

Conference Program – SDSC at 50: New Directions in Strategic Thinking 2.0

The Hall, University House, The Australian National
University, Canberra, Australia

Day One — Thursday 21 July 2016

Conference Opening: Dr Brendan Taylor, Head of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, and Veronica L. Taylor, Dean of the College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU.

Keynote Address: Strategic Thinking Since 1945: Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman

Student Awards Presentation

Session 1: Strategy and Power

Chair: Professor Michael Wesley

- 21st Century Strategic Order: Dr C. Raja Mohan
- Economics and Strategy: Dr Amy King
- Elements of National Power and Strategic Policy:
Major General John J. Frewen
- Great Power Grand Bargains: Myth or Reality?:
Professor Evelyn Goh

Session 2: Strategic Thinking: Concepts and Challenges

Chair: Emeritus Professor David Horner

- Old Wine in New Bottles? The Continued Relevance of Cold War Strategic Concepts: Professor Robert Ayson
- Alliances After the Cold War: Professor Thomas Christensen
- Nuclear Strategy After the Cold War: Dr Nicola Leveringhaus

Session 3: Strategy and Domains

Chair: Professor Joan Beaumont

- The Return of Geography: Professor Paul Dibb
- Maritime Strategy in Asia: Dr Euan Graham
- The Evolution of Military Capability in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region: Dr Tim Huxley

Conference Dinner at the Australian War Memorial

Day Two — Friday 22 July 2016

Welcome: Dr Brendan Taylor

Session 4: Strategic Studies in Practice

Chair: Admiral Chris Barrie

- Strategic Studies in Practice: The Australian Perspective: Professor Hugh White
- Strategic Studies in Practice: The Southeast Asian Perspective: Mr Peter Ho
- Training the Next Generation of Strategic Thinkers: Professor Eliot Cohen

Session 5: New Directions in Strategic Studies

Chair: Professor Daniel Marston

- US Grand Strategy in the Post-Cold War Era: Dr Hal Brands
- The Future of Strategic Studies: Lessons from the Last Golden Age: Professor Sir Hew Strachan
- An Asian School of Strategic Studies?: Professor Amitav Acharya
- The Future of Strategic Studies: The Next Golden Age: Professor Robert O'Neill

Where to from here?: Professor Bates Gill

Concluding Remarks: Dr Brendan Taylor

SDSC 50th Anniversary Public Celebration

- Asia in 2020: War or Peace?: Professor Sir Lawrence Freedman and Professor Eliot Cohen

This text is taken from *A National Asset: 50 Years of the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre*, edited by Desmond Ball and Andrew Carr, published 2016 by ANU Press, The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.