



invites you to

Where does Australia's Security Lie?

A one-day online Conference on Australia's Perception of Security
in a Militarising Asia Pacific Region

February 19th 2022
Saturday 8.30am – 5.30pm



AUKUS has raised much debate in Australia and beyond. While probably Australia's most significant security pact in a century, underlying, crucial questions remain.

- Do Defence Alliances and sophisticated weaponry make us truly secure?
- What value do we put on the “good diplomacy” of trust building and strengthening of relations?
- How deft is our foreign policy towards China?
- Does our Overseas Aid serve our neighbours, or our own interests?
- What is the cost of *not* pursuing non-violent approaches to conflict prevention?
- Why is consideration of Just Peace missing in Defence deliberations?

Such scrutiny will be the focus of the Conference, timely as a Federal Election looms.
See program overleaf.

“WHERE DOES AUSTRALIA’S SECURITY LIE?” CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

8.30 am: Zoom open

8.45 am: Opening of Conference: Sr Catriona Devlin, CSB, Convenor, Pax Christi Victoria.
Acknowledgement of Country. **Why is Pax Christi undertaking this Conference?**

9.00 am: SESSION I: KEYNOTE SESSION: *Where does Australia’s security lie?*

Professor John Langmore, AM, Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne: *Peace vs Militarism, the critical issue for Australia.* **Moderator:** Dr Di Bretherton, Convenor, Psychologists for Peace

9.30 am: Breakout Groups (30 mins)

10.00 am: SESSION I PLENARY (45 mins) with Professor John Langmore.

10.45 am: MORNING BREAK

11.00 am: SESSION II: *Our Relations with China.* Professor Jocelyn Chey, AM, Adjunct Prof Western Sydney University and UTS, Visiting Prof University of Sydney: *How deft or daft is our foreign policy towards China?* **Moderator:** Dr Tania Miletic, Assistant Director, Centre for Peacebuilding, University of Melbourne

11.30 am: Breakout Groups (30 mins)

12.00 pm: SESSION II PLENARY (45 mins) with Prof. Jocelyn Chey.

12.45 pm: LUNCH BREAK

1.30 pm: SESSION III: *Australia’s Overseas Aid.* Dr Emma Leslie, AM, Founder and Director, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Siem Riep, Cambodia. *Does our Aid help or hinder Australia’s relations in the region? Does it offer relevant leadership? Is peacemaking at its core?* **Moderator:** Dr Anne Herbert, HRD Advisor, Australian Aid Programs, Laos and Vietnam

2.00 pm: Breakout Groups (30 mins)

2.30 pm: SESSION III PLENARY (45 mins) with Dr Emma Leslie.

3.15 pm: AFTERNOON BREAK

3.30 pm: SESSION IV: *Just Peace in the Context of Fratelli Tutti.* Dr Sandie Cornish, Director, Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference. *Applying Fratelli Tutti’s universal vision of positive relations within societies and between states as Australia navigates a tense future.* **Moderator:** Fr Claude Mostowik, MSC, President Pax Christi Australia, Director MSC Peace and Justice Centre

4.00 pm: Breakout groups (30 mins)

4.30 pm: SESSION IV PLENARY (30 mins) with Dr Sandie Cornish

5.00pm: SUMMING UP: *Interactive Plenary with Catriona Devlin, Claude Mostowik, Caesar D’Mello*

5.30pm: CONFERENCE ENDS.

For further information on the Conference

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

Due to COVID uncertainty the Conference will be by Zoom, allowing you to join from the comfort of your home. The cost is \$30.00 per head. **Please try to register by January 31st, 2022.**

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The Conference is endorsed by the following groups & organizations:

- Australian Student Christian Movement (SCM)
- Justice Ecology Peace Office, Australian Catholic Bishops (JEP)
- Independent and Peaceful Australia Network (IPAN)
- Medical Association for the Prevention of War (MAPW)
- Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church
- Uniting Church in Australia Synod of Victoria and Tasmania
- Victoria Quaker Peace and Social Justice Network

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

PROFESSOR JOHN LANGMORE AM



John Langmore is Professorial Fellow and Chair of the Board of the Initiative for Peacebuilding at the University of Melbourne. Member for Fraser in the House of Representatives for 12 years, he has been Divisional Director in the UN Secretariat in New York for five years, and Representative for the ILO to the UN for two. He has taught graduate subjects in international political economy, undertaken research on international economic strategy and conflict prevention and peacebuilding. He has written extensively.

PROFESSOR JOCELYN CHEY AM

Jocelyn Chey is Adjunct Professor at Western Sydney University and UTS and Visiting Professor at the University of Sydney. Her thirty-year career with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade included two postings in Beijing, and one as Consul General to Hong Kong and Macau. A Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, her current research fields include Australia-China and Australia-Hong Kong relations and Chinese humour. She was awarded the Australia-China Council Medal in 2008.



DR EMMA LESLIE AM

An Australian - Cambodian, Emma Leslie founded and directs the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, based in Siem Riep, Cambodia. Through peace talks, missions, mediation and assisting non-state actors in negotiations, she has been involved for a long time with conflict transformation in Asia. She developed the MA and Ph.D. programs in Applied Conflict Transformation Studies (ACTS). She teaches mediation to United Nations personnel annually at the Swedish government's Folke Bernadotte Academy.



DR SANDIE CORNISH

Sandie Cornish is Director of the Office for Justice Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops. Her doctorate in Practical Theology is from the Australian Catholic University, where she is sessional staff. She is well recognized for her research, writing, policy work and interpreting Catholic Social Teaching at local, national and regional levels. She led the Hong Kong-based international human rights agency The Center for the Progress of Peoples and is a member of the Vatican's Dicastery (Department) for the Promotion of Integral Human Development.

