

KAS Australia & the Pacific's Security Conference 2023

Program

Tuesday, 12 September (8:30am – 3:50pm)

- 08:30 am **Arrival and registration**
Arrival tea and coffee served
- 09:00 am **Welcome and Introduction**
Bertil Wenger, Director, KAS Australia and the Pacific
- 09:05 am **Keynote 'Germany's engagement in the region and the German perspective on risk assessment and the cooperation with like-minded partners like the US'**
MdB Volkmar Klein, Member of the German Bundestag; Deputy Chair, German-Pacific Parliamentary Friendship Group
- 09:20 am **Keynote 'The current state of the war in Ukraine and its geopolitical implications'**
H.E. Vasyl Myroshnychenko, Ambassador of Ukraine
- 09:35 am **Panel Debate 1: Foreign and Security Policy Current Affairs**
Developments in the Indo-Pacific and Europe
- Moderated by Mercedes Page**, Senior Fellow, ASPI, Founder and former CEO of Young Australians in International Affairs
- Panelists:**
Dr Christian Forneck, Senior Foreign Policy Adviser, CDU/ CSU
Chris Gardiner, CEO, The Institute for Regional Security
Prof Robert Patman, Professor of International Relations, University of Otago
- 10:30 am **Morning tea break**
- 11:00 am **Panel Debate 2: Security, Resilience and Preparedness**
Current Challenges for A Modern Defence Force
- Moderated by Dr Alex Bristow**, Deputy Director Strategic Policy, ASPI
- Panelists:**
The Hon Andrew Hastie, Australian Shadow Minister for Defence
COL Carsten Knorr, Defence Attaché, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
Dr Pichamon Yeophantong, Associate Professor and Head of Research at the Centre for Future Defence and National Security, Deakin University

12:00 noon

Panel Debate 3: Cybersecurity

Current Threats and Active Cyber Defence

Moderated by Gai Brodtmann, Member, ASPI Council, National Security College Futures Council and Oceania Cyber Security Centre Advisory Board

Panelists:

Senator the Hon James Paterson, Australian Shadow Minister for Cyber Security, Shadow Minister for Home Affairs

Prof Timo Kob, Head, Federal Working Group 'Cyber Security', CDU Economic Council

Anne-Louise Brown, Director of Policy, Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre

1:00pm

Working Style lunch

2:00pm

Panel Debate 4: Into the Unknown

Predictions of Future Security Developments

Moderated by Dr Bryce Wakefield, National Executive Director, AIIA

Panelists:

Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Deputy Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Dr Elizabeth Buchanan, Director of Project 6633 at the Modern War Institute at West Point Military Academy (U.S)

Hayley Channer, Director, Economic Security, United States Studies Centre (USSC)

Prof Steven Ratuva, Director, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury

3:00pm

Conclusion and Closing Remarks

Dr Bryce Wakefield, National Executive Director, AIIA

3:20pm

End of Event (Afternoon Tea and Networking)



Keynote:

Germany's engagement in the region and the German perspective on risk assessment and the cooperation with like-minded partners like the US'



Volkmar Klein Member of the German Bundestag

Born on 13 January 1960 in Siegen, North Rhine-Westphalia, married, 4 children

Education and Professional Experience

1979 Abitur (higher education entrance qualification)

1979 - 1986 Studies in Economics at University of Bonn

1980 - 1984 Student assistant at the German Bundestag

1986 Economist (Diploma)

1986 Internship at a consultant company in Melbourne, Australia

1987 Trainee at Rittal GmbH & Co. KG

1988 - 1989 Authorized officer at Exicom Europe Ltd.

1989 - 1995 Senior Manager of Wittgensteiner Kuranstalt GmbH & Co. KG

Political Career

1979 - 1983 Deputy Chairman of the Young Union (youth organization of the Christian Democratic Union, CDU) Union Siegen-Wittgenstein

1983 - 1989 Chairman of the Young Union (youth organization of the Christian Democratic Union, CDU) of the region Sauerland/Siegerland

1984 - 2005 Member of the Council of Burbach

1992 - 1996 Mayor of Burbach

since 2001 Member of the board of the CDU in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia

since 2003 Chairman of the CDU in the district of Siegen-Wittgenstein

2004 - 2015 Chairman of the Protestant Working Group of the CDU in North-Rhine-Westphalia

1995 - 2009 Member of the State Parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia

since 2009 Member of the German Bundestag, representative for Siegen-Wittgenstein

Current memberships in committees of the German Bundestag

- Member of the Committee of Economic Cooperation and Development
- Deputy member of the Budget Committee
- Chairman of the Economic Cooperation and Development Task Force of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group

Keynote:

'The current state of the war in Ukraine and its geopolitical implications'



H.E. Vasyl Myroshnychenko, Ambassador of Ukraine

Vasyl Myroshnychenko resumed the functions of the Ambassador of Ukraine to Australia on April 1, 2022.

On March 7th, 2022 Minister of Defence of Ukraine appointed him as his advisor.

In May of 2021, he was appointed as a member of the Supervisory Board of the Ukrainian Institute, a cultural diplomacy outfit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he was an active business and civil society leader in Ukraine.

From 2006 to 2022, he was a Partner at CFC Big Ideas, a Kyiv-based strategic communications company. He has 20 years of experience advising clients on corporate communications, public affairs and reputation management. Vasyl advised many multinational companies and domestic industry leaders across various sectors.

Vasyl is a co-founder of Ukraine Crisis Media Center, a media NGO set up in early March of 2014 aimed at amplifying Ukraine's voice internationally. He was in charge of numerous projects and campaigns during 2014-2019.

In 2015-2016, he was a Head of Board of Professional Government Association, an NGO which has united Ukrainian alumni of the Western Universities with a goal of mobilizing talent for the economic, legal and judicial reforms in Ukraine.

He sat on the board of the Ukrainian-British City Club, a London-based organisation promoting UK-Ukraine trade and investment relations between 2007-2022.

In 2018, Vasyl was a Marshall Memorial Fellow, a prestigious leadership program of the German Marshall Fund of the United States.

In 2002-2004, Vasyl was a President of the European Youth Parliament-Ukraine, an international youth NGO.

He was a Chevening Scholar and earned MSc in Politics of the World Economy from the London School of Economics and Political Science (2006, UK). He also holds MA and BA degrees in international relations from Institute of International Relations, Kyiv National Shevchenko University (2002, 2003). Vasyl is a graduate of the Global Village for Future Leaders of Business and Industry program at Iacocca Institute, Lehigh University (2002, USA) and Swedish Institute Management Program (Sweden, 2009) and a two-week intensive course on public affairs and advocacy from the Center of Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University in Washington, DC (USA, 2014).

Vasyl has two children and is married to Liana Myroshnychenko.

Panel Debate 1:



Mercedes Page, Senior Fellow, ASPI, Founder and fmr CEO of Young Australians in International Affairs

Mercedes has over a decade of experience working on foreign policy, defence and security issues across government, think-tanks, not-for profits and the private sector.

She was previously a fellow with the Schmidt Futures International Strategy Forum (Asia), an initiative set up by the former CEO of Google, Eric Schmidt; was a non-resident WSD-Handa Fellow at the Pacific Forum; and worked in the Australian defence industry. She is the founder and former CEO of Young Australians in International Affairs. She worked at ASPI between 2015-2016.

Mercedes previously worked for the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, where she held a number of roles including leading Australia's cyber and tech cooperation with Southeast Asia. She was one of the main authors of Australia's 2021 International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy.

She was named by the Australian Financial Review as one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence in 2018. Mercedes holds a Masters in International Studies and undergraduate degrees from the University of Adelaide.



Dr Christian Forneck, Senior Foreign Policy Adviser, CDU/CSU

- PhD in History University of Regensburg
- 2003-2005 - Federal Manager CDU Youth organisation
- 2005 – 2011 - Scientific advisor member of Parliament Philip Missfelder (MP)
- Since 2011 Senior Foreign Policy Adviser



Prof Robert Patman, Professor of International Relations, University of Otago

Robert is one of the University of Otago's inaugural Sesquicentennial Distinguished Chairs and his research interests concern international relations, global security, US foreign policy, great powers, and the Horn of Africa. He served as an editor for International Studies Perspectives (2010–14) and Head of Department of Politics (2013–16).

Robert is the author or editor of 12 books. Publications include Strategic Shortfall: The 'Somalia Syndrome' and the March to 9/11 (Praeger, 2010), co-edited books titled China and the International System: Becoming a World Power (Routledge, 2013); Science Diplomacy: New Day or False Dawn? (World Scientific Publishers, 2015) and New Zealand and the World: Past, Present and Future (World Scientific Publishers, 2018).

Robert is currently writing a volume called Rethinking the Global Impact of 9/11 (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020). He is a Fulbright Senior Scholar, an Honorary Professor of the New Zealand Defence Command and Staff College, and provides regular contributions to the national and international media on global issues and events.



Chris Gardiner, CEO, The Institute for Regional Security

Chris Gardiner leads The Institute for Regional Security, including its Future Strategic Leaders Program, Journal Security Challenges, and its regional dialogue initiatives. Chris was a founding adviser to the recently established Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy & Defence Dialogue (AP4D). He is Deputy Chair of the Australian Departments of Defence and Veterans Affairs Human Research Ethics Committee. He holds postgraduate qualifications in international relations, ethics, and leadership.

Panel Debate 2:



Dr Alex Bristow, Dep. Director Defence, Strategy and National Security, ASPI

He spent the last decade working in the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). This included postings to Beijing, covering human rights, and Canberra, covering Indo-Pacific policy. He has worked in national security and strategy roles in London, including at the Cabinet Office. Outside government, Alex has worked for a range of consultancies, think tanks and political offices across the UK, Japan and United States.



The Hon Andrew Hastie, Australian Shadow Minister for Defence

The Hon Andrew Hastie MP is a member of the Australian Parliament, representing the electorate of Canning in the House of Representatives.

Hastie completed a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in History and Philosophy through the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy. In 2006, he graduated officer training at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

In 2009, Hastie deployed to Afghanistan as a Cavalry Troop Leader. In 2010, he was selected for service with the Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) as a Troop Commander, taking commands in maritime and special reconnaissance capabilities. He deployed to Afghanistan again in 2013 as a Troop Commander with the Australian Special Operations Task Group. During his service with the SASR, he deployed to various theatres in the Middle East and Indo-Pacific.

Hastie resigned from the ADF in 2015 to successfully contest the Canning by-election for the Liberal Party of Australia. He was re-elected in the general elections of 2016, 2019, and 2022. Hastie has served as Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security from January 2017 to December 2020, and as Assistant Minister for Defence from December 2020 to May 2022.

Hastie was appointed the Shadow Minister for Defence in June 2022, following the general election.

Andrew Hastie lives in Mandurah, Western Australia, with his wife Ruth and their three young children, Jonathan, Beatrice and Jemimah.



Dr Pichamon Yeophantong, Associate Professor and Head of Research at the Centre for Future Defence and National Security, Deakin University

Dr Pichamon Yeophantong is Head of Research and Associate Professor at the Centre for Future Defence and National Security, Deakin University at the Australian War College. She also leads the Responsible Business Lab and the Environmental Justice and Human Rights Project, which are funded by an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellowship. In 2022, Pichamon was appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council as an Independent Expert, serving as the Member from Asia-Pacific States on the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

As a political scientist and China specialist, Pichamon conducts research into Chinese foreign policy and, specifically, the social and environmental impacts of Chinese overseas investment in the developing world. She also teaches and conducts field-based research on business and human rights, and more broadly, on the political economy of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific. Pichamon has previously held academic positions at the University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney and Canberra), Princeton University, and the University of Oxford, among others.



COL Carsten Knorr, Defence Attaché, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Colonel (GS) Carsten Knorr, German Air Force, has been the German Defence Attaché to Australia and New Zealand since February 2023. He was born in Mannheim/Germany as the son of a German Army Officer. He received his education in various schools in Germany and at NATO HQ SHAPE in Belgium. He joined the Luftwaffe after graduating from High School in 1986 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 1989.

In the Luftwaffe, Carsten worked for almost 10 years in various positions and leadership roles within Ground Based Air Defence units PATRIOT and ROLAND, as Desk Officer for International Relations, the German-French Working Group Air, the European Air Chief Conferences and as the Deputy Director of the Air Intelligence Centre.

He served in various roles within the German Ministry of Defence in the German Air Force Staff, the Joint Staff, the Mod's Strategy & Policy and the Policy Directorate in international relations, CD&E, Chairman of the CD&E Working Group in the MIC, Foreign Attaché Management and as a OSCE, Conventional Arms Control and Open Skies expert.

Carsten is a graduate of the 44th National General Staff Officer Course, a Fellow of the Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies Australia and has a Master Degree in Business Administration from the German Armed Forces University in Munich and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from Deakin University Melbourne.

In the world of diplomacy, Carsten has been a Deputy Defence Attaché to Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam from 2003-2006 and a Defence Attaché to Australia and New Zealand from 2013-2017.

His operational experience include HADR operations in the wake of the Asian Boxing Day Tsunami 2004, an involvement during the Afghanistan Evacuation Operations and intelligence assessments on the Air War during the first months of the Russian War against the Ukraine.

Carsten is fluent in English, Thai and French. He is married to Nantke and father of one daughter (14 years). For leisure, he likes jogging and golf. He is interested in military and political history, favours contemporary and classical music and plays the organ or piano.

Panel Debate 3:



Gai Brodtmann, Member, ASPI Council, National Security College Futures Council and Oceania Cyber Security Centre Advisory Board

Gai Brodtmann is a former parliamentarian and business owner with deep experience in national security.

In three terms as a federal Member of Parliament, Gai served as a shadow frontbencher on cyber security and defence, and was deputy chair of the public accounts and audit joint committee.

Before politics Gai was a diplomat and ran her own defence-focused small business.

Gai sits on a range of boards and is a regular public speaker on national security, public policy and women's empowerment.

Gai is a champion for women in national security and a driver of change in women's health and resilience.



Senator the Hon James Paterson, Australian Shadow Minister for Cyber Security, Shadow Minister for Home Affairs

Senator James Paterson is a Liberal Senator for Victoria. First elected in March 2016 at age 28, Senator Paterson is the youngest Liberal ever elected to the Senate.

During his time in the Senate, he has fought for Australia's prosperity, freedom, democracy and sovereignty.

Senator Paterson is the Shadow Minister for Home Affairs and Cyber Security. He was previously Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security.

He currently chairs the Senate Select Committee on Foreign Interference Through Social Media and is the past chair of the Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services and the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee.

Senator Paterson is also the Australian co-chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China; co-patron of Liberal Friends of Israel; and co-chair of the Parliamentary Friends of the Baltics.

Prior to entering the Senate, James was Deputy Executive Director of free market think tank, the Institute of Public Affairs. He previously worked for the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI), and in the office of Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield.

He has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne. He is a graduate of the McKinnon Institute Advanced Political Leadership program, was the 2023 SR Nathan Exchange Fellow to Singapore and is a 2023 Asia Fellow of the International Strategy Forum.

James is a member of the Richmond Football Club and lives in Melbourne with his wife Lydia and their two children.



Prof Timo Kob, Head, Federal Working Group 'Cyber Security', CDU Economic Council

Prof Timo Kob has been a driving force behind the development of the German cybersecurity standard „IT Grundschutz“ for the past 30 years. He played an instrumental role in establishing international standards for information security and business continuity.

Since 1992, Kob has been advising national and international companies, authorities, governments and supranational institutions, including more than half of the DAX companies, 75% of the German top 20 banks, the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), the Federal Chancellery of Austria, the European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA), the OSCE and more.

Kob is **Professor for Economic Protection** and Cybersecurity at the FH Campus Vienna. As researcher, Kob argues for a holistic approach to economic protection. He has devoted numerous studies to the various effects of digitalization on corporate security and innovation.

Timo Kob is the founder and chief consultant of the German security consultancy **HiSolutions AG**. Headquartered in Berlin with offices in Bonn, Frankfurt, Nuremberg and Düsseldorf, HiSolutions is the first company to be certified as a "Certified IT Security Service Provider" by the BSI. With over 300 employees, HiSolutions is one of the largest consulting firms for cybersecurity and has been selected by the BSI as the cyber security consulting firm for all German federal ministries and central authorities.

Other Activities

Timo Kob heads the federal working group "Cyber Security" at the CDU Economic Council.

He sits on the boards of the security commissions of the German industry association BDI and Bitkom, Germany's digital association, where he is also a member of the main board of directors. As a non-party expert, he sat on the 'Future of Work' program commission of Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in 2015, to help shape the Digital Agenda.



Anne-Louise Brown, Director of Policy, Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre

Anne-Louise Brown is the Director of Policy at the Cyber Security Cooperative Research Centre

(CSCRC). She is a skilled policy, government relations and communications expert.

Anne-Louise specialises in articulating the intersection between public policy and cyber security, national security, governance and law in a ‘human’ way, demystifying what can be highly technical and complex areas.

She has co-authored several key policy papers about ransomware, cyber insurance and IoT cyber security, and has a deep interest in cyber crime and its evolution.

Previously, Anne-Louise was PwC Australia’s Chief of Staff – Cyber Security and Digital Trust, and Acting Head of Government Relations and Communications at the Law Council of Australia.

Panel Debate 4:



Dr Bryce Wakefield, National Executive Director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University

He has lived, worked and researched in the United States, Japan, Europe and New Zealand. He trained as a political scientist with particular expertise in International Relations and the international affairs of East Asia. From 2008 to 2012 Bryce was the associate responsible for Northeast Asian programs at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. In this role, he was responsible for conceiving, designing and organising around 60 events in Washington, including policy briefings in the U.S. Congress, on political issues in Australia, Taiwan, North and South Korea and Japan. He co-organised, with the Wilson Center’s partners, three major annual policy conferences in Tokyo. He has also given talks in Japanese, including for parliamentarians at the National Diet.

He was also a university lecturer with tenure in area studies and international relations at Leiden University in the Netherlands. While at Leiden from 2012-2018 he taught numerous classes on the foreign policy and domestic politics of Japan, the politics of East Asia, comparative politics, and the relationship between politics and culture. He designed and implemented a successful specialization on culture and politics for Leiden’s graduate program in International Relations. During his time as a university academic he also delivered training, induction and briefing sessions for Dutch and international diplomats in The Hague and in Japan.

Bryce is regularly quoted in the media. His work and views on political issues in Asia and Australasia have appeared in such outlets as *BusinessWeek*, *Der Spiegel*, *Financial Times*, *SCMP*, the *Telegraph*, *de Volkskrant* and the *Washington Times*, as well as on the *ABC*, *ACN*, *SBS*, *BBC News*, *CNBC*, *CSPAN*, *7News Australia*, and *Sky News Australia* and in such Japanese outlets as the *Daily Yomiuri*, *NHK* and the *Sankei Shimbun*. In February 2015, the Tokyo bureau chief of the *New York Times* named him as one of 10 “influential and reliable intellectuals” outside Washington who could help policymakers better know Japan.

Bryce’s academic publications to date focus on constitutional issues and defence policy, political marketing and national identity in Japan. While at the Wilson Center, he also edited and contributed to several of the centre’s multi-author publications on East Asian politics and foreign policy. He has also written on New Zealand’s foreign policy and has been called to the Australian Senate Foreign Affairs and Defence References Select Committee to give expert testimony. Bryce lived in Japan from 1998 to 2004 and earned his master’s degree from Osaka University’s School of International Public Policy. He earned his PhD in political studies from the University of Auckland.



Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Deputy Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

David served in the Australian Defence Force for over 22 years. An Army pilot, he flew helicopters and fixed wing aircraft and was the Senior Flying Instructor at the School of Army Aviation in Queensland. Graduating as an experimental test pilot from the Empire Test Pilots' School (UK), he finished his full time career in Defence as the Commanding Officer of the RAAF Aircraft Research and Development Unit.

Elected to the House of Representatives as the Member for Wakefield (SA) in 2004, he served in the Parliament until 2007. David continued to fly as a test pilot and ran a small business working in the Defence and Aviation sectors prior to being elected to the Senate in 2010, 2016 and again in 2019. In the 45th Parliament, David was sworn as the Assistant Minister for Defence. David is currently the Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, a member of the Senate Standing Committees on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade – both Legislation and References, and a member of the Senate Standing Committee of Privileges.



Dr Elizabeth Buchanan, Director of Project 6633 at the Modern War Institute at West Point Military Academy (U.S)

Dr Elizabeth Buchanan a 1st Sea Lord (1SL) Five Eyes Fellow for the Royal Navy and is Head of Research for the Royal Australian Navy's Sea Power Centre. She is Co-Director of Project 6633 at the Modern War Institute at West Point Military Academy and an Expert Fellow of the ANU National Security College. Dr Buchanan was previously a Lecturer of Strategic Studies for Deakin University at the Australian War College, Canberra.

Dr Buchanan's areas of expertise are polar geopolitics, energy security and international security orders with a focus on Russian strategy. Dr Buchanan completed her PhD on Russian Arctic strategy under Vladimir Putin and holds an Honours degree in Russian-Ukrainian natural gas relations. Dr Buchanan was a Visiting Maritime Fellow at NATO's Defense College where she examined High North security matters.

Elizabeth has guest edited various academic journal editions on polar warfare and Australian security affairs. Elizabeth has published widely on Russia and geopolitical security issues with War on the Rocks, Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, The Lowy Institute, The National Interest, The Australian Institute for International Affairs, The Moscow Times, The Economist, Politico, Policy Forum and The Australian. Dr Buchanan has been a Visiting Scholar with The Brookings Institution's Foreign Policy unit and has commercial experience in the private oil sector. She has authored two books: Russian Energy Strategy in the Asia Pacific (ANU Press) and Red Arctic (The Brookings Institution Press). She has two further books under contract: How to Lose a Continent (Black Inc) and Competitive Cooperation at the Ends of the Earth (Yale University Press).



Hayley Channer, Director, Economic Security, United States Studies Centre (USSC)

Hayley Channer is the Director of the Economic Security Program with the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney. Hayley has led a diverse background having worked as an Australian Government official, Ministerial adviser, think tank analyst, and represented global non-profit organisations.

Immediately prior to her current role, Hayley was a Senior Policy Fellow with the Perth USAsia Centre. In this position she published analysis on China's Belt and Road Initiative, infrastructure and investment in the Indo-Pacific, and multilateral economic frameworks. She also provided policy guidance to senior Australian and US government officials on how to better engage the private sector.

In an earlier role, Hayley was an Assistant Director within the Strategy, Policy and Industry Group at the Australian Department of Defence. With Defence, she produced and implemented international policy and advised senior military personnel, including on Exercise Talisman Sabre 2017, Hayley was selected as the Australian Policy Adviser to the Commander, US Third Fleet in San Diego and worked under simulated wartime conditions.

Hayley is the recipient of the Fulbright Australia 2022 Coral Sea Scholarship (Business/Industry) which she undertook in Washington DC. Hayley has held Visiting Fellowships with the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre (SDSC) at the Australian National University and East West Center in Washington DC. She is an alumna of the US State Department's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) and Australia-America Young Leadership Dialogue (AAYLD). Hayley also currently serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Western Australia's Defence and Security Institute.



Prof Steven Ratuva, Director, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury

Professor Steven Ratuva, an award-winning political sociologist and global interdisciplinary scholar, is Director of the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies. He was awarded the 2020 Metge Medal by the Royal Society of New Zealand -Te Apārangi, the country's highest award in social science research excellence. He was also co-winner of the 2019 University of Canterbury research medal, the university's highest academic honour. He became the first Pacific Islander and foreign national to win both esteemed and highly contested awards. He is also recipient of a number of research grants by Marsden, NZ Health Research Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and others, totalling a few million dollars.

He was a recipient of a Fulbright Senior Fellowship and was Fulbright professor at the University of California (LA), Duke University and Georgetown University in 2018. He is Chair of the International Political Science Association research committee on Security, Conflict and Democratization and former President of the Pacific Islands Political Studies Association. He has transdisciplinary across sociology, anthropology, political science, development studies, economics, philosophy and history. With a PhD from the Institute of Development Studies (University of Sussex), he has published widely on a range of issues Pacific societies and culture, indigenous knowledge, development, conflict, peace, political change, coups, memory activism, social solidarity economy, social protection, elections, ethnicity, security, military, affirmative action, COVID-19, social indexes, indigenous knowledge, climate security and nationalism.