International partnerships: Deterrence, Attribution & Foreign Interference

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As the Internet continues to evolve rapidly, the international community is fast approaching a critical juncture. More and more countries are seeking to exert their strategic power and influence through cyberspace, as recently witnessed in the WannaCry and NotPetya incidents. Clear guidelines and expectations for appropriate behaviour in cyberspace have already been established, but the question remains: how do we ensure that countries follow the agreed rules of the road in cyberspace? And does cyber deterrence really work? Australia's inaugural Ambassador for Cyber Affairs, Dr Tobias Feakin, will discuss Australia's efforts to develop an international architecture to address these and other current and emerging challenges, while also positioning Australia to harness the opportunities of cyberspace.