



Standing in the Future: New Zealand and the Indo-Pacific Region

14 July 2021 | WELLINGTON

Conference Agenda

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| 9.00am - 9.20am | Welcome and Mihi Whakatau |
| 9.20am - 9.50am | Keynote Address
Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister of New Zealand |
| 9.50am - 10.35am | Special Address
'US Perspectives on the Indo-Pacific' |
| 10.35am - 11.00am | Morning Tea |
| 11.00am - 12.25pm | SESSION 1
- two parallel sessions |
| 12.25pm - 1.25pm | Lunch |
| 1.25pm - 2.45pm | SESSION 2
- two parallel sessions |
| 2.45pm - 3.15pm | Afternoon Tea |
| 3.15pm - 4.35pm | SESSION 3
- two parallel sessions |
| 4.40pm - 4.55pm | Closing Remarks
Professor David Capie
Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies
Victoria University of Wellington |
| 5.00pm - 6.00pm | End of Conference Function |

**SESSION 1 - OPTION 1
GEOPOLITICS AND
REGIONAL SECURITY**

What's in a Name: Where is the power being exerted in the Indo-Pacific region and how are countries responding to that power?

China and the US are the two major players exerting power in the Indo-Pacific region. Different countries and key regional bodies are providing some new approaches in responding to those powers. China's continued rise globally is continuing to strain the existing structure of relations within the region. While the odds of military conflict between states are low, conflict within states is rising. Many of the new security challenges are transnational in origin and nature, and no nation can combat them alone. Implications for New Zealand's strategic direction in the region may be significant as it looks at these changing dynamics in the Indo-Pacific.

Moderator

Professor Steven Ratuva

Director of the Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury

Panel

Professor Dewi Fortuna Anwar

Research Professor at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences

Associate Professor Nicholas Khoo

Associate Professor Otago University

Ben Bland

Director, Southeast Asia Program, Lowy Institute, Canberra

Professor Anne-Marie Brady

Professor in Political Science and International Relations, University of Canterbury

**SESSION 1 - OPTION 2
INCLUSION**

How to ensure inclusive growth for all: What happens if we don't get it right?

Despite decades of economic growth and improving living standards in the Asia Pacific region, the distribution of the economic pie is far from equitable, with negative ramifications for many in terms of access to health, education and economic opportunities. Are there wider policies that can help mitigate this growing gap and restore the social licence around trade agreements? Many Asian and Latin American countries have far to go in making their societies more inclusive to women, ethnic minorities and the LGBTQIA community. How can they move towards greater levels of inclusion and equality? And what is the fate of the migrant workers and their communities across the region following the impacts of COVID-19.

Moderator

Jerry He

Founding Chairman Asia Pacific MSME Trade Coalition

Panel

Kayo Sakey

Chair, NZ Asian Leaders Wellington/ Superdiversity Institute Council Member

Jorge Sahd

Director, Centre for International Studies, University of Chile

Olivia Shen

Founder and Managing Director, OS Consulting

Teresa Tepania-Ashton

CEO of Māori Women's Development Incorporated

**SESSION 2 - OPTION 1
REGIONAL GEO-ECONOMICS**

What is New Zealand's place in the evolving Asia-Pacific economy: New Zealand's economic partners – who are they to us and who are we to them?

New Zealand has benefited hugely from trade with the Asia Pacific region. But many exporters are likely to face tougher environmental and animal welfare market requirements from Asian consumers. A significant number of talented Kiwis have travelled overseas and stayed there leaving a hole in the talent pool within New Zealand. How do we get New Zealand returnees from the Asia-Pacific to contribute more to New Zealand? How can NZ stop leaking talent, investment and value to East Asia? How has Covid changed the reputational/competitive position of New Zealand within the Asia-Pacific region and what are the ongoing repercussions of COVID-19 for the many economies in the region.

Moderator

Dr Alan Bollard

Professor of Practice at the
School of Government

Panel

Sarah Salmond

Corporate Partner,
Minter Ellison Rudd Watts

Brad Olsen

Senior Economist and Director
at Infometrics

Professor Siah Hwee Ang

Professor of International Business and
Strategy at Victoria University

Professor Michael Baker

Professor in the Department of
Public Health, University of Otago

**SESSION 2 - OPTION 2
SUSTAINABILITY**

Meeting environmental sustainability challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

Higher temperatures, sea level rise, and extreme weather events linked to climate change are having a major impact on the Indo-Pacific region. They are harming its economies, natural and physical assets, and compounding developmental challenges, including poverty, food, water and energy security, as well as health. Many countries in the Indo-Pacific region are geographically vulnerable and highly exposed to the damaging impacts of climate change. Is enough being done to manage the enormous impacts ahead? The increased volume of COVID-19 medical waste, particularly from single-use plastics and their improper management, could intensify environmental degradation in the region. Who should take the lead to kickstart processes for slowing down this process as the battle with COVID-19 continues?

Moderator

Jay Marlowe

Associate Professor and Co-Director of the
Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies

Panel

Ryley Webster

Operations Manager, VSA

HE Nina Obermaier

Ambassador of the European Union
to New Zealand

Professor Andreas Neef

Professor in Development Studies at
University of Auckland

Dr Sung-Young Kim

Senior Lecturer in International Relations
at Macquarie University

**SESSION 3 - OPTION 1
GEOPOLITICS AND
HUMAN SECURITY****SESSION 3 - OPTION 2
GEO-ECONOMICS
AND APEC**

Regional fault lines and flash points and New Zealand's role.

Human security is essential to growth and prosperity and economic stability enables better preparation for and more efficient responses to, attacks or disaster. Security challenges in Asia include military tensions around flash-points such as the South China Sea, Taiwan Straits and Korean Peninsula. But what are the security challenges in other parts of the Asia Pacific? And are the regional cooperation organisations and agreements sufficient to face not only security threats? How are Australia and NZ working together and separately in the region regarding security issues and humanitarian activities?

Moderator

Professor Robert Patman
Professor of International Relations,
University of Otago

Panel

Dr Oriana Skylar Mastro
Center Fellow at Stanford University's
Freeman Spogli Institute for
International Studies

Nguyễn Khắc Giang
Vietnamese Writer, Researcher and
PhD Candidate, Victoria University

Dr Huong Le Thu
Senior Analyst at Australian Strategic
Policy Institute (ASPI), Australia

Dr Reuben Steff
Senior Lecturer International Relations,
University of Waikato

How will the Asia-Pacific economy grow and trade in the future, and what is APEC's role?

The World Bank has estimated almost 50 million people will fall back into extreme poverty as a result of COVID-19. With digital advancements for some and digital exclusion for others, how are countries managing these changes and challenges? Does the Asia-Pacific region have a future as a coherent geo-economic region and are institutions like APEC and ASEAN enough to keep it relevant? Can New Zealand balance its East Asian and Western bloc interests and how important will RCEP be for trade and regional integration? With many Maori-based industries developing stronger economic ties with Asia are there lessons for the wider New Zealand economy in how to better diversify from a commodity-led exporter to a higher value-based exporter?

Moderator

Professor Natasha Hamilton-Hart
Director of NZ Asia Institute and
Professor of International Business,
University of Auckland

Panel

Stephanie Honey
Associate Director, New Zealand
International Business Forum

Nikora Ngaropo
Founder of Nikora Ngaropo
Media Design (NNMD)

Rob Scollay
Associate Professor,
University of Auckland

Gabrielle Armstrong-Scott
Incoming Knox Fellow at
Harvard University

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Ziena Jalil

Ziena is a keynote speaker, facilitator and commentator on a range of topics including Asia business, diversity and inclusion, nation branding, leadership and politics. She consults on strategy and stakeholder engagement, and is a board member of Manukau Institute of Technology, Unitec, DNA Design, and the Cancer Society Auckland Northland.

A New Zealand Women of Influence awards finalist (Board & Management, and Global categories), Ziena was also recognised by Campaign Asia Pacific as part of its 2020 Women to Watch, a group of 40 outstanding women in the Asia Pacific.

She has received several international awards for her work promoting New Zealand trade and education in Asia, while in the roles of Regional Director (South & South East Asia) for Education New Zealand, New Zealand Trade Commissioner to Singapore, and Head of North Asia Marketing and Communications for New Zealand Trade and Enterprise. Ziena has helped some of New Zealand's largest businesses build their reputation and revenue, advised Ministers, and worked at the grassroots supporting the growth of Māori and Pacific young people in professional careers. She continues to mentor and coach several young leaders.

Tim McCready

Tim McCready works in international business development and capital raising for both the public and private sectors, and has a particular passion for taking New Zealand's innovation global. He is also a business writer and commentator for the New Zealand Herald, with a focus on trade, investment, politics, Asia and the United States.

Tim is a lead judge for the Westpac Auckland Business Awards, an independent assessor for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's Endeavour Fund, and on the expert review panel for Callaghan Innovation. Previously, Tim worked for New Zealand Trade & Enterprise in both Auckland and London. He has a Master in Bioscience Enterprise and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Auckland.

Closing Remarks

Professor David Capie

Professor David Capie is Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies and Professor of International Relations at Victoria University of Wellington. His research interests focus on the international politics of the Asia-Pacific region and New Zealand's foreign and defence relations.

Dr Capie has authored or co-authored three books and numerous articles and book chapters. His research has been supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, the East-West Center and the Royal Society of New Zealand's Marsden Fund. He has held Visiting Appointments at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University and LUISS Guido Carli in Rome.

David's undergraduate education was in law and politics at Victoria University of Wellington, followed by a Master's at the Australian National University where he was a Freyberg Scholar. He completed his PhD at York University in Toronto.

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