated on the lack of female representation in all levels of politics within both countries and what barriers existed that could be addressed. They focused on a program started in Australia by fellow group member Caitlin that developed and mentored young aspiring women in the key skills of political engagement and practice. The group designed a process for this program to start a pilot version in Delhi to address similar issues, with relevant context provided by the Indian members of the group. They also tracked a path whereby the program could expand to other cities and regional areas.

Group 4 - AIYD Connect and AIYD Stories

Group 4 proposed to create a robust, active communication channel for AIYD community through two verticals. The first vertical would be AIYD Connect, an active, well-curated Facebook group allowing alumni across years and sectors to do the big ASKs, connect and collaborate. The second vertical would be podcasts - a special online content about trends covering the bilateral relationship and highlighting AIYD alumni collaborations and achievements of outstanding alumnus. This would help drive the AIYD strategy's strategic pillar number two - Alumni Enablement.

Group 5 - 12 in 12 Project

The 12 in 12 project would be a platform to continue the valuable discussion on the dialogue by facilitating monthly discussions on set topics and producing a report that can be used to promote youth ideas and leadership. It would use the delphi method to map and document the challenges preventing engagement in these areas. The project groups would submit these reports to government and business to drive action.

Group 6 - Agrarian Distress Relief

Group 6 proposed a cricket tournament that could shine attention on the mental health issues and suicide rates of farmers in both India and Australia. The cricket competition would feature teams from India’s agricultural population, with the final to be held in Australia.

SESSION SUMMARIES

Wednesday 20th February 2019, Melbourne

Cultural Intelligence Workshop - Duncan Smith

The session was led by Duncan Smith with an introduction of cultural intelligence and leadership. The delegates were divided into two groups of Indians and Australian representatives to go through a mapping of confirmed and unconfirmed biases through a worksheet. The worksheet exercise highlighted the contrast in “cultural mirrors” of Australian - Indian cultures at a general level. This was followed up with group discussions on biases and how they can be addressed with critical questions and thinking. This session came to be reflected upon during the course of the Conference with delegates revisiting aspects of cultural intelligence in the perspective of the bilateral relationship between Australia & India.

Introduction to “Australia India Relations”

The next session of AIYD 2019 was a panel discussion on the bilateral relationship focusing on the India Economic Strategy 2035 written by Peter Varghese AO. Delegates got an overview of the report and the current state of the bilateral relationship between Australia and India. The panel was led by Mr Peter Varghese, AO and Chancellor of University and the key speakers included Deputy Chair of Australia India Council, Mr Barry O'Farell and Consul General of India in Melbourne, Rakesh Malhotra. John Molony, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) from Deakin University moderated the session.

In this session, speakers shared how the bilateral ties had gained fresh momentum especially after the Varghese Report was released. The delegates learnt how the report and its recommendations had received bipartisan political support in Australia and that the Indian government was now framing a response to the Varghese Report. The discussion also focused on emerging opportunities in education, tourism, innovation and art & culture. The speakers emphasised that the scope of the relationship would benefit tremendously with strategic “people to people” connections between the two countries.



Gala Cocktail Night

MC, Hayley Bolding (OAM) Director of Programs at Practera and Former AIYD Steering Committee and 2012 alumna welcomed the AIYD 2019 delegates and invited guests to a star studded night. The night began with a special Welcome to Country by Churning Waters, a collaboration between Gundijtmara creative cultural artist Vicki Couzens, Indian singer Uthra Vijay, and performance artist and academic Dr Priya Srinivasan. The performance explored the association of mother earth and our treatment of the environment in a larger context. A genuine oscillation between the Indigenous and Indian cultures, it captivated the audience and provided a reflective atmosphere to review our understanding of earth and our relationship with it.

The performance was followed by an interaction with Stephanie Rice, former Australian competitive swimmer who won three gold medals at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Stephanie Rice was also a 2017 AIYD alumna and since then has spent a considerable amount of time in India being a host of the Pro Kabbadi League (PKL). Rice has also announced that she is starting a Indian swimming academy.

This was followed by a special address by the Victorian cabinet secretary Mary-Anne Thomas who spoke about the unique bond between Victoria and India. Victoria is proudly home to Australia's largest Indian population. She further asserted that Victoria is committed to deepening its relationship with India and as such is looking to increase its relationship across trade, student intakes, business engagements, and tourism.

Thursday 21st February 2109, Melbourne

Panel discussion: Trade & Economics

The panel discussion saw a high-quality interaction on the four integral pillars of the Australia - India relationship: Trade, Investment, International Students and Australians of Indian heritage. There was overwhelming consensus that support on creating migration policies and infrastructure was of paramount importance. It was also further stressed that State governments in Australia directly engaging with Indian Government and Indian states was the way forward. In that context, policies such as the Victoria India innovation funds for promotion of research play a vital role. The panelists for the discussion were Jessie Mitchell, Manager for South and Southeast Asia, Vic Gov. Department of Premier and Cabinet and Megan Mulia, Director, Asia Practice, PWC.

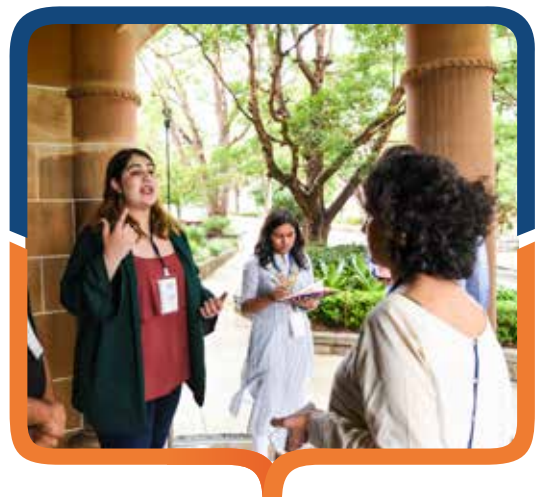
The discussion highlighted that skill development is an area where the interests of both nations converge. And that the Victorian strategy is decoding and analyzing the opportunities present in the bilateral. There is a predominant role to be played by the technology ecosystem in promoting this relationship. However, it was also agreed that Australian interest now is beyond infrastructure sectors in India and that Australians are well positioned to provide vocational education and other educational technology opportunities.

Friday 22nd February 2019, Sydney

Panel – Education & Cultural Intelligence

With Opening Remarks by Belinda Howell, Chief Market Development Officer at University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Insearch, the panel session focussed on problems in the field of education and innovations in learning. Belinda Howell spoke about the support lent by UTS to the Dialogue and its evolution as a track 2 diplomacy program.

The session was led by Bala Rangaraju - education researcher and social entrepreneur - who spoke about the policy interventions in the education sector in India and focused on the short term as well as the long term impact that policy interventions have resulted in. It was followed by a panel discussion with Dr. Nina Burrige, Associate Professor Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Technology, Sydney and Mr. Bala Rangaraju, who provided the Australian and Indian perspectives respectively. The panel was moderated by Manuraj Shunmugasundaram, AIYD 2014 Alumnus and Steering Committee Member. The panelists focused on policy intervention in primary and tertiary education in both countries. Nina Burrige emphasized that the purpose of education was not only about future employment. She touched on the history of Australian education and its divisiveness regarding the First Peoples and Aboriginal communities. She drew attention to how education policies in future needed to focus on these issues of historical importance. Bala Rangaraju spoke about the challenges being faced by the education sector in India and the push towards the homogenization of education in India.



Saturday 23rd February 2019, Sydney

Panel – Education & Cultural Intelligence

The panel discussion was on understanding the processes surrounding policy development in both countries. Panelists Mihir Sharma - ORF Fellow, Columnist, Author and The Hon Scott Farlow MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier (Leader of the House) in the Legislative Council provided deep insights into how policy is made and, often, unmade. The session was moderated by Monika Barthwal Datta, AIYD Steering Committee Alumnus and Senior Lecturer at University of New South Wales (UNSW).

The session witnessed an exciting discussion about policy frameworks in both countries and the capacity shortages in policy making. The submissions from both panelists largely centered around how it is both easier and more dangerous to influence policy under such circumstances. While India often suffers from serious capacity shortages in the domain of policy making, Australia tends to display little policy innovation. Indian policy makers deal with questions of scale whereas Australians are more concerned about delivering effective schemes to remote areas. A more robust engagement between policy makers in the two countries is bound to enrich both parties.

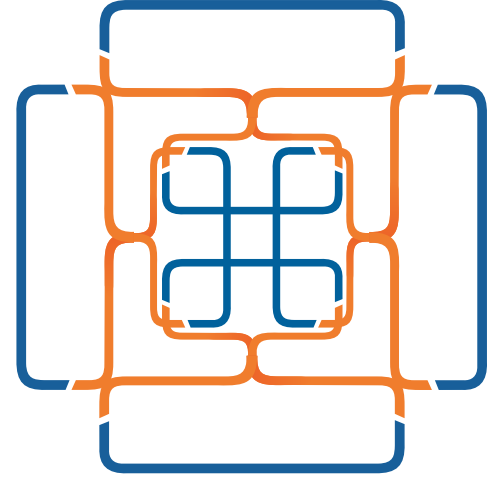


ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

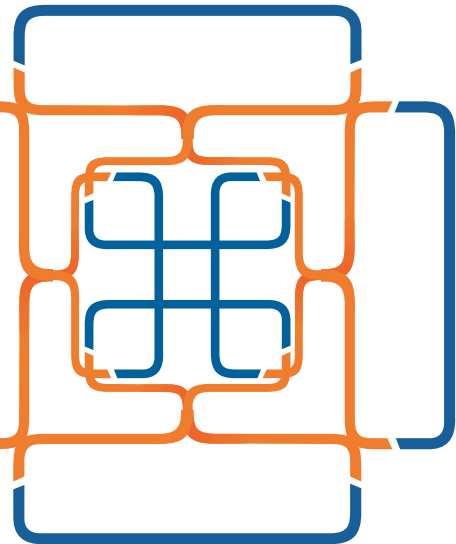
In 2018, we launched AIYD Alumni Chapters with Delhi and Sydney in order to engage with the 200+ alumni from the past years of the Dialogue. Former Steering Committee Members and alumni, Talish Ray, Rishi Suri and Rishabh Gulati will lead the Delhi Chapter; whereas, Karan Anand, Dani Rajendram and Ben Krinsky will lead the Sydney Chapter. The Chapters will hold regular events and provide ongoing networking opportunities for those alumni based in the respective countries.

In general, AIYD alumni have continued to pursue path-breaking opportunities to develop tangible collaborations in the Australia-India space. Some examples from 2018/19 are as follows:

- AIYD 2018 delegates Shaili Chopra (Founder, shethepeople.tv) and Damian Thompson (Community Relations, The Conversation) collaborated immediately following the dialogue and now SheThePeople is carrying the Conversation's content in India
- AIYD 2017 alumnus Guru Prakash organised for 2017 alumnus Erin Watson Lynn to speak on "Emerging Issues and Contemporary Challenges in Australian Foreign Policy" at an event held by his organisation, the India Foundation
- AIYD 2018 alumni Ihitashri Shandilya and Shaili Chopra collaborated across two of their ventures, with Shaili's organisation SheThePeople coming on board as a content partner to TAES 2018, an Arts & Entrepreneurship summit organised by Ihitashri
- AIYD 2018 Delegate Nikhil Sharma, COO of Ginger Hotels became the official hospitality partner for 2018 delegate Vaibhav Chauhan's organisation Sahapedia's "India Heritage Walk Festival" - a collaboration that happened on day 2 of AIYD 2018!
- AIYD 2014 Alumnus & Former Steering Committee member, Achyutha Sharma is launching a "Cultural Diplomacy" initiative. He has partnered with 2018 alumnus Wesa Chau to represent the cultural diplomacy initiative in Australia.
- AIYD Founder Ruchir Punjabi & AIYD 2017 alumna Mitali Mukherjee have partnered with ProBono Australia to co-found Samarthan, a platform for civil society to engage, connect & grow. Samarthan is the only specialist publisher in the social sector space in India and provides digital marketing services specifically for Civil Society participants.



AIYD 2019 DELEGATES



AUSTRALIAN DELEGATES 2019



Abdullahi Alim

Community Manager, World Economic Forum

Abdullahi is a community specialist focused on social engagement in the Middle East and Africa, working for the World Economic Forum in Geneva, Switzerland. Abdullahi came to Australia as a Somali refugee at the age of five. Now, through the Lighthouse Strategy, he runs 'hackathons' – fast-paced and intense exercises that bring bright young innovators together to develop solutions to global challenges. Abdullahi's approach has attracted partners from the Australian Government to Google and the US Department of State. For example, MYHACK, an anti-extremism hackathon he coordinates, has seen young Australians create cutting-edge digital solutions to undermine the influence and pervasive appeal of violent extremist propaganda. Abdullahi's goal is to create hubs or 'lighthouses' around the world to promote social impact and youth entrepreneurship. He has set his sights on innovation challenges to empower more young Australians to solve international issues including the global refugee crisis and Indigenous disadvantage in the West.

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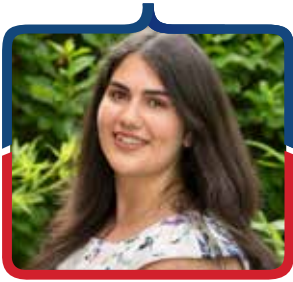
Amit Singh

Head of Global Public Policy (Future of Work), Uber

Amit Singh is the head of global policy at Uber responsible for economic policy, future of work and digital marketplaces. He is based in San Francisco. He previously served as the Senior Economic Adviser to Australian Prime Ministers Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard and Deputy Chief of Staff and Head of Policy to the Leader of the Opposition Bill Shorten. Earlier in his career, he worked as a capital markets lawyer and a corporate M&A adviser, as well as co-founder of a consumer startup that has grown to over 315,000 members and co-founder of Tuxedo Tuesday with Fitted for Work, an initiative to promote the economic participation of women.

He is a director of the Chifley Research Centre and a member of the OECD's Future of Work Engagement Group. He has delivered papers on the future of work at the ILO and leading think tanks around the world and teaches a class on trust and technology at Oxford. He is also a strategic adviser to a number of early-stage startups.

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Caitlin Figueiredo

Founder & CEO, Jasiri Australia

Caitlin Figueiredo is an award-winning entrepreneur eager to shift the dial toward equality and empowerment. A youth and gender equality advocate, Caitlin is successfully driving inclusive opportunities to scores of young women and youth around the world. In 2016, Caitlin won the Young Leader Category in Westpac/AFR 'Australia's 100 Most Influential Women' for her international work, she is the youngest winner in the 5 year history of the awards.

Caitlin is an Ambassador to the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a World Economic Forum Global Shaper and was named a Global Changemaker for Gender Equality by The White House and First Lady Michelle Obama. The Sir Roland Wilson Foundation and ANU identified Caitlin as 'someone who is influential shaping Australia both now, and in the years to come.' Further, she is ranked alongside Chelsea Clinton and Gloria Steinem as an International Influencer to an online platform of 18.5 million women from 196 countries.

An advocate for the cause of unity, Caitlin founded World Vision's youth movement VGen ACT and following the #Metoo movement, established the world's first pay-it-forward self-defence organisation, Jasiri Australia to provide skills and support for women and survivors. A highly collaborative and creative thinker, Caitlin is able to canvas and engage a global network to effect change. This has attracted a number of international organisations to seek her assistance in supporting the growth of their impact; including UN Women, World Vision and Plan International.

She was also chosen to represent Australia at the UN where her passion and sustainable vision was recognised by UN Women. Committed to public policy and institutional reform, Caitlin applies her work ethic and influence at the UN as one of the youngest UN Task Force members on Youth Development and Gender Equality. She is currently studying a double degree in Law (Hon) & Development from ANU.

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Craig Hembrow

Co-Founder, Ayata IQ

Craig is a young business leader in global automotive industry who is responsible for introducing affordable hybrid technology to the common man and woman in India and throughout Asia.

He is CoFounder of Ayata IQ, an intellectual property company that develops battery-less hybrid solutions that reduce fuel consumption and emissions by 40%. He works closely with the largest two-wheeler and three-wheeler manufacturers in the world to develop new products for the Indian markets.

Craig and his Indian manufacturing partners have ambitions to hybridise 2 million auto-rickshaws in India with their low-cost hybrid retrofit solutions, which will prevent the importation and combustion of 50 Million barrels of oil by 2030.

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Daizy Mann

Program Manager- Deakin University

Daizy is passionate about young people shaping the future, social entrepreneurship and women in leadership.

Currently, she is a director at Australia's largest publicly listed community banking company and the program manager for Deakin University's entrepreneurship initiative SPARK Deakin which supports founders at all stages of their journey through an accelerator program and mentorship.

She has campaigned for gender equality through her involvement in the Pink Ladoo campaign. During her time in Tanzania, she co-founded Zana Consulting and is the Founder of Social Enterprise Collective (SeCo), an organisation which exists to bring together young change makers. She has spent time volunteering in legal aid for refugees and asylum seekers as an Australian Youth Ambassador for Development and been awarded Boroondara Young Citizen of the Year.

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Gina Rushton

Gender Reporter, BuzzFeed News

Gina Rushton is a journalist at BuzzFeed News where she covers issues which affect Australian women including reproductive rights, health, violence, politics, science and crime.

She is a 2019 Our Watch fellow, a program administered by the Walkley Foundation to help improve reporting on violence against women.

Gina won the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists Media Excellence Award in 2018 for her coverage of abortion access issues.

In 2019, she was a finalist for the Australian Human Rights Commission media award for her ongoing coverage of abortion law reform in Queensland.

Prior to joining BuzzFeed News, Gina worked as a reporter for The Australian newspaper.

Her non-fiction writing has been published in Meanjin, The Saturday Paper and The Lifted Brow.

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Jasmin Craufurd-Hill

Director, Institute for Regional Security/Arete Assessments

Jasmin Craufurd-Hill is a researcher and consultant who has held both senior and project management roles within the government, not-for-profit and emergency services sectors.

She is an Associate Fellow of the Institute of Managers and Leaders, the recipient of an Early Career Symposium Fellowship from the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering and was recently admitted as a Member of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem (a British royal order of chivalry), in recognition of her volunteer and community service roles.

Her current directorships include Mind Blank Ltd, Women in Nuclear Australia Inc and the Institute for Regional Security, an organisation that was ranked one of the World's Top 20 Best New Think Tanks in the 2016 global GTTTG Index.

Jasmin holds qualifications including a Bachelor of Science majoring in Physics, a Graduate Diploma in Management, an MBA and a Master of International Relations with Excellence.

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Jaymes Boland-Rudder

Head of Government and Community Relations- National Rugby League

Jaymes has had extensive experience at the highest levels of Government having served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the NSW Premier and Chief of Staff to the NSW Minister for Roads and Ports. During this time he helped with the transition of governments and worked on major projects such as the Port Botany and Port Kembla transaction, WestConnex, the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the National Education Reform Agreement (Gonski Agreement).

Jaymes has worked at the NRL since May 2014 and in that time has helped secure a \$2 billion investment in Sydney's stadia network and \$250 million for a new Townsville Stadium. Jaymes also works closely with State and Federal governments, local rugby league clubs and the non-government sector in overseeing the delivery of the NRL's community programs – Voice Against Violence, School to Work, State of Mind, and In League In Harmony. He believes sport is uniquely placed to inspire positive social change and foster healthier, inclusive and respectful communities.

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Katherine Quigley

Artistic Director and Chief Executive Office, Backbone

Katherine Quigley is the Chief Executive Officer and Artistic Director of Backbone Youth Arts, the Chair of Vulcana Women's Circus and an active member of the Queensland Chamber of Arts and Culture and the national youth arts steering committee. A scholarship recipient and graduate of NIDA's inaugural cohort, Masters of Fine Arts in Cultural Leadership Katherine specialises in producing collaborative, experimental multi-arts and cultural experiences.

Her career spans 15 years as a producer of multi-arts festivals, events, exhibitions, theatre and circus working for; Maerz Muzik Berlin, Queensland Music Festival, Queensland Performing Arts Centre, State Library of Queensland, Artworkers Alliance, The Danger Ensemble, Company 2, Flipside Circus, Youth Arts Queensland, Straight Out of Brisbane (SOOB), Contact Inc, Black Drum Productions, Vibewire Hub, Backbone's 2high Festival, Lucks, Lightbox Studio and Artslink. She has produced works for Queensland Theatre Company, Brisbane Festival, La Boite Theatre, Brisbane Powerhouse, Adelaide Fringe, Melbourne Fringe, Metro Arts, Theater Basel and Hebbel Theatre (Berlin) and has worked with artists in Australia, Germany, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

Her final subject at NIDA was an International Placement (1 month) at the Battersea Arts Centre, where she observed and researched the company's resilience model with reflection towards their programming for children and young people. In addition to her studies at NIDA she has completed a Bachelor of Creative Industries with subjects in Drama, Film and Music and a Graduate Certificate in Accounting (partial completion) at the Queensland University of Technology. Katherine is also a peer assessor for Arts Queensland and the Australia Council.



Michael Safi

South Asia Correspondent - Guardian

Michael is the Guardian's South Asia correspondent based in Delhi. For the past three years, he has covered Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, the Maldives and travelled and reported widely across India. He has broken stories about the alleged misconduct of the Indian mining company Adani and the emergence of an al-Qaeda cell in disputed Kashmir, among others. His reporting focuses on the changing conditions of Indian women, technology, lingering caste discrimination, India's environmental challenges and progress and the country's politics and economy.

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Preeti Daga

Head Corporate Communications, Community Housing Ltd

Preeti is a seasoned communications strategist with over 15 years of unparalleled experience across diverse industries both in India and Australia.

She now heads up corporate and marketing communications – earned, owned and paid – at Community Housing Ltd, Australia's largest not for profit affordable housing provider to those disadvantaged. www.chl.org.au

Her experience ranges from corporate reputation, strategic communications to crisis and issues management. She is on the board of PRIA Victoria and is the Chair of the steering committee responsible for the accreditation of PR courses at the prestigious RMIT University.

Preeti is the immediate past Vice President of the Australia India Business Council Victoria and is an elected member of the present committee for the next two years. Working closely with businesses and governments from both the nation she has been actively involved in furthering the bilateral and trade relationship between India and Australia.

Passionate about social justice, her community work has been wide-ranging from promoting diversity and inclusion to anti-bullying and domestic violence to youth mentorship. She is an Ambassador for premier Australian organisations including the AFL, Cricket Australia and Bully Zero Foundation to name a few. She was honoured with the 2018 Pride of Australia and Victorian Multicultural Commission's Emerging Leadership Award 2018 for her community leadership.

Highly qualified, Preeti has a Bachelor and Master of Arts, majoring in English Literature from Lady Sri Ram College, Delhi University and various qualifications in Business Management and Digital Marketing from reputable educational institutions in Melbourne, Australia.

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Rachel Mason-Nunn

Consultant- EY

Rachel is a Consultant at EY, specializing in outcome measurement and social development. Prior to this, Rachel worked as a Social Development Specialist at the World Bank, in the Pacific Islands, Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste. In addition, Rachel is the Founder and Host of Good Will Hunters, a leading podcast focused on how the private sector can play a more meaningful role in social change both domestically and internationally. Rachel is a widely respected voice on social change and international development, having worked alongside government, the private sector and the not for profit sector in Australia and throughout the region. Rachel holds a Masters in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development, a Degree in Political, Economic and Social Sciences, and has studied in both Australia and India, including at the prestigious Tata Institute for Social Sciences.

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Ramneek Singh

Co-Founder and Managing Director, Nerve

Ramneek is Co-Founder and Managing Director of Nerve, an award-winning Studio in Pymont, which consults in Digital Strategy and Design for businesses with a motivation for doing meaningful work. Ramneek formerly worked in financial services at the AMP Group, most recently as an analyst in AMP Capital's listed assets teams, helping to manage the firm's assets under management. Ramneek holds a Bachelor in Applied Finance and Bachelor in Economics from Macquarie University and is a Co-Founder of the Young Sikh Professionals Network (YSPN), and Chair since 2017.

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Shireen Morris

McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellow, Melbourne University Law School

Shireen Morris is a McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellow at Melbourne University Law School. She was a senior adviser at Cape York Institute specialising in Indigenous constitutional recognition and has a PhD in constitutional law. Shireen has published several books, legal articles and opinion pieces and is a regular commentator on tv and radio. She was formerly an actor and singer, and now is the Labor party candidate for Deakin.

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Sid Vashist

Councillor, Barkly Regional Council

Councillor Sid Vashist joined Barkly Regional Council in September last year after the elections and represents the Patta Ward. He is the youngest ever elected councillor to serve on Council.

A migrant Australian-Indian, he has lived in remote regions of Australia for the past 13 years. He has called Tennant Creek home for the past seven years and truly believes in the beauty and potential of the Barkly region.

During his time in Tennant Creek, Cr Vashist has co-managed the local supermarket, worked as a commercial teller at Westpac, and managed pilot youth projects and diversionary youth programs while with Catholic Care NT. He held an active role in establishing the 2016 trial project for an after-hours youth centre; now called Youth Links.

He has an insatiable curiosity about the political, social and economic landscape in the Northern Territory, as well as promoting youth. He is committed to learning about and supporting residents across the region.

His role as a councillor offers a unique opportunity to hear from and work for the community. It also allows him the chance to participate in the delivery of policies which provide positive outcomes for the region.

He is a firm believer in an open and transparent council which has great relationships with the community, shapes positive and creative perceptions and establishes firm links in business, arts, education, and a civil society.

In his spare time, when not playing sports, you will find Cr Vashist taking photos. He holds a degree in Finance and Management and is pursuing a Masters in Politics.

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Taj Pabari

Chief Executive Officer, Fiftysix Creations

Taj Pabari is eighteen-years-old, just finished high-school, yet his passion for young people, business and entrepreneurship has led him to a level of influence well beyond his years. Taj established Fiftysix Creations, Australasia's Largest Youth Entrepreneurship Provider at the age of fourteen. As of 1 June 2018, Fiftysix Creations has educated 40,112 Australian Students.

Fiftysix Creations run workshops for schools teaching young people as young as five all the way to eighteen, about the world of business, entrepreneurship and financial literacy. The organisation has partnered with Westpac, PwC Australia, MYOB and the State and Federal Government to deliver its workshop programs to regional and remote areas around Australia and New Zealand.

Taj's work and story has been featured by Sunrise, 60 Minutes, The Today Show, National Geographic, ABC, Nickelodeon and CNBC.

Accolades collected by Taj and Fiftysix Creations include being named the 2017 Young Australian of the Year for Queensland, The Australian Young Innovator of the Year and Winner of Westpac's Top 20 Businesses of Tomorrow.

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William Taing

Co-Founder & Director - Beanstalk

Will is passionate about the intersection of agriculture, food and scalable tech with the potential to have an impact across the Asia-Pacific region.

He is Co-Founder of Beanstalk, a venture building business focused on scaling high growth AgTech companies. As a humble observer of our food system, we exist to challenge, empower and guide everyone along the food value chain to take action to build the next iteration of our food system.

Over the past 10 years, Will has dedicated his career leading key initiatives in the Australian and Asia-Pacific agriculture sector across strategy, policy, inbound international investment, trade facilitation, industry development and resources management.

Will currently serves on the Committee for the Australian China Business Council (ACBC) for Agribusiness and Food; Committee for ACBC Future Leaders; and Advisory Panel of the AgriFutures Emerging Industries.

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Anand Shriram

Vice President, DCM Shriram Ltd.

Anand Shriram is Vice President at Shriram Farm Solutions, a leading Agri inputs player in India and part of the DCM Shriram Ltd. Group. Anand is a fifth-generation family member to join the company. Currently responsible for exploring growth opportunities and drawing a road map for its crop care and specialty fertilizer businesses, he is also leading the Agri tech initiatives of the group.

Prior to joining the Agri-Business, Anand spent time in the company's Plastics and Chloro vinyl businesses where he played a key role in strengthening the business, holding various functional roles and positions. He subsequently moved to the value-added business of the group, Fenesta Building Systems as Business Development Manager. He helped revamp the sales structure and worked with the senior team to develop a new model for the organization. He has played an active role in sales and marketing resulting in strengthening of the Fenesta brand.

Anand has attended various training and management development programs in India and abroad. He enjoys travelling and his other interests include playing tennis, vintage cars and performing arts. He obtained a Bachelors of Business Administration degree from Pennsylvania State University, USA. He has been actively involved with YPO Next Generation and helped start the India Chapter, serving on its committee for several years. He is actively involved with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and is immediate past Chairman of its youth wing, Young Indians.



Charu Pragya

National Incharge (Legal Committee), BJP Youth Wing

Charu is a lawyer by education with the distinction of being the first female head of National Legal Cell of the Bhartiya Janta Party's youth wing. A law graduate from Government Law College, University of Mumbai in 2006 and since then has been working for women's rights in India. She runs free legal aid centres for women across India and has helped build a network of lawyers who provide free legal assistance to disadvantaged women. She also organises training workshops for Legal Cell members across India to help empower the youth on civic and legal issues.

She is a Fellow of the Konrad Adenauer School for Young Politicians and founding member of the India-Israel Young Leaders Forum. She recently completed the Oxford Innovation Leadership in Public Policy course and every month organises a public lecture called "Dialogue" by elected representatives in India on contemporary public policy issues.

She is actively present on News Channels as a TV panellist covering on issues related to governance, education and rural public policy.

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Devi Murthy

Founder & CEO- Kamal Kisan

Devi is the Founder & CEO of Kamal Kisan, a for-profit social enterprise which helps farmer livelihood by improving farm output and reducing input costs for small and marginal farmers through affordable precision farm mechanization solutions and a supporting ecosystem to enable them to leverage these effectively. Kamal Kisan's work has been recognized and awarded internationally for its impact with small farmers by Syngenta Foundation and Bayer Foundation.

As a woman entrepreneur, Devi brings a deep sense of empathy and compassion especially to the large unseen women's labor force that is the backbone of agriculture in India. Devi holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Drexel University, USA and a Masters in Entrepreneurship from Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. She has over a decade of experience in Product Development & Business Development in innovation and manufacturing. She has been awarded by Rotary India as Social Entrepreneur of the year (2017) and is an INK Fellow (2018).

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Nazia Izuddin

President, World Integrity Center India Dehradun

Nazia Yusuf Izuddin is a lawyer, writer, social entrepreneur, restaurateur, political commentator and communications specialist hailing from Kerala and now living in Delhi and Dehradun. She is a graduate in law from Harvard Law School, a Fulbright Scholar, a Canada World Youth Scholar and a Gold medalist from Aligarh Muslim University. She is the first woman to have been appointed as the Secretary of the Literary Club of Aligarh Muslim University. Prior to moving to India, she worked as a corporate lawyer in New York, Dubai and London and settled as an entrepreneur in Dehradun, Uttarakhand in the year 2008.

She co-founded the World Integrity Centre in Dehradun, India's only privately established socio-cultural community and lifestyle centre, which now has grown to be an iconic national institution.

As the Founding President, she has introduced several prestigious social, art and cultural programs to the State of Uttarakhand. She is the founder of the Dehradun Community Literature Festival, which has completed 3 successful editions and is onto its fourth edition. She is the owner and mentor of the football team Dehradun Capital Rangers.

She is the incoming Chairperson of FICCI FLO Uttarakhand and Vice President of the All India Professional's Congress Uttarakhand.

For her contribution to the society through her various socio-cultural initiatives, she has been listed by Conde' Nast Traveller as one among the 50 people you must know in the Himalayas. In 2017, she was awarded by the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand for her outstanding achievements as a woman entrepreneur.



Priyanka Khandelwal

CEO- Abira Creations Private Limited

Priyanka is Founder and CEO of Abira Creations Private Limited. Abira empowers women through ethical fashion. The organisation manufactures and sells handcrafted fashion accessories, made by marginalized women, to retail fashion brands. It reinvests the profits in self-learning and development of the artisans. Abira was founded in 2015, incubated under Startup Oasis and presently a family to 120 women. The manufacturing base is spread across 6 states in India. The organisation is supplying to various socially responsible Indian and international brands.

Academically, Priyanka is Masters in Fashion Management from National Institute of Fashion Technology. She is awarded by Savitri Sanmaan Award 2018 by Maharashtra One. She sees women as an agent of change to society of more responsible citizens. Priyanka has a wide experience in jewellery merchandising, sourcing, business development. She has been an active volunteer to various social organisations.

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Rajat Sethi

Political Adviser - Chief Minister of Manipur

Rajat Sethi is a public policy and management graduate from Harvard University and MIT Sloan, respectively. He is also an alumnus of IIT Kharagpur. Rajat is currently the political adviser to the Chief Minister of Manipur. He is active in impacting politics in the various North-Eastern states of India.

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Ricky Kej

Grammy Winning Music Composer

Grammy® Award Winner and US Billboard #1 artist Ricky Kej is an internationally renowned Indian Music Composer, Conservationist, and Professor.

Ricky Kej composed and produced his album 'SHANTI SAMSARA', which was launched by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Francois Hollande in the presence of World Leaders at the United Nations COP21 Climate Change Conference in Paris. Ricky went on to performing music from this album twice at the United Nations General Assembly, NY and the UN Headquarters in Geneva, among other prestigious venues all over the world.

Ricky has been awarded the United Nations "Global Humanitarian Artist". Among other awards to his credit, he has also won Producer of the year at the South African Music Awards (S.Africa), Album of the year at the Zone Music Awards (New Orleans), Centre for Conscious Creativity 'FutureVision' Award (Los Angeles). Ricky is also conferred with the title "Pride of Karnataka" and "Youth Icon of India". A chapter on Ricky's life and musical journey is taught in 7th grade English textbooks in India.

Real Leaders, a Signatory to the United Nations has named Ricky Kej as one of the 100 Real Leaders who 'Inspire the Future'. He is a Conservationist, Environmentalist, professor at the prestigious National Institute of Advanced Studies (at the Indian Institute of Science) and an Ambassador to Earth Day Network. UNICEF has named Ricky Kej as their official 'Celebrity Supporter'.

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Raja Karthikeya Gundu

Political Affairs Officer, United Nations Secretariat

Raja Karthikeya is a Political Affairs Officer in the United Nations Secretariat in New York where he works on Middle-East peace issues and is part of UN reform efforts. He has served in UN political missions in Afghanistan and Iraq where his work has included mediation in inter-ethnic and inter-tribal land and water disputes, coalition government formation efforts, and transitional justice mechanisms.

A firm advocate of the principle of Equality of Opportunity, he started and supported various citizen-led initiatives to solve policy challenges. In a bid to raise awareness about climate change adaptation in India, in 2017-2018, he crossed the Arctic and Antarctic circles in under a year. In 2005, he was named one of the Indians of the year by a leading newsmagazine for his rescue work in the Andaman and Nicobar islands following the Asian tsunami. His research and policy publications have traversed nuclear disarmament and anti-terrorism. He is an alumnus of the Indian IT industry.

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Rammohan Paranjape

Vice President- Surfing Federation of India

Rammohan Paranjape was one of the earliest pioneers of surfing scene in India almost a decade ago and still continues to push the surfing scene ahead in Indian sub-continent as Vice President of Surfing Federation of India.

He has constantly worked towards bridging the gap between surfing nations and worked towards putting India on the global surf map.

Ram firmly believes India is one of the last few surfing frontiers on the planet and hopes to see India becoming a major surfing nation in Asia and beyond.

Ram is also one of the most accomplished photographers and his surfing images have been widely published around the world. His surfing images put India on the international map and opened up various surfing avenues in India.

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Ram Gorlamandala

Co-founder & Director, Tat Capital

Ram founded Tat Capital (Corporate Finance & FX Advisory) with a clear vision to build the cross-border capital market initiatives across Australia, New Zealand and the Indian Sub-Continent. In the past six years, he has led many cross-border market entry and strategic corporate finance initiatives (Including equity and debt capital raisings, M&A, reverse takeovers, joint ventures, international business development) in the region. Ram provided significant thought leadership and awareness of economic opportunities in this region through his work with various media engagements.

Ram was directly involved in approximately US\$1.2 billion worth of transactions through various equity capital market (ECM), debt capital market (DCM) projects and M&A based transactions.

Ram is a leading investment banker with significant sell side experience and won many industry awards for his contribution to the capital markets. He commenced his career at The Trust Company (Part of Perpetual) in 2004 and then moved on to work with Accenture, Commonwealth Bank, The Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and BBY Corporate finance.

Ram has got Masters in international business and Master of Arts Cross-Cultural Communication from Macquarie University, Australia and Bachelors in Commerce (Cost and management accounting) major from Sri Sathya Sai University, India.

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Sabika Abbas

Founder, Sar-e-rahguzar: Poetry on the Streets

Sabika Abbas is a performative poet, translator, educator, theatre artists and storyteller who studied to become a historian. She completed her academic studies from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, and Indian Institute for Human Settlements. She has been a regular guest and performer on prominent political and cultural platforms like India Today Conclave, Tata Lit Fest, Converge, Shankar-Shad Mushaira, Jashn-e-Azaadi Mushaira by Delhi state government. She has been working towards subverting mainstream education and making it more inclusive. She is currently a Subject Matter Expert on Social and Emotional Learning for school curriculum.



Sruthijith KK

Editor, ET Magazine, The Economic Times

Sruthijith is a Delhi-based journalist and editor. He is currently the editor of The Economic Times Magazine, the Sunday edition of India's largest business daily. He previously launched and ran the Indian edition of The Huffington Post as editor-in-chief. He also launched the Indian edition of Quartz as Editor.

Sruthijith has worked for 13 years in the Indian media as a reporter and editor, writing on business, media and politics. He is a native of Kerala and holds a BA from University of Delhi.

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Sunaina Kumar

Independent Journalist

Sunaina Kumar is an independent journalist based out of Delhi, with a focus on issues of social justice, development, and gender. Her work has appeared in the Guardian, BBC, Al Jazeera, Vice, Pacific Standard, The Atlantic, Atlas Obscura, and in Indian publications like the Mint, the Hindu and Scroll.in.

She has worked for about fourteen years with mainstream Indian publications like the Indian Express, Open Magazine and the investigative magazine Tehelka, as both reporter and editor.

She is a former Robert Bosch Foundation fellow (<http://india.medienbotschafter.com/en/fellows>). She has reported out of Germany and worked with the German national weekly, Die Zeit, and continues contributing to it out of India.

She has twice been awarded the Global Health Reporting Grant by the European Journalism Centre, in 2017 and 2018, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, for reporting on silicosis and maternal health. She was awarded a grant in 2018, by the Bosch Foundation, for reporting on the agricultural crisis in the state of Punjab.

She has a passion for international affairs and writes occasionally on India's foreign policy for the foreign policy think tank, European Council on Foreign Relations.

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AIYD PROGRAMME SPEAKERS

DAY 1: ACTIVATING THE YOUTH MULTIPLIER: MELBOURNE

Session 1: Cultural Intelligence Workshop - 14:00

Wednesday, 20th February



Duncan Smith

Duncan Smith helps people work together, better. Over his career he has become a trusted advisor to his clients, working with organizations, teams, and individuals in the United States, Europe, Australia, and the Asia-Pacific region. Duncan's work includes leadership and executive team development, designing and implementing culturally appropriate diversity and inclusion solutions for multinational organizations, and facilitating critical conversations to overcome barriers in the areas of unconscious bias, gender and cultural diversity. Duncan is particularly known for his ability to help clients with core business and leadership issues: developing leadership capability, responding to globalization, increasing engagement and productivity, attracting and retaining top talent, enhancing creativity, innovation, and problem solving capabilities, and improving service delivery. He does this through executive education and coaching, facilitation, and advising on the design, implementation, and evaluation of organisational leadership and D&I strategies. His clients include numerous multi-national companies in the mining, oil and gas, banking and finance, IT, legal, government, professional services, and manufacturing sectors.

Based in Melbourne, Australia and Boston, USA, Duncan holds a BA in Comparative Religion from Trinity College and a M.Ed. from Harvard, focusing on Organizational Behaviour and Adult Learning. He has been an Honorary Fellow of Melbourne Business School, has lectured in Management, Organisational Behaviour, and Diversity at a number of Australian universities, and has published articles in both Australian and U.S. periodicals. Duncan has been a member of the Expert Panel for the Global Inclusion and Diversity Benchmarks since 2011, is a mentor for the Inclusion Allies Coalition, and in 2018 released the book Foundations of Diversity.

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Peter N Varghese, AO

Mr Peter N Varghese AO began as Chancellor of The University of Queensland on 11 July 2016. Prior to this appointment, Mr Varghese's extensive career in public service spanned 38 years and included senior positions in foreign affairs, trade policy and intelligence. Most recently, he served as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2012-2015). Previous senior appointments include High Commissioner to India (2009-2012), High Commissioner to Malaysia (2000-2002), Director-General of the Office of National Assessments (2004-2009), and Senior Advisor (International) to the Prime Minister of Australia (2003-2004).

Mr Varghese was educated at The University of Queensland, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours, and received a University Medal in the area of history in 1978. He was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in 2010 for distinguished service to public administration, particularly for leading reform in the Australian intelligence community and as an adviser in the areas of foreign policy and international security. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from The University of Queensland in 2013.

Mr Varghese sits on the boards of AMP Pty Limited and AMP Capital Holdings.



Rakesh Malhotra Consul General of India to Melbourne

Mr. Malhotra was working as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs before joining the Consulate in Melbourne.

He joined the Ministry of External Affairs in 1984 and has served in Indian diplomatic missions in Oman, Greece, Kyrgyzstan, Suriname, Canada, South Africa and Peru. In his postings abroad, Mr. Malhotra has dealt with political, commercial, education, cultural and diaspora issues.

Mr. Malhotra has done graduation in Commerce. He knows Hindi, English and Punjabi.



Barry O'Farrell

Deputy Chair, Australia India Council

Mr O'Farrell was a member of the New South Wales Parliament from 1995 until 2015 and served as the Premier of New South Wales from 2011 until 2014. Mr O'Farrell initiated and led annual trade missions to India to promote and grow economic, cultural and social links between New South Wales and the states of India. In 2012 his government established a Sister State relationship between New South Wales and the Indian state of Maharashtra. In 2013 during a visit to India Mr O'Farrell began work towards a similar agreement with Gujarat at a meeting with then Chief Minister Narendra Modi. In October 2016 Mr O'Farrell was appointed as the Special Envoy for the NSW-India Relationship.

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MODERATOR



John Molony

Pro Vice Chancellor (International), Deakin University

John Molony is a higher education professional with two decades experience. He joined Deakin University in 2013 and leads on strategy and operations at the central office, Deakin International. Prior to Deakin, John was Vice President, Strategy with QS Quacquarelli Symonds, the London based international higher education intelligence and marketing company.

John has expertise in international relations and programs and maintains an extensive network of senior contacts across the sector in Europe, Asia, the Americas, and the Middle East.

Throughout his career John has made a contribution to the intellectual discourse on the internationalisation of higher education through research, publications, and presentations at the major forums. John completed his BA at RMIT and has undertaken further studies with INSEAD, the University of Melbourne, the University of London and Coursera.



Master of Ceremony - Hayley Bolding OAM

Hayley Bolding has an extensive background in international development, education and volunteering in Australia and Asia. At the age of 23, Hayley founded a non-profit organisation in India called Atma (www.atma.org.in).

Under Hayley's leadership, Atma has moved from a start-up to a well respected non-profit organisation engaging multiple partner organisations which impact over 60,000 beneficiaries.

Continuing her passion in promoting people-to-people exchange Hayley has led international youth programs for the Australia India Institute and Foundation for Youth Australians. She currently works at intersective.com a education technology company connecting work and learning through technology.

Hayley was awarded Young Australian of the Year (Victoria) in 2013. She is a Board member of the Victorian Australia Day Committee, and was a participant in the Asialink Leaders Program in 2014. Hayley was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2019.

Hayley was a delegate to the 2012 Australia India Youth Dialogue in Mumbai and New Delhi.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Stephanie Rice, OAM

Stephanie Rice is an Australian former competitive swimmer. She won three gold medals at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, and was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on 26 January 2009

Stephanie now uses her success as a platform to connect, share and contribute to organisations that are meaningful to her.

Stephanie is now an an entrepreneur which allows her the freedom to dream big and create a company that aligns with her core values of health, empowerment and giving back to those less fortunate than myself.

Stephanie is an alumnus of the AIYD and was a delegate to AIYD 2017.

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Mary-Anne Thomas MLA

Cabinet Secretary, Victorian Government

Ms Mary-Anne Thomas MLA is the Cabinet Secretary for the Victorian Government. She was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly as the Member for Macedon in November 2014 and appointed to the position of Cabinet Secretary in November 2016.

During her time in Parliament, Ms Thomas has also held the positions of:

- Parliamentary Secretary for Health from 2014 – 2016
- Parliamentary Secretary for Carers from July – November 2016.

Ms Thomas is particularly passionate about the needs of growing families and the services and infrastructure they need to thrive. This includes a first-rate education system, health services and job opportunities, especially in regional areas of the state.

Prior to being elected Ms Thomas enjoyed a career across the public, private and community sectors, beginning her working life as a secondary school teacher. Ms Thomas has also held senior roles at the National Bank of Australia and Plan International, one of the world's leading child rights and international development agencies.

Ms Thomas is an avid reader who enjoys running and spending time with her family.

DAY 2: TRADE & ECONOMICS: MELBOURNE

Session 1: Trade and Economics Panel Discussion - 09:30

Thursday 21st February



Megan Mulia

Director, Asia Practice, PwC

Megan has more than 20 years' experience in the strategic management of market intelligence, advisory services and business development. Megan was based in Asia for 14 years, managing commercial licences and providing market insight for firms such as Factiva, Thomson Reuters, and PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC Singapore). Megan also held a Director role with KPMG Singapore as part of a Economic Development Board (EDB) supported initiative to drive business advisory services in the broader Asia region, through thought leadership and C-Level partnerships. Megan has held additional positions with Bloomberg and Reuters Asia.

Drawing on her experience and extensive networks across Asia, Megan brings a unique perspective to the market requirements of companies active in the region. Megan has successfully led commercial outcomes for some of Australia's and Asia's leading corporate brands. She has managed a variety of commercial relationships in India, including the Bombay Stock Exchange, National Stock Exchange of India, CRISIL, The Times of India, Hindustan Times, Economic Times and Business Standard, among others. She has spent considerable time in market in Mumbai, New Delhi, Bangalore and Chennai supporting these commercial agreements.

Prior to joining PwC Australia, Megan was the Director of Research and Information at Asialink Business, where she led the development of client-led strategic projects. Megan delivered innovative solutions for Australian clients in Asia and formulated bespoke market entry and assessment strategies. Megan supported clients with their needs and gaps analyses, market assessment reports (including regulatory and policy issues) and market risk profiles.

Megan advances her industry insights and maintains her wide networks through frequent visits to markets across the Asia region. Megan continues to be a leading voice across Australia's engagement with Asia and has featured in CEDA's Outbound Investment report, ANZ Blue Notes, AICD Directors Magazine and on ABC News. Megan speaks Indonesian and basic Vietnamese.



Jessie Mitchell

Manager for South and Southeast Asia, Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet

Jessie provides leadership and advice, and develops opportunities across Victoria to collaborate with partners across South and South East Asia and in particular India.

Jessie leads a team charged with implementing and coordinating the whole of government actions of Victoria's India Strategy 'Our Shared Future'. The Strategy is designed to celebrate Victoria's personal connections with India and form the foundations for a mutually beneficial partnership. One year into implementation, the Strategy is building on Victoria's close relationship with India to promote jobs growth and boost the local economy over the next ten years.

Prior to her current appointment, Jessie worked in international engagement roles within higher education for fifteen years. Jessie holds a Grad Dip from RMIT University in Public Policy, a political Science undergrad from the University of Melbourne and has been fortunate to travel to India as part of the City of Melbourne's Business Mission in 2017 with a focus on Smart Cities. Jessie is a volunteer with West Welcome Wagon, a volunteer run not-for-profit dedicated to providing material aid and support to asylum seekers in Melbourne's west.

MODERATOR



James Edwards

AIYD 2016 Alumnus & Steering Committee Member

After being a delegate in 2016, James joined the AIYD Committee in 2017. He is the Victorian Government's Specialist Adviser for South Asia leading Victoria's economic engagement with the region from Melbourne. He previously worked in the Victorian Premier's Department developing Victoria's India Strategy: Our Shared Future.

James is passionate about increasing connections between India and Australia with a particular focus on economic outcomes, youth leadership and cultural understanding. James was also the Founding India Editor at Asia Options, which he started to provide advice and resources that encourage and support young Australians to engage with India through study, work or leaderships opportunities.

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Sachin Kumar

Head of International Relations and Scheduling, Cricket Australia

As the Head of International Relations & Scheduling at Cricket Australia and previously head of Strategy, Sachin has been at the forefront of developing Australian Cricket's approach to challenges facing the sport in Australia and globally. These have included the development of three national strategies, a new funding model for State Associations, a new performance based model for national players and the restructuring of international and domestic cricket schedules. Sachin has also conducted multilateral negotiations with other cricketing nations about the commencement of new competitions for men's international cricket and lead the formation of format strategy for Australian Cricket.

Sachin is a strong advocate for the role of the Indian (and broader South-Asian) community in cricket in Australia, and firmly believes this community will be a critical part of the success of the sport in Australia and around the world. Furthermore, Sachin believes that the burgeoning size of the diaspora in Australia represents a wonderful opportunity to further develop, facilitate and nurture bilateral relations between India and Australia across every sphere. Sachin is also a business representative on the Victorian Government's Taskforce for the first ever Indian precinct in Victoria, in Dandenong in Melbourne's south-eastern suburbs. Born in Sydney, Sachin previously worked as a management consultant for Bain & Company, and he is a qualified lawyer.

Sachin was an AIYD 2018 Alumnus

DAY 3: EDUCATION & CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE: SYDNEY

Opening Remarks by Belinda Howell,
Chief Market Development Officer, UTS Insearch - 09:05

Friday 22nd February



Belinda Howell

Chief Market Development Officer, UTS Insearch

Ms Howell joined UTS Insearch in November 2011. She has extensive experience in senior marketing and corporate affairs positions within a diverse range of services industries – financial services, professional services, travel and tourism, and higher education – in respected organisations such as British Airways, Macquarie Bank, Rabobank and KPMG.

Through her leadership of sales, marketing, product development, market intelligence and corporate communications, Ms Howell is responsible for attracting international and Australian students to UTS Insearch, and for the institution's reputation and profile.

Ms Howell has a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in French, a Graduate Diploma in Management and a Master of Business Administration. She has been awarded the Company Directors Diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors. She has also completed the Advanced Management Programme at INSEAD in France.

Ms Howell has served on several not-for-profit boards and is currently on the board of Dunmore Lang College at Macquarie University. She also runs a small property in the Southern Tablelands devoted to beef cattle and horticulture. Her other interests include mental health, and she is currently undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Counselling.



Baladevan Rangaraju

Education Researcher and Social Entrepreneur

Bala is a social entrepreneur and education policy expert with experience in teaching, research, advocacy, organization building and school leadership. He works as Founder and Director with India Institute (www.indial.org), a non-profit think tank, and Indus Information Initiatives Pvt Ltd, a start-up social science research company. He is also a Co-founder of the India Property Rights Alliance.

His research interests include political economy of education, educational choice, low-cost private schooling, property rights and rule of law. He writes, speaks and comments on these topics, especially on vouchers, grading of institutions, competition among institutions, and performance-linked pay for teachers.

His study, "The Private School Revolution in Bihar: Findings from a survey in Patna Urban" (with James Tooley & Pauline Dixon), is India's first landscape study of the private school ecosystem in a city. It won the Templeton Freedom Award in 2012.

His recent projects include launching itorney, a mobile application to secure legal rights in India for which he won the 2014 Think Tank Shark Tank Grand Prize, and launching Niti Express, a radio based awareness project to promote legal literacy in Hindi through nano tales.

Bala also teaches the Right to Education Clinical Course at the National Law University of Odisha, where he is Advisor to the Child Rights Centre. He has a BA in English Language & Literature from Madras Christian College, an MA in Public Administration from Annamalai University and an LLB from Delhi University.

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Nina Burridge

Associate Professor, Teacher Education Program at UTS

Dr Nina Burridge is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Technology, Sydney. She has been involved in tertiary education since 1991 in Education faculties at Macquarie University and the University of Sydney. She joined UTS as a full time academic in 2005. Her main research interests and publications centre on Indigenous education; education for human rights and cultural diversity. She was the founding director of the Institute of Aboriginal Studies and Research at Macquarie University from 1997 – 1999. She Co-Director of the Cosmopolitan Civil Societies Research Centre at UTS. She sees herself as an academic whose involvement in community organisations and social action groups informs her professional work in Education. Nina has held a number of community based positions including chairperson of the Don Chipp Foundation, board member of the Burdekin Association – a non-profit organisation working with homeless youth and she is involved with a number of local community groups dealing with social, political and cultural issues.

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Baladevan Rangaraju

Education Researcher and Social Entrepreneur

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MODERATOR



Manuraj Shunmugasundaram

Incoming Chair, Partner, Ganesan and Manuraj Legal LLP

Manuraj Shunmugasundaram is the National Media Spokesperson for the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam party. He is also a lawyer and practices at the Madras High Court. He is also a part of the Steering Committee for the School of Policy and Governance.

In the past, he has also served as a Policy Advisor to Members of Parliament. In November of 2010, Mr. Shunmugasundaram was selected as a Fellow with the Legislative Fellows Program, organized by the U.S. State Department. He also participated in the European Union Visitor Program in 2013 as well as the Australia-India Youth Dialogue in 2014. He was a part of Project Interchange Indian delegation to visit Israel & Palestine in 2017. Mr. Shunmugasundaram works to advance the cause of responsible politics, participatory governance, and evidence-based public policy. He is a regular contributor to the Times of India, Indian Express and The Print.

Mr. Shunmugasundaram holds a B.Sc. (Honours) as well as a M.Phil from the Australian National University, where he was the recipient of the International Undergraduate Scholarship and Masters Departmental Research scholarship. He also holds a graduate law degree from the University of Delhi.

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Discussion with The Hon. Jason Clare MP, Shadow Minister for Trade - 11:00 Friday 22nd February



The Hon. Jason Clare MP

Federal Member for Blaxland & Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment

Jason was born and raised in Western Sydney where he attended Cabramatta Public School and Canley Vale High School before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales.

Before entering Parliament he worked as a senior adviser to NSW Premier Bob Carr and as an executive at Transurban, one of Australia's top 100 companies.

In November 2007, Jason was elected as the Federal Member for Blaxland. In June 2009, he was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Employment. In September 2010, he was appointed Minister for Defence Materiel. In December 2011, he was appointed Minister for Home Affairs and Minister for Justice. Following the 2013 election, Jason was appointed Shadow Minister for Communications. In July 2016, he was appointed Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment as well as Shadow Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.

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Senator The Hon. Marise Payne

Senator for New South Wales & Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs

Marise Payne was appointed Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs on 28 August 2018.

A Senator for NSW since 1997, she has more than two decades' parliamentary experience including 12 years' membership of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. She is a former Minister for Human Services, and has held several shadow ministries.

The Senator was appointed Minister for Defence in September 2015. In this time, she delivered the 2016 Defence White Paper, the Integrated Investment Plan, and Defence Industry Policy Statement. She oversaw a major renewal of the Australian Defence Force's capabilities and led the organisation's increased international engagement program with allies and partners.

She has been a member of the Liberal Party since 1982, serving on the NSW State Executive for 10 years, and was the Young Liberals' first female President.

The Minister holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of NSW.

She and her partner, NSW Minister for Western Sydney, WestConnex and Sport, Stuart Ayres, live in western Sydney.

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Julian Knowles

Associate Dean International, Faculty of Arts, Macquarie University

Professor Julian Knowles is a Professor of Music in the Faculty of Arts and Macquarie University. He is a composer, performer and record producer, with an extensive background in the Australian and UK music scenes. His research interests lie in the intersection of music, media and new technologies.

Julian has achieved international recognition for his compositions, recordings and performances across a range of genres and fields. His work has been presented at events such as the Melbourne International Film Festival, VIVID Sydney and in venues such as the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Sydney Opera House and Experimental Intermedia in New York City.

Julian has over 20 years governance experience in the not-for-profit arts sector. He was Chair of Q Music – the industry peak body for music in QLD - for a 6 year period, working on the development of BIGSOUND music summit towards a flagship national music industry event.

Since 2013 he has been Chair of Music NSW – the industry peak body for music in NSW. He was appointed by the Minister for the Arts to a 4 year term as a member of the Music Board of the Australia Council for the Arts and has since been a frequent peer assessor and advisor. In his 25 year academic career, Julian has held a range of senior roles. He has been a Head of School at three Australian universities and most recently Associate Dean International in the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University.



Julian Droogan

**Sr. Lecturer, Dept. of Security Studies and Criminology,
Macquarie University**

Dr Julian Droogan is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Security Studies and Criminology, Macquarie University where he is the Editor-in-Chief of the international Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (Routledge).

Julian's academic background encompasses the anthropology and history of religions. His research interests include countering violent extremism, religious radicalisation, extremist narratives, and the history of terrorism and political violence. He studied Sanskrit and Hindu and Buddhist philosophy at the University of Sydney where he completed a PhD looking at material culture, religion and violence in the Indian subcontinent. He has published on Indian religions, yoga and India's soft power diplomacy, and has ongoing research and educational relationships with universities and security services in Bangladesh and Pakistan. Julian leads a number of funded research projects including the evaluation of countering violent extremism (CVE) programs in Australia, an ongoing partnership with the New South Wales (NSW) government looking at ways to install and evaluate counter terrorism and social resilience projects in NSW communities, and an Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery grant project examining the relationship between online extremist materials and real-world violent extremist action. He serves on the NSW Premier's Countering Violent Extremism Advisory Board. As well as supervising a number of PhD and Masters of Research students in the field of terrorism studies, Julian currently convenes the unit PICT113: Terrorism in the 21st Century as part of the Bachelor of Security Studies, and PICT802: Terrorism as part of the Masters in Counter Terrorism.



Achyutha Sharma

Achyutha has over a decade of experience in Brand, Design and Marketing. He currently runs Collaborative Community, a strategic consulting firm that works with capacity building of the social sector in India. The brand firm has worked with start-ups and other businesses in the area of apparel, food & beverage, e-commerce, retail brand across sectors. In the development sector, it has worked with diverse non-profit and social enterprises across themes such as education, livelihood, craft, energy, water and sanitation. He also runs Sulochana Development Trust, a charitable trust that supports Creative Arts & Design for Social Impact in India currently focusing on building the largest artisan database in the world through Crafting Future. He spearheads social innovation in their work with emphasis on cultural contextualization in India's modernization process. He has been a speaker to Indian and international conferences, a fellow with AIYD 2014, Acumen Fund India fellow 2014 and has been nominated for the Young Creative Entrepreneur Awards 2012 by British Council India.

His interest specifically in the Indo-Australian relationship is in the area of cultural diplomacy, cultural intelligence, startup ecosystem and social sector. He is continuing the Samaanata dialogue on craft & culture that originated from an Australian project.

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DAY 4: POLICY DEVELOPMENT: SYDNEY

Opening Remarks Laurie Pearcey,
Pro Vice Chancellor International, UNSW - 09:10

Saturday 23rd February



Laurie Pearcey

Pro Vice Chancellor International, UNSW

Laurie Pearcey is Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International) at UNSW Sydney. Laurie is responsible for developing the global impact pillar of UNSW's 2025 Strategy.

Appointed to his current position at 33, Laurie is the youngest Pro Vice-Chancellor in the Australian higher education sector and is one of the youngest university leaders internationally. Prior to his appointment, Laurie led the development of UNSW's China and India Strategies which resulted in a range of major outcomes including the establishment of the \$1 billion Torch Innovation Precinct. Laurie has also served as the Executive Director of the International Office and the Director of the Confucius Institute.

Laurie is a Board Member of the Australia India Institute, a Member of the Group of Eight's International Strategy Group and Chair of the Board of the Confucius Institute at UNSW. Passionate about facilitating youth engagement between Australia and its Asian partners, Laurie was selected as a Delegate to the 2018 Australia India Youth Dialogue and sits on the Advisory Board of the Australia China Youth Association.

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MODERATOR



Monika Barthwal-Datta

Monika Barthwal-Datta is a Senior Lecturer in International Security in the School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UNSW. Monika's research areas include critical security studies, human security, securitization studies and foreign policy. Empirically, her research focuses on non-traditional security issues, particularly food security; non-state actors and regional security challenges in South Asia, and Indian foreign policy.

Prior to joining UNSW, Monika led a two-year research project funded by the MacArthur Foundation on 'Food Security in Asia: Strategic risks and mitigation' at the Centre for International Security Studies (CISS), University of Sydney. She was awarded her PhD by Royal Holloway College, University of London and holds an MScEcon in Security Studies from Aberystwyth University. She also has a Master's in International Journalism from Cardiff University, and has worked as a Broadcast Journalist for the BBC World Service Radio in London for several years.

Monika is the author of *Food Security in Asia: Challenges, Policies and Implications* (IISS and Routledge, 2014) and *Understanding Security Practices in South Asia: Securitisation Theory and the role of non-state actors* (Routledge, 2012). She is also a Director of the South Asia Book Review Editor for *Asian Studies Review*.

Monika is a former Steering Committee member of the AIYD

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Panel Discussion - Policy Development - 09:30



Mihir Sharma

Author, Columnist

Mihir Sharma is Senior Fellow and Head, Economy and Growth Programme, at the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi. He is also the India columnist for Bloomberg View and a member of the editorial board of the Business Standard newspaper. Mihir was trained as an economist and political scientist in Delhi and in Boston, and is the author of the book 'Restart: The Last Chance for the Indian Economy', in which he discusses the problems facing the Indian economy. He received the Sriram Sanlam Award for financial journalism. 'Restart' received critical acclaim and won the Tata LitLive best Business Book of the Year and was long-listed for the Financial Times–McKinsey Business Book of the Year.

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The Hon. Scott Farlow MLC

Member of the Legislative Council, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier (Leader of the House) in the Legislative Council, Member of the Liberal Party, AIYD 2018 Alumnus

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier (Leader of the House) in the Legislative Council, Member of the NSW Legislative Council, NSW Government

Scott Farlow was elected to the NSW Legislative Council in March 2015 and appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Leader of the House in the Legislative Council in February 2017. Born and bred in Sydney's Inner West, an area with a very significant Indian community, Scott became the first person from his family to attend university, he holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney, and a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice.

With a strong commitment to Liberal policies and beliefs, Scott was the longest-serving President of the NSW Young Liberal movement and served as an Urban Representative on the NSW Liberal Party's State Executive. Scott stood and was elected to Strathfield Council at the age of 20. He later became the youngest Mayor in the nation at the age of 23.

In business, Scott worked across a range of companies in the private sector in the communications, public affairs, finance, legal and accounting professions. In this work he has provided advice to CEOs and executives of some of Australia's largest companies and well-known global multinationals. Within the political arena, prior to his election as a Member, Scott also has served as a political adviser to a State Liberal leader, frontbenchers and Federal Members of Parliament.

Scott is married to Penny with two young children, Christian and Colette.

Scott is an alumnus of the 2018 AIYD

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Marc Stears

Director - Policy Lab Sydney University, Associate Fellow at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK and teaches power and influence at the London Business School.

Marc Stears is the Director of the Sydney Policy Lab. He has worked at the very top of public life for over twenty years, advising leaders on strategic communications, persuasion, power and influence. Recent clients have included EY, GlaxoSmithKline, Shell, BP, Channel 4 television, Linklaters, Nike and IBM to partner and Board level. He is an Associate Fellow at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK and also teaches power and influence at the London Business School. From 2012 to 2015, he was chief speechwriter to one of the UK's leading political parties. From 2015 to 2017, he was Chief Executive of one of the UK's largest think tanks, before departing for Australia. In his public life he is a regular commentator in the media, appearing regularly on ABC and BBC television and radio. He has written two single-authored books from Oxford University Press and Princeton University Press, edited many more and frequently writes for major newspapers and magazines.

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Danielle Rajendram

Policy Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Danielle Rajendram is a Policy Officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. Previously, Danielle worked as a Research Associate in the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, where her work focused on Indian foreign and domestic policy, China-India relations and broader Asian strategic issues.

Danielle holds a Master of International Law from the Australian National University and a Bachelor of International Studies from the University of New South Wales, with a major in Asian Studies. During her undergraduate degree she spent a year studying international relations and Japanese language at Keio University in Tokyo.

Danielle participated as a delegate in the 2014 Australia India Youth Dialogue in Hyderabad and New Delhi.

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Talish Ray

AIYD Alumni 2015 & Steering Committee Member

Talish Ray is the founding partner of TRS Law Offices and takes pride in the fact that she is a generalist in the world of specialists.

She has worked extensively with corporate houses, individual clients and not-for-profit organisations. She has appeared before the Supreme Court of India as well as the various High Courts and Tribunals around the country and has extensive experience in the area of practice involving corporate structuring, mergers and acquisition, court litigation and, policy work. She continues to serve as a senior counsel at the High Court of Delhi for the Union of India.

Outside of her law practice, Talish also serves as the Convener for the panel for Human Resource at the Executive Council of the Confederation of Indian Industries (Delhi State). She is a member of the entrepreneurial education advisory board for Acropolis group of institutes in Indore.

Talish is also the project director for www.girlsgottaknow.in which is an early-stage gender programme for young girls and women launched in December 2016. In her spare time, she conducts 'by invitation only' heritage walks around the city of Delhi, currently in their seventh season. About 4,000 school students and 600 adults have joined her on her walks.

A state-level trap shooter in college, she is presently training for her Dan II blackbelt in Taekwondo. She enjoys cooking traditional Avadhi cuisine and also fancies herself as a singer but thankfully no one invites her to sing.

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SPEAKERS



The Hon. Ray Williams MP

NSW Minister for Multiculturalism on behalf of the Premier, Gladys Berejiklian

Ray Williams was sworn in as the Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services in January 2017.

He was first elected to the NSW Parliament in 2007, following a term as councillor on the Hills Shire Council. Prior to his appointment as Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services, Ray was Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads and for Western Sydney. Ray began his career in two metal trade apprenticeships before working in the transport industry for 22 years. Between 1985 and 2005 Ray held a Racing NSW Thoroughbred Trainers License and successfully operated a small business in the industry.

Ray studied at Curtin University achieving a Graduate Certificate in Development Planning and a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

Talish Ray

AIYD Alumni 2015 & Steering Committee Member

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Senator The Hon. Lisa Singh

Senator for Tasmania

Lisa Singh was first elected to the Australian Senate in 2010, representing the state of Tasmania. She was re-elected for a second term at the 2016 Federal election. During her term in the Senate Lisa has served front bench positions as the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary to the Shadow Attorney-General and the Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Water.

Prior to being elected to the Australian Senate, Lisa was elected to the Tasmanian parliament in 2006 representing the electorate of Denison. In 2008, she was appointed Minister for Corrections and Consumer Protection and Minister for Workplace Relations, as well as Minister assisting on Climate Change.

Lisa is a longtime supporter of human rights and advocate for refugees. She has been outspoken as a Senator on the need for Australia to reform its immigration policy, particularly the practice of immigration detention, and the treatment of children in detention. Lisa has also been a strong advocate for women's rights, nuclear disarmament, international development, and asbestos disease sufferers.

Before her term in the Tasmanian Parliament, Senator Singh served the Tasmanian community in the union movement, women's movement, the non-government sector and the public service. She has been President of the United Nations Australia Association (Tasmanian Division), President of YWCA Tasmania, Director of the Tasmanian Working Women's Centre, Board Member of the Hobart Women's Health Centre, and a Convenor of the Australian Republican Movement. In recognition of her peace activism against the war in Iraq she was Hobart City Council's 'Hobart Citizen of the Year' in 2004.

As the first person of Indian origin in the Australian parliament, she has continued to build Australia's relationship with India. In 2014, the President of India, conferred on Lisa the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman award for her exceptional and meritorious public service as a person of Indian heritage in fostering friendly relations between India and Australia.

In 2016 Lisa was seconded to the United Nations General Assembly in New York as a delegate from the Australian parliament. While attending the UN Lisa engaged with the Refugee Summit, Sustainable Development Goals, and Women's Empowerment.

Lisa holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours from the University of Tasmania, and a Masters of International Relations from Macquarie University.

She is the mother of two sons and lives in Hobart.



The Hon. Julian Leeser MP

Federal Member for Berowra & Co-Chair Parliamentary Friends of India

Julian was born and raised in Sydney and lives in Pennant Hills with his wife Joanna and baby son, James.

Julian was elected as the Member for Berowra to the House of Representatives in July 2016. He sits on several parliamentary committees, including as Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and on the House Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights and the Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories. Julian was also elected in November 2016 to serve as the Parliamentary representative and Non-Executive Director, New South Wales on the Council of the National Library of Australia. He is the Chair of the Backbench Committee on Education and Training.

Prior to his election, Julian was a senior executive at Australian Catholic University. He served on several boards including Mercy Health, one of Australia's largest private health organisations, Teach for Australia which places outstanding graduates in tough schools to improve school performance and Playwriting Australia which develops Australia's next generation of playwrights. Julian was previously Executive Director of the Menzies Research Centre. He also worked as a lawyer at Mallesons Stephen Jacques (now King & Wood Mallesons) and was an associate to High Court Justice Ian Callinan.

Serving the community through elected office has been a life-long passion for Julian. He was the youngest councillor in Australia when he was elected to Woollahra Council at age 19. Julian was also an elected delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1998 as part of the No-Republic ACM team. Julian and Joanna have been actively involved in the Berowra community through the Hornsby Hospital Community Participation Committee, the Beecroft-Cheltenham Lions Club, the Cherrybrook Chinese Community Association and Lifeline. Julian is a proud patron of the Hornsby Rockets Tenpin Bowling Team, Hornsby Connect, ACIA and the Hornsby Gang Show.

Julian is passionate about the Australian Constitution and proud of its link to the electorate of Berowra. In 1891, a group including Australia's first Prime Minister, Sir Edmund Barton and the first Chief Justice of the High Court Sir Samuel Griffith, took the steamer Lucinda up the Hawkesbury and completed the first draft of the Australian Constitution.

Julian is a person of faith and is committed to a strong diverse Australia. Julian is the first Jewish person elected to the House of Representatives from New South Wales for the Liberal Party.

Julian has degrees in arts and law from the University of NSW and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He spent 2006-2007 as a Visiting Fellow at the Taubman Centre at the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He has co-authored or edited a series of publications including, An Australian Declaration of Recognition (2016), State of the Nation (2013), Don't Leave Us with the Bill: The Case Against an Australian Bill of Rights (2009) and State Policy Perspectives (2006).

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STEERING COMMITTEE



Achyutha Sharma

Director, Collaborative Community

Achyutha has a decade of experience in Brand, Design, Retail and Marketing. He is a fashion graduate from the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), Delhi. He currently runs Collaborative Community, a brand and design consulting firm that works with start-up businesses and the development sector. The brand firm has worked with start-ups and other businesses in the area of apparel, food & beverage, e-commerce, and retail brand across sectors. In the development sector, it has worked with diverse nonprofit and social enterprises across themes such as education, livelihood, craft, energy, water and sanitation.

He also runs Sulochana Development Trust, a charitable trust that supports Creative Arts & Design for Social Impact. He has been a speaker at Indian and international conferences, a fellow with AIYD 2014, Acumen Fund India fellow 2014 and has been nominated for the Young Creative Entrepreneur Awards 2012 by British Council India.

Achyutha's interest specifically in the Australian-Indian relationship is in the area of design, entrepreneurship, social sector, arts & culture. He is continuing the Samaanata dialogue on craft & culture that originated from an Australian project. Achyutha is passionate about building brands and articulates his insights under Designing Growth and Design Impact blogs.

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Benjamin Heenan

Associate at Teach for Australia

Benjamin Heenan is a final year Commerce and Law student at UNSW Australia. He has interned at a top commercial law firm and will be an Associate with Teach For Australia in 2017-18, teaching secondary school students in disadvantaged areas across Australia. During his time at University Benjamin has been actively engaged in a variety of leadership roles. He was as a member of the Council of UNSW Australia, chaired the Board of Directors for Arc@UNSW (the University's student organisation) and served as President of the UNSW Law Society. Benjamin has also represented UNSW in the final rounds of international commercial mediation competitions in both Paris and Vienna. Outside of University Benjamin is the Vice Club Captain of Coogee Surf Life Saving Club and has recently obtained in Recreational Pilot's Licence. Benjamin's interest in the Indian-Australian centres around innovation and education.

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Christopher Michael Higgins

Business Head, Ideate Labs

Chris Higgins is a Business Head at Ideate Labs, one of India's most established digital marketing agencies. He oversees digital strategy and advertising for companies across India and the Middle East from the real estate, education, fashion, and retail industries.

Previously, Chris was the President of Annapurna International School of Film and Media (AISFM), a filmmaking, animation and liberal arts college in Hyderabad, India. He was a member of the founding team for the school, and helped to develop some of India's first university qualifications in film production. He was also a member of the founding team at Whistling Woods International, a Mumbai film school where he headed admissions and international affiliations. Chris was also the Indian National Head of Business Development for UK media sales agency SpaceandPeople.

Chris has a Bachelors of Business from UTS and is completing a Masters in Advertising from Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University (JNAFAU) in Hyderabad, India.

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Guru Prakash

Senior Research Fellow, India Foundation

After completing his Law from National Law Institute University, Bhopal and LL.M (Human Rights) from Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, Guru Prakash is presently pursuing his doctoral research on the topic of Article 370 of the Constitution of India from the University of Delhi. He is currently a Senior Research Fellow & Project Head at a New Delhi based Think Tank, India Foundation. He is also looking after the youth outreach program of Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry(DICCI) as National President, DICCINextGen Program. He regularly contributes as a columnist for Huffpost, Press Information, Bureau, Govt. of India etc.

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James Edwards

Specialist Adviser- South Asia, Victoria State Government

After being a delegate in 2016, James joined the AIYD Committee in 2017. He works in the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet advising on trade, investment and international engagement policy. James is also the Founding India Editor at Asia Options. He started the India section at Asia Option to provide advice and resources that encourage and support young Australians to engage with India through study, work or leaderships opportunities. James has a particular interest in community engagement with the Indian diaspora in Australia, and has previously been involved in the Australia India Society of Victoria Committee and organising City of Darebin Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations.

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Karan Anand: Chair

Director, Monitor Deloitte

Karan Anand is a Director at Monitor Deloitte and entrepreneur and was also the inaugural Chair of the Young Sikh Professionals Network (YSPN). At Deloitte, Karan consults on matters of strategy to executives of large publically listed companies focussed on the Financial Services and Consumer Business industries.

Karan also led YSPN, which was founded in 2012 with a mandate to create the conditions for young Sikh professionals to succeed and amplify their influence. YSPN has active chapters in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Auckland, serving over 2,000 young Sikh professionals around the country with a management team of 40 people.

Karan has a particular interest in the relationship between India and Australia from an innovation and entrepreneurship perspective

Amongst his achievements, Karan was a delegate to the Brightest Young Minds forum in Sydney; a delegate to the National Student Leadership Forum in Canberra and part of an Australian delegation to The Hague International Model United Nations. In 2005, Karan was Darwin's Young Citizen of the Year.

Karan has a Bachelor of Commerce and a Master of Finance both from UNSW where he was the Goldman Sachs Postgraduate Award winner.

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Kuppal Palaniappan

Manager, Deloitte & Co-founder, Soleful Shoes

Kuppal Palaniappan is a management consultant at Deloitte who was recently selected in the top 100 most talented women across Deloitte Australia as part of the Deloitte Aspiring Women's leadership program. At Deloitte, Kuppal consults on matters of strategy and technology across social impact, not for profit and the public sector.

Kuppal was a delegate in the 2017 Australia India Dialogue and won the group challenge. Her group proposed to decrease the approx 100,000 drowning incidences in India every year, by bringing the best of Australian Surf Life Saving skills and expertise to India.

Kuppal is also the co-founder of Soleful Shoes, an online shoe store which advocates for an inclusive fashion community. Soleful Shoes sells shoes to women with feet size 1-5 and 10-14, who due to size are traditionally excluded from the shoe industry.

Amongst her achievements, Kuppal has worked at the United Nations University and was selected as a delegate to the South American Business Forum.

Kuppal has a double degree in Business and Technology from UTS and a postgraduate in Social Impact from UNSW.

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Manuraj Shunmugasundaram

Incoming Chair, Partner, Ganesan and Manuraj Legal LLP

Manuraj Shunmugasundaram is the National Media Spokesperson for the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam party. He is also a lawyer and practices at the Madras High Court. He is also a part of the Steering Committee for the School of Policy and Governance.

In the past, he has also served as a Policy Advisor to Members of Parliament. In November of 2010, Mr. Shunmugasundaram was selected as a Fellow with the Legislative Fellows Program, organized by the U.S. State Department. He also participated in the European Union Visitor Program in 2013 as well as the Australia-India Youth Dialogue in 2014. He was a part of Project Interchange Indian delegation to visit Israel & Palestine in 2017. Mr. Shunmugasundaram works to advance the cause of responsible politics, participatory governance, and evidence-based public policy. He is a regular contributor to the Times of India, Indian Express and The Print.

Mr. Shunmugasundaram holds a B.Sc. (Honours) as well as a M.Phil from the Australian National University, where he was the recipient of the International Undergraduate Scholarship and Masters Departmental Research scholarship. He also holds a graduate law degree from the University of Delhi.

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Mitali Mukherjee

CEO & Co- founder, Samarthan

Mitali Mukherjee is a TEDx speaker and one of the most well known faces in the world of business journalism in India. With over 15 years experience in the television industry, she has handled a wide range of issues — from politics to global & local economics.

She is the CEO & Co- founder at Samarthan, a platform to enable civil society sectors and industries and engage them in the social economy. Samarthan helps organisations and people connect and gain knowledge to grow the Social Economy.

She also is the co-founder and editor of The MoneyMile. A key focus area for her is spreading awareness amongst women on the need & importance of investing.

She was previously News & Markets Editor at CNBC TV18 for over a decade. She has also worked with the TV Today group, Doordarshan (India's National Broadcaster) & BBC World.

In 2017 she represented India as a youth leader at The Australia India Youth Dialogue (AIYD) held in Sydney & Melbourne. She's a gold medallist in Political Science from Delhi University & a gold medallist in TV Journalism from The Indian Institute of Mass Communication.

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Mosiqi Acharya

Digital Content Producer, SBS Radio

Mosiqi Acharya is a Journalist with over 13 years' experience. She worked with India's top national broadcasters CNN IBN and India Today where she has extensively covered the rise of Narendra Modi from being a Chief Minister of Gujarat to the Prime Minister of India, reported on terror attacks in Mumbai and Ahmedabad, covered state and general elections and has interviewed numerous politicians, personalities and newsmakers.

Mosiqi moved to Australia in 2014 and since then has written several OPEDs on Indian politics and Adani industries for Australian publications as well as has been a speaker at various forums where Indian politics, business and economy has been discussed.

She now works with SBS Radio's Hindi program as a Digital Content Producer at their Melbourne office. She is passionate about Australia India relations and wrote an extensively detailed White Paper on Australia India Bilateral Trade Relations commissioned by Australia India Institute and Australia India Business Council. This White Paper was presented to former Australian Prime Minister Hon. Tony Abbott just days before his historic visit to New Delhi in September 2014.

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Talish Ray

Partner, TRS Law Offices

Talish Ray is the founding partner of TRS Law Offices and takes pride in the fact that she is a generalist in the world of specialists.

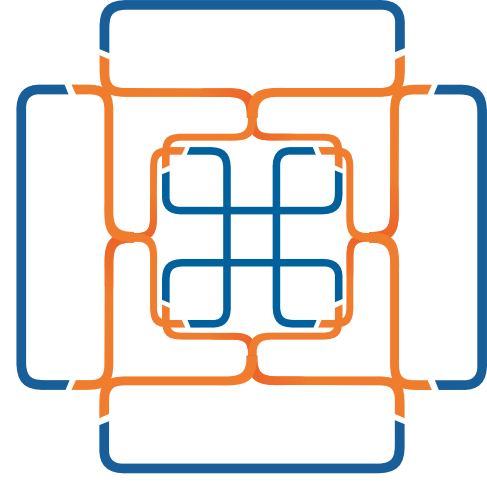
She has worked extensively with corporate houses, individual clients and not-for-profit organisations. She has appeared before the Supreme Court of India as well as the various High Courts and Tribunals around the country and has extensive experience in the area of practice involving corporate structuring, mergers and acquisition, court litigation and, policy work. She continues to serve as a senior counsel at the High Court of Delhi for the Union of India.

Outside of her law practice, Talish also serves as the Convener for the panel for gender sensitivity at the Executive Council of the Confederation of Indian Industries (Delhi State). She is also a member of the entrepreneurial education advisory board for Acropolis group of institutes in Indore.

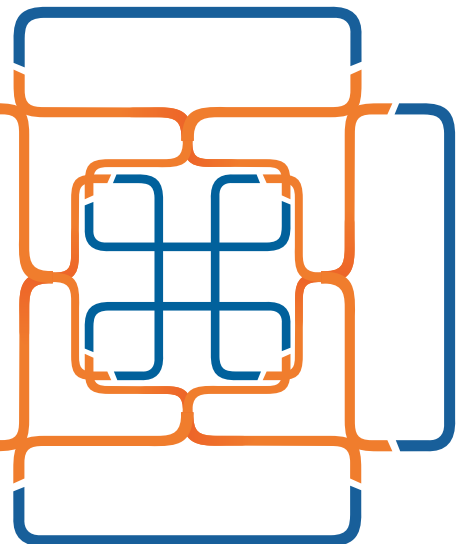
Talish is also the project director for www.girlsgottaknow.in which is an early-stage gender programme for young girls and women launched in December 2016. In her spare time, she conducts 'by invitation only' heritage walks around the city of Delhi, currently in their fifth season. About 4,000 school students and 600 adults have joined her on her walks.

A state-level trap shooter in college, she is presently training for her Dan II blackbelt in Taekwondo. She enjoys cooking traditional Avadhi cuisine and also fancies herself as a singer but thankfully no one invites her to sing.

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AIYD IN THE MEDIA



Untapped potential in closer ties with India

Tom McIlroy

Labor has warned the Morrison government not to ignore its own landmark report on engagement with India, describing the rising power as key to a boom in jobs and investment in Australia.

Former Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade boss and Australian high commissioner to India, Peter Varghese, handed his 514-page report to the federal government in mid-2018 but despite more than a year of work it was effectively buried under Malcolm Turnbull, released at 8.42pm on Wednesday via Twitter.

Labor senator Lisa Singh, the first person of Indian origin elected to federal Parliament, will use a speech to the Australia India Youth Dialogue to call for renewed action on the report's recommendations, including annual trade missions, the creation of an Australian education hub in New Delhi and a reciprocal internship program for recent graduates.

Labor also supports India's admission into APEC and India becoming a permanent member of a reformed UN Security Council.

"It is clear that our diasporas have the potential to be a driving force in

bringing us closer by mobilising entrepreneurs, increasing investor confidence, promoting cross-cultural dialogue and co-operative scholarship, engaging civil society, and developing a positive feedback loop at the governmental level," Senator Singh will tell the event.

"Considerable progress must be made before its standing is comparable to Indian diasporas in the US, United Kingdom, Canada, and Singapore."

Experts believe the government's response to the Varghese report was limited because of warnings about China trying to build influence in the region, coming as the Coalition works to lower diplomatic pressure with Beijing.

Despite close diplomatic ties, business executives, analysts, fund managers, politicians and former diplomats have all lamented the state of the Australia-India relationship.

The Indian diaspora living in Australia includes more than 700,000 people, with one in 50 Australians born in India. However, two-way trade with the country of 1.3 billion people is almost equal to Australia's trade with New Zealand, a country of 5 million.

Currently about 19,000 Australian companies export to New Zealand, while only about 2000 export to India.

The Varghese report set out ambitious targets for growth, including calling for Australia to triple its exports to India by 2035 to about \$45 billion, as well as increasing almost tenfold its investment to more than \$100 billion.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison told *The Australian Financial Review's* India Business Summit last year that the Coalition backed the report's 20 main recommendations.

Senator Singh said the Varghese report was "a road map that must not be ignored".

"Engaging with India requires vision and leadership. Our countries share a long history and common bonds, but that has not yet resulted in a strong trade relationship," she said.

"India is a huge market and provides a massive opportunity for Australia in terms of jobs and investment.

"As India repositions itself both economically and geopolitically, it's time for Australia to step up our relationship and go beyond the 'Three C's' of cricket, Commonwealth and curry."



Labor's Lisa Singh says Australia and India need to move beyond the "three Cs": cricket, curry and the Commonwealth. PHOTO: ALEX ELLINGHAUSEN

LIVE: Grammy winner in Australia for conference to boost Australia-India ties



[ABC Breakfast News](#) hosted by [Michael Rowland](#)
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21 Feb 2019 8:36 PM

ABC NEWS

Some of India's brightest stars are converging on Melbourne and Sydney this week to create closer ties with their Aussie counterparts. Michael Rowland and Madeleine Morris chat with one of the Indian delegates, Grammy Award winner and conservationist Ricky Kej, about his music and the need to strengthen the bilateral relationship.





Your Money hosted by [Ticky Fullerton](#)
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your MONEY

Uber's Head of Public Policy for the Future of Work, Amit Singh, discusses the need to improve Australia's relations with India. Mr Singh is a delegate at the Australia India Youth Dialogue meeting in Sydney and Melbourne this week. Mr Singh also addresses trends surrounding the future of work, including the impact of driverless cars.



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LIVE: PM gives first foreign policy address



[Nightlife with Sarah Macdonald](#)
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Grammy Award winner and committed conservationist Ricky Kej is in Australia for the Australia India Youth Dialogue. Tonight he is going to play for you songs about the environment



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Young leaders of Australia and India begin dialogue in Melbourne



From young politicians to entrepreneurs, journalists and musicians, this year's dialogue will be worth listening to.

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In its ninth edition, the Australia-India Youth Dialogue (AIYD) seeks to propel the vehicle of cultural diplomatic exchange between the young leaders of both countries. This year, between February 20 and 23, Melbourne and Sydney are playing host to 30 young delegates from India and Australia through whom it is believed that the bilateral relationship between both countries can be taken forward.

Speaking with **SBS Punjabi**, Karan Anand, Chair of AIYD said the primary objective of this year's dialogue is to "activate the 'youth multiplier' against the backdrop of the Peter Varghese Report of 2018." Mr Varghese was the former Australian High commissioner to India and also Secretary Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Titled *The India Economic strategy to 2035*, in this seminal report on the bilateral relationship between Australia and India, Mr Varghese has laid out the plan for transforming the economic partnership with India by 2035. The route suggested is by strategising the resilience of the Australian economy and helping India realise its aspirations.

AIYD has an impressive line-up of the young delegates this year. From the Australian side, amongst other delegates, is Amit Singh, currently the Head of Global Policy at Uber, San Francisco. Before this, he has also served as Senior Economic adviser to former Australian PMs Kevin Rudd and Julia Gillard. He was also Deputy Chief of Staff and Head of Policy to Leader of the Opposition Bill Shorten.

Also from Australia is an 18-year-old recent high school graduate, Taj Parbari. He is the founder of Fiftysix Creations, Australasia's largest youth entrepreneurship provider, which he set up at the tender age of 14. He was also named the Young Australian of the Year for Queensland in 2017.

From the Indian delegation, Ricky Kej, a Grammy Award winning musician and professor makes for an impressive delegate, as is Rajat Sethi, a Harvard graduate, is the political adviser to the Chief Minister of Manipur.

Mr Anand further said that the aim of AIYD is to explore how young leaders from both countries can take charge of taking the India-Australia relationship further in the light of the Peter Varghese report.

Anyone from India or Australia between the age group of 18 to 39 can apply for being considered for the annual AIYD.

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Emerging leaders gather to strengthen australia-india ties

Australia India Youth Dialogue kicks off in Melbourne and Sydney

Wednesday, 20 February 2019 — The best and brightest emerging young leaders from India and Australia converge on Melbourne and Sydney this week for a major bilateral dialogue.

The Australia India Youth Dialogue (AIYD) brings together Indians and Australians under the age of 40, all demonstrated leaders in their fields, for a four-day conference aimed at strengthening relations between the two countries.

The conference is being launched tonight in Melbourne by three-time Olympic gold medallist Stephanie Rice OAM, who is carving out a career in media in India and was a delegate to the conference back in 2017.

Delegates this year includes a Grammy Award-winning musician, the global head of public policy at Uber, a Melbourne entrepreneur who is aiming to bring fuel-efficient technology to 2 million rickshaws, leaders in education, agriculture, politics, and more. (See full list overleaf).

Topics under discussion range from using education to foster greater cultural understanding, and boosting economic ties, to looking at how young leaders can drive policy development.

Over four days, they will hear from eminent speakers including Foreign Minister Marise Payne.

Karan Anand, Chair of the AIYD, said:

“The Australian Government’s India Economic Strategy – and the Indian Government’s much anticipated response – point the way towards strengthening the business relationship between the two countries. But we mustn’t forget the importance of the people ties.


“That’s what the Australia India Youth Dialogue is all about: bringing together dynamic young leaders to exchange ideas, and work together solve common challenges. It’s through collaboration at forums such as this that the relationship will flourish and grow.”

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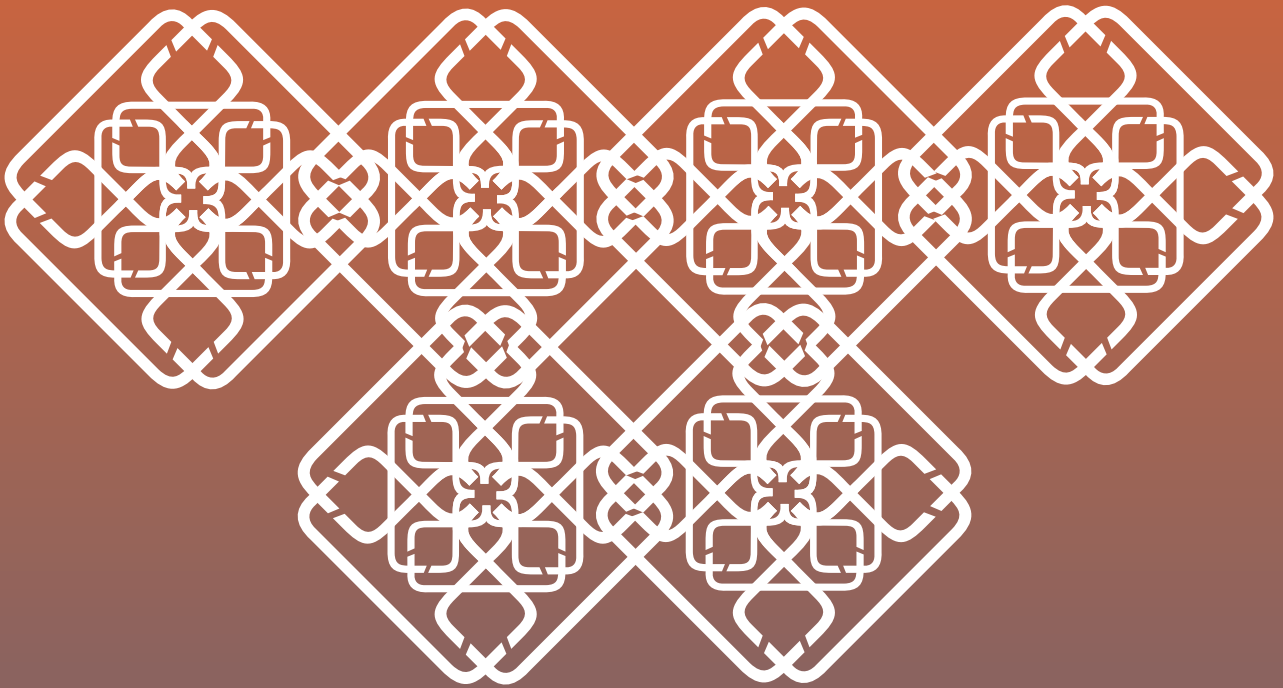
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WHAT'S ON TODAY

Melbourne

- The Victorian Auditor-General is expected to release two reports: “Professional learning for school teachers” and “Access to mental health services”.
- Olympic gold medallist **Stephanie Rice** will open four-day emerging leaders conference, the Australia India Youth Dialogue 2019.



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