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## *World Disrupted: Asia's Future*

Wednesday, November 29 – Friday, December 1, 2017

RMIT University  
124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

### Wednesday, November 29, 2016

- All day                      Arrival
- 6:00 pm                      **Opening Reception**  
Remarks by **Her Excellency the Hon. Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria**  
*Venue: Government House*
- 6:30 pm                      **Australian BBQ Buffet Dinner / Garden party**  
*Venue:*
- Welcoming Remarks**
- Tom Nagorski**, Executive Vice President, Asia Society
- Remarks by Asia 21 Alumni**
- 9:00 pm                      **Closing Toast**
- Philipp Ivanov**, Chief Executive Officer, Asia society Australia
- Nightcaps/Socializing

Thursday, November 30, 2016

- 7:30 am                    **Breakfast & Networking**  
*Venue: Hotel*  
Guided conversations aimed at breaking the ice/forging new connections
- 8:30 am                    Walk to RMIT hub
- 8:45 am                    **Welcoming Remarks**  
*Venue: RMIT hub*
- 9:00 - 10:15 am        **Geopolitical Session: Leading in Times of Disruption and Uncertainty**  
*Venue: RMIT hub*
- 10:15 - 10:45 am        Coffee & Networking Break
- 10:45 am -12:15 pm    **Climate change and Biodiversity: Ensuring a Sustainable Future for All**  
*Venue: RMIT hub*
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm        **Working Lunch**  
*Venue: RMIT hub*  
**Spotlight Conversation** featuring **H.E. Wahidullah Waissi**, Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to  
Australia (Class of 2011)  
  
Group Photo
- 1:30 - 4:30 pm        Site Visits: **Neighborhood Projects**  
*Four neighborhoods; four local organizations; four groups of Asia 21*
- 5:00 pm                    Return to the Hotel
- 5:30 pm                    Bus to National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)
- 6:00 pm                    **Tour of NGV Collection**
- 6:30 pm                    **Gala Dinner at NGV**  
**Fake News vs. Real News: Staying Informed in a “Post-Truth” World**
- 9:30 pm                    Return to the hotel

Friday, December 1, 2017

- 7:30 am                    **Breakfast & Networking**  
*Venue: Hotel*  
Guided conversations aimed at breaking the ice/forging new connections
- 8:30 am                    Walk to RMIT Hub
- 9:00 - 10:15 am        **Technology/Disruption Session**  
*Venue: RMIT hub*
- Key questions to cover:
- What are these disrupters? What are the time horizons before their full impact is felt?
  - What other forces are emerging that we are not aware of yet?
  - What impact will they have on Asia?
  - How are governments responding?
  - What role should citizens, leaders, businesses and communities play in developing solutions for these issues?
  - What role does the media play?
- 10:15 - 11:30 am        **Keynote Conversation**  
Senior Australian Government Official
- 11:30 am - 12:00 pm    **Cultural Interlude**  
Performance by Asia 21 YL
- 12:00 -1:00 pm         Lunch
- 1:00 -2:15 pm           **Summit Synthesis: Five Big Ideas for Australia and Asia**  
*Venue: RMIT hub*
- 2:15 - 2:45pm           Networking and Coffee break
- 3:00 pm                    Closing Remarks