

00:17:34 Dan Bleakley: Hi all - Dan from The Australia Institute here. Thanks for joining us today. Looking forward to a great webinar!

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00:26:08 Megan Argyriou: LOVE the way Kishore describes Southeast Asia as a 'geopolitical gift to Australia' - I couldn't agree more!

00:28:14 Greg ("Darwin", Larrakia country, Australia): Hm. Democracy. I'm starting to think that ONE DAY every three years doesn't work very well. Maybe we should step it up a bit.

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00:29:29 Greg ("Darwin", Larrakia country, Australia): Australia is still an outpost of Britain, even if the majority of its residents self-identify as "Australians". We don't eat Australian foods, we don't speak Australian languages, and so on. It's all stuff we brought with us from Britain when we swarmed in.

00:30:40 Elizabeth robinson: Australia's challenge is to appease US whilst maintaining relations with China!

00:35:55 Greg ("Darwin", Larrakia country, Australia): We indigenous Brits are living in Australia on the strength of Britain's navy for a couple of centuries. I hope we realise that and act accordingly before all of our neighbours ponder how we've wronged them during that period.

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00:36:23 John Lander: Australia will not be able to develop intimate relations with ASEAN until it uses the political capital it has invested in the US alliance to dissuade US from pursuing absolute global primacy and adopt a policy that accepts shared multi-polar global responsibility

00:37:02 Kevin O'Dea: ANZUS is the driving force for our foreign policy. Politics in the USA make this a very shaky foundation for such assumptions. Southeast Asia deserves more respect.

00:39:02 GYORGY Bernard Hortense: The USA is working on having a war like the one in Ukraine, in our neighbourhood. That's why Pelosi is going to Taiwan

00:39:41 Heather Piddington: I agree totally with John and Kevin.

00:39:55 Elizabeth robinson: Totally agree with you John

00:43:13 GYORGY Bernard Hortense: What's in flux in Australia is the anti China propaganda, priming the cannon fodder for war with China.

00:43:46 Greg ("Darwin", Larrakia country, Australia): You said that right, @GYORGY

00:44:42 Elizabeth robinson: Sadly true Gyorgy

- 00:47:32 Greg ("Darwin", Larrakia country, Australia): Thanks, Kishore.
- 00:47:46 Kieren Strain: Australian diplomacy = sledgehammer, especially under recent coalition govt's
- 00:48:12 GYORGY Bernard Hortense: Yeah, they're imprisoning Australian journalist, Julian Assange for telling the truth about a war they lied us into
- 00:48:21 John Lander: The US is determined not to allow Australia to 'get along with China', as that would make 'containment' of China much more difficult.
- 00:49:35 Stewart Fist: Rather than political, defence and security involvement, it appears to me that Australia must emphasise its contribution to ASEAN countries in the provision of education and research programs. We need an ASEAN-focussed development centre for universities and CSIRO-type organisations in the North-West (near Broome) which is only a short air-hop, and so easy access from the neighbours. This way-station would have pandemic advantages also.
- 00:49:54 Wendy Flannery: Four moral flaws are used by Chinese intelligence agencies to exercise influence: lust, revenge, fame and greed.
- 00:49:57 Elizabeth robinson: Agree with Kishore. Love his input.
- 01:01:38 Greg ("Darwin", Larrakia country, Australia): Nice, Kishore.
- 01:01:52 John Lander: The number one human right is the right to life. In its many wars in the Middle East, the US accompanied by Australia, has breached this right more than any other country.
- 01:02:43 Elizabeth robinson: Australia should also promote human rights in Australia!
- 01:03:23 Rosemary Watson: Australias treatment of asylum seekers is a gross violation of human rights.
- 01:04:07 Bea Molanus-Winkel: SOOOOOO AGREE WITH YOU KISHORE
- 01:04:17 Elizabeth robinson: Spot on Rosemary!
- 01:04:37 Greg ("Darwin", Larrakia country, Australia): Yes. Act as a role model.
- 01:04:47 Elizabeth robinson: I could listen to Kishore all day!
- 01:05:21 Teng Liaw: self-righteous selective condemnation of human rights is the problem, not human rights per se
- 01:05:57 Austra Maddox: Thank you for a most stimulating and intelligent discussion.
- 01:06:00 Elizabeth robinson: Yes Teng. Human rights becomes weaponised.
- 01:07:18 Greg ("Darwin", Larrakia country, Australia): Australia is a long way from "the West". It will pay to keep that in mind.
- 01:07:26 Cheryl Peel: I agree, spot on Rosemary! Kishore has summed up Australia's approach so well, we can't moralise to the world while we treat asylum seekers & refugees so appallingly. Not to mention our treatment of our First Nations people over the last 200+ years.

01:08:47 Sumithri Venketasubramanian: Really appreciate the idea of "private" channels to discuss these issues (as opposed to megaphone diplomacy). As someone from southeast asia the lack of democratic freedoms in my country mean that activists trying to address human rights abuses in our country are jailed and intimidated - I'm interested to see how diplomatic relationships could encourage change in my own country because the government won't listen to its people

01:09:37 Elizabeth robinson: Brilliant metaphor Kishore

01:09:48 Kieren Strain: Great analogy Kishore

01:10:16 Bea Molanus-Winkel: IF AUSTRALIA COULD EXCEPT THAT THEY STOLE THIS LAND. ALL NON INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE EITHER CONVICTS REFUGEES OF IMMIGRANTS. TO KEEP THIS IN MIND WE WOULD MAY BE RESPECT HUMAN BEING. I AGREE THERE ARE LOTS OF AUSTRIANS THAT STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

01:11:18 Elizabeth robinson: Agree Bea

01:11:25 Dan Bleakley: Thanks to all for joining us today and for participating in a fascinating discussion! For details about upcoming webinars and to register head to <https://australiainstitute.org.au/events/webinars/>

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Thanks again for joining us – and enjoy the rest of your day!

01:11:43 Colin Mitchell: Yes, and the other big issue for the global boat is preventing nuclear war. That will sink the boat real quick. We must cooperate across nations to avert global nuclear war

01:11:48 Kieren Strain: Spot on Melissa - Ross Garnaut says it all in his book "Super Power"

01:11:48 Elizabeth robinson: Thanks for a stimulating discussion

01:11:57 Kieren Strain: Fantastic panel, thank you!

01:12:04 Megan Argyriou: Great discussion!

01:12:25 Teng Liaw: thanks to panel

01:12:31 Amanda Roach: Agree Melissa!