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PROGRAM

Soft Power Analysis & Resource Centre

16 November (Aust)
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Emeritus Professor Joseph S. Nye Jr.
University Distinguished Service Professor
Harvard University

Joseph S. Nye Jr. is University Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus and former Dean of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. He received his bachelor’s degree summa cum laude from Princeton University. He attended Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. His Ph.D. in political science was earned at Harvard University. He served as Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Chair of the National Intelligence Council, and a Deputy Under Secretary of State, in the United States. All three agencies invested him with distinguished service awards.

Among his books are *The Future of Power*, *The Power Game: A Washington Novel*, and *Do Morals Matter?* He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the British Academy, and the American Academy of Diplomacy. He was ranked as the most influential scholar on American foreign policy in a recent survey of international relations scholars. *Foreign Policy* named him one of the top 100 Global Thinkers in 2011. He was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun by Japan in 2014.

Welcome Address

Professor S. Bruce Dowton
Vice Chancellor and President
Macquarie University

Professor S Bruce Dowton was appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of Macquarie University in 2012. He is a paediatrician, clinical geneticist, molecular biologist, researcher and academic, and has served as a senior medical executive at a range of universities, healthcare institutions and consulting organisations. Before joining the University, he served as a paediatrician at the Massachusetts General Hospital for Children, and as Clinical Professor of Paediatrics at Harvard Medical School. Since joining Macquarie, Professor Dowton has led the development of a comprehensive strategy to secure the University’s renown in education and discovery, based on a concept of ‘service and engagement’.
Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM  
Chancellor  
Macquarie University

Dr Martin Parkinson was appointed the Chancellor of Macquarie University in October 2019. He previously served as Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (January 2016 to August 2019), as Secretary to the Australian Treasury (March 2011 to December 2014), and as the inaugural Secretary of the Department of Climate Change from its establishment in December 2007.

Dr Parkinson is a non-executive director of Worley, North Queensland Airports, O’Connell Street Associates and Champions of Change Coalition, and is chair of the Sir Roland Wilson Foundation (SRWF). He is a member of the Founding Group of the Champions of Change Coalition, the B-Team Australasia, the organising committee of the Climate Leaders Coalition, and of the advisory boards of Thrive Refugee Enterprises, the Asia Society Australia, Net Zero Australia, and Bain & Company.

Dr Parkinson has previously served as: a director of Orica, the Cranlana Program for Ethical Leadership, and the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce; as a member of the Board of the Reserve Bank of Australia; Chair of the Australian Office of Financial Management; and as a member of the boards of Infrastructure Australia, the Council of Financial Regulators, and the Board of Taxation. He has also been a member of Prime Minister Abbott’s Business Advisory Council, Prime Minister Gillard’s Australia’s Asian Century Strategic Advisory Board, the Policy Committee of Australia’s leading domestic think tank, the Grattan Institute, and the Australian Federal Police Future Directions Advisory Board.

In January 2017 Dr Parkinson was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia, following his 2008 receipt of the Public Service Medal. He is: a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia and of the Institute of Public Administration Australia; a life member of the Australian Business Economists; recipient of the ANZSOG Institute of Governance Public Sector Award for Excellence; and, in 2013, was the Australian National University’s inaugural Alumnus of the Year.

Dr Parkinson holds a Ph.D and a M.A. from Princeton University, a M.Ec from the Australian National University and a B.Ec (Hons 1) from the University of Adelaide. Dr Parkinson has been awarded the degrees of Doctor of the University (honoris causa) by the University of Adelaide and of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) by ANU, in May 2015 and October 2021 respectively.
Mr Peter Varghese AO  
Chancellor  
University of Queensland

Peter Varghese began as Chancellor of The University of Queensland on 11 July 2016. Prior to this appointment, Mr Varghese’s extensive career in public service and diplomacy spanned 38 years and included senior positions in foreign affairs, trade policy and intelligence. Most recently, he served as Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (2012-2016). Previous senior appointments included High Commissioner to India (2009-2012), High Commissioner to Malaysia (2000-2002), Director-General of the Office of National Assessments (2004-2009), and Senior Advisor (International) to the Prime Minister of Australia (2003-2004). Mr Varghese was the author of a comprehensive India Economic Strategy to 2035 commissioned by the Australian Prime Minister and submitted in July 2018.

Professor Martina Möllering  
Executive Dean, Faculty of Arts  
Macquarie University

Professor Martina Möllering is the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University. An advocate for the important role arts and humanities plays in society, Professor Möllering is dedicated to transformative education and world-leading research. An internationally recognised expert in Language Studies and Linguistics, Professor Möllering’s research outputs have covered areas of second language acquisition, pragmatics and intercultural learning as well as computer-assisted language learning. She has presented a substantial number of papers in these fields at national and international conferences and her research has been published in sole-authored and co-edited books, as well as in numerous book chapters and internationally recognised journals.
Professor Naren Chitty AM  
Inaugural Director, SPARC  
Macquarie University

Professor Naren Chitty AM is Professor of International Communication in the Department of Media, Communications, Creative Arts. Language and Literature. He is the Inaugural Director of the Soft Power Analysis and Resource Centre (SPARC). SPARC was inaugurated in 2011 by Professor Joseph S. Nye Jnr. and has so far attracted $1,120,000 in HERDC 3 International B research funding. SPARC is currently conducting a pilot project on Migration and Soft Power in preparing a submission for an external grant. Professor Chitty is an editor of *The Routledge Handbook of Soft Power* (2017) now going into its second edition. He is also the Series Editor of *Anthem Studies in Soft Power and Public Diplomacy* and Editor-in-Chief of *The Journal of International Communication*. Prior to joining Macquarie University Professor Chitty was a diplomat in Washington DC during the Reagan Administration - with public diplomacy responsibilities.

Professor Caitlyn Byrne  
Director, Griffith Asia Institute  
Griffith University

Professor Caitlin Byrne is Director, Griffith Asia Institute. She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute for International Affairs (AIIA) and Faculty Fellow of the University of Southern California's Centre for Public Diplomacy (CPD). Professor Byrne's research is focused on Australian diplomacy with a special interest in Australia's engagement in the Asia-Pacific region. Most recent research projects explore the role of leadership, soft power and public diplomacy, including people-to-people connections developed through international education, culture and sport, in developing Australia's regional influence, relationships and reputation.
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