

## Australia, Spain and the EU: partnering in an uncertain world

Cervantes room - Casa de América (Plaza de la Cibeles, 2 - Madrid)

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### Agenda

09:30 Opening remarks

**Tomás Poveda**, Director, Casa de América

**Ernesto de Zulueta**, Director General for North America and Asia-Pacific, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

**Ambassador Jane Hardy**, Embassy of Australia in Spain

**Pedro Solbes**, President of FRIDE

10:00

### Session I:

#### **The new politics and economics of the Asia-Pacific region**

*This session will address the ongoing redistribution of power in the Asia-Pacific region and its implications for the EU and Spain. What balance should be struck between deepening economic links and growing geopolitical competition in the region? How does this affect the interests of Europe and Spain and how can they better connect with Australia and other actors in the region to advance them?*

Moderator: **Ambassador Jane Hardy**, Embassy of Australia in Spain

Speakers:

**Felix Patrikeeff**, President of the South Australian Branch, Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA)

**Emilio de Miguel Calabia**, Deputy Director General for the Pacific, South-East Asia and Philippines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

10:30

Discussion

11:15

*Coffee break*

11:45

### Session II:

#### **Trans-national threats and cooperative solutions in the Asia-Pacific**

*This session will address the evolution of trans-national threats in the Asia-Pacific region and Australia's threat perception in particular. What threats feature at the top of the security agenda in the region (such as illicit traffics, piracy, natural disasters, cyber-security)? Does cooperation among regional actors and others respond to these threats? How do these affect Europe and Spain? What contribution could Europe and Spain make to deal with these threats?*



Moderator: **Daniel Keohane**, Senior Researcher, Head of Strategic Affairs, FRIDE

Speakers:

**John Blaxland**, Senior fellow, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, ANU College of Asia & Pacific, The Australian National University

**Antonio Marquina Barrio**, Chair in International Security and Cooperation. Director of the Department of International Studies, Complutense University of Madrid

12:15 Discussion

13:00 Break

14:30 Session III:

**The contribution of Asian actors to the reform of global governance**

*This session will address the priorities of Australia and other countries in Asia concerning the reform of global governance frameworks and institutions. What contribution are these countries making to international cooperation in formal and informal settings? How does that relate to the contribution and priorities of Europe and Spain? What scope is there for convergence, coordination or joint initiatives on shared agendas?*

Moderator: **Pedro Solbes**, President, FRIDE

Speakers:

**Mike Callaghan**, Director, G20 Studies Centre, Lowy Institute for International Policy, Sydney

**Miguel Ángel Martínez Rolland**, Senior Adviser Spanish Treasury

15:00 Discussion

15:45 *Coffee break*

16:15 Session IV:

**Spain and Australia: opportunities to deepen the partnership**

*This session will address the main dimensions of mutual engagement between Spain and Australia, with a particular focus on the areas of defence, infrastructure and renewable energy. What are the main opportunities to further deepen the bilateral partnership?*

Moderator: **Antonio Fernández-Martos**, Director General for Trade and Investment, State Secretariat of Trade, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

Speakers:

**Pedro Fuster**, Deputy Director General for Planning and Programmes, Directorate General of Armaments and Equipment, State Secretariat of Defence

**Carmen Becerril**, Director General for International Affairs, ACCIONA

**Gonzalo Mateo-Guerrero Alcázar**, Sales Director, NAVANTIA

**Javier Sangro Liniers**, Deputy Director General for International Economics Relations,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

**Ambassador Jane Hardy**, Embassy of Australia in Spain

17:00 Discussion

17:45 Closing remarks

**Ambassador Jane Hardy**, Embassy of Australia in Spain

**Pedro Argüelles Salaverría**, Secretary of State of Defence

18:30 *Cocktail offered by the Embassy of Australia in Spain*