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Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman was Professor of War Studies at King’s College, London, from 1982 to 2014, and was Vice-Principal from 2003 to 2013. He was educated at Whitley Bay Grammar School and the Universities of Manchester, York and Oxford. Before joining King’s College, he held research appointments at Nuffield College, Oxford, the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

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in 1987 and again in 1988. On behalf of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Emeritus Professor Dibb has represented Australia at 10 meetings of the ASEAN Regional Forum’s Expert and Eminent Persons group, most recently in Singapore in March 2016. He was a member of the Foreign Minister’s policy advisory panel for the nine years of its existence until 2007. His areas of expertise include international security concepts, Asia-Pacific regional security issues and Australian defence policy and force structure. He was made a member of the Order of Australia in 1989.

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Dr King specialises in Chinese foreign and security policy, China–Japan relations and the international relations and security of the Asia-Pacific region. Dr King is the author of China–Japan Relations After World War II: Empire, Industry and War, 1949–1971, which was published by Cambridge University Press in 2016. It examines the post-war rebuilding of economic ties between the People’s Republic of China and Japan. It also explains how and why Japan became China’s most important economic partner in the aftermath of major war, and at a time when the two countries were still Cold War opponents. The book is based on hundreds of declassified documents from the Chinese Foreign Ministry Archive, gathered during extensive fieldwork in China between 2008 and 2012. Dr King received a DPhil in international relations from the University of Oxford, where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar. Her doctoral thesis was awarded Oxford’s 2013 Dasturzada Dr Jal Pavry Memorial Prize. Dr King completed her MPhil in Modern Chinese Studies at the University of Oxford, BA Hons (First Class) in International Studies, and BBus in International Business at the University of South Australia.

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