

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## AUSTRALIA, 'GOOD' GLOBAL GOVERNANCE AND THE GEOPOLITICS OF CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

Recently, Australia's integration into a new security alliance with the United States and the United Kingdom, based around Australian acquisition of nuclear submarines, has highlighted the important role Australia plays in questions of global security. From an Australian perspective, this AUKUS alliance highlights how the existential threat of climate change is still treated as entirely separate from hard questions of military security. Australia has long been identified as a global 'villain' of climate policy, and yet pressure from Australia's closest allies has failed to shame the federal government into substantial policy change.

This seminar asks how it is that this separation continues to inform western diplomacy and policy, and what that says about prospects for the kind of 'good' global governance that underpins agreements like the Paris Accords and action to deliver on Goals 13 and 16 in the UN Global Agenda.

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**Online Event**

**Melbourne time (AEDT)  
Singapore (SGT)  
Glasgow (BST)**

**7pm – 8pm  
4pm – 5pm  
9am – 10am**

**Registration is essential**

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