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ABOUT THE AIIA
The AIIA was formed in 1924 as a branch of Chatham House. It was then established as a federal body in 1933 and is the only nationwide organisation of its kind in Australia. The AIIA plays a unique role as an independent non-partisan forum for informed debate on Australia’s engagement in the world, achieved through track-II dialogues, public events, publications, and analysis.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM
The 2021 Australia-US-Japan Next Generation Policy Forum is an online event that will bring together early career professionals who demonstrate an interest and expertise in the Indo-Pacific region, providing them with opportunities to connect with experts and deepen their knowledge on the key issues facing the Indo-Pacific region. The forum will consist of six panel discussions held over the course of three days in June and July 2021. Each panel discussion will feature at least three expert speakers from Australia, the United States, and Japan.

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Panel 5: COVID recovery in the Indo-Pacific

Break

Panel 6: Environment, Climate and Energy in the Indo-Pacific

Closing remarks

Networking Breakouts

*All listed times are AEST (Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne).
JAPAN: The forum starts at 8am, 28 July JST.
UNITED STATES (East): The forum starts at 7pm, 27 July ET.
UNITED STATES (West): The forum starts at 4pm, 27 July PDT.
The COVID-19 pandemic has been a devastating force throughout the Indo-Pacific. Experiences have varied widely, and national responses are often reflective of the domestic political climates. Despite the physical separation required to stop the spread of disease, the pandemic has sparked major regional cooperation initiatives in the public health sector. A notable example is the Quad Vaccine Partnership, in which vaccines produced in India, funded by the United States and Japan, and distributed by Australia will have a tremendous impact on individual lives and livelihoods and will accelerate a return to the “new normal”. As vaccines become increasingly widespread, it now possible to reflect on the lessons learned to build resilience for future health crises. What can Australia, Japan, and the United States learn from each other’s approaches to the COVID-19 crisis? How does the Quad Vaccine Program fit in to the general trends of cooperation in the Indo-Pacific? Looking ahead, is the region prepared to take on the next health crisis?
As concerns over access to energy and raw material increase, there has been significant investment throughout the Indo-Pacific into new energy solutions, particularly green energy solutions. However, the region remains heavily reliant on coal and fossil fuels. It is quickly becoming clear that such reliance is unsustainable due to the precarious strategic position of energy supply chains and because the region is highly vulnerable to climate change. As such, the appeal of reducing reliance on coal and fossil fuels is strong. What are the major challenges the region will face in the coming years as the effects of climate change are felt more intensely? In the development space, what actions are being taken to build green energy capacity? Is such capacity being built in a way that promotes national energy production and self-reliance, and if so, how does this fit in with the US, Japan, and Australia's commitment to connectivity?
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Trained as a political scientist (Ph.D. 2009), I am particularly interested in analysing how governments balance the goal of creating competitive advantage through green industry policies with the need to respond effectively to climate change, using a global supply chain perspective. He currently serves on the Editorial Board for Organizational Response to Climate Change: Business, Governments, and Nonprofits series, Cambridge University Press (2021–), and Studies in Comparative Energy and Environmental Politics series, Oxford University Press (2017–). He is also Associate Editor for the Japanese Journal of Political Science (2018–).
Dr Ronak Patel founded and leads the Urbanization and Resilience Program at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. His work focuses primarily on the challenges and opportunities presented by rapid urbanization for the health and well-being of vulnerable populations and for humanitarian crises. His research focuses on exposing and disaggregating cumulative risks and developing tools and interventions to mitigate these risks to health and development. His recent work has included projects on disaster microinsurance for local market recovery in India, slum upgrading impacts, resilience to urban violence in Colombia, social cohesion and disaster risk reduction in Haiti, indicators for vulnerability and early crisis in urban slums in Kenya and a framework for measuring urban fragility and resilience. He works through community-based organizations (CBOs) and aid organizations. In addition to numerous publications and presentations, he has led or participated on multiple expert working groups to develop policies and programs for reducing urban vulnerability, improving operational effectiveness and health outcomes and building resilience.

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Kosuke Takahashi is a Japanese journalist. He contributes to IHS Jane's Defence, NK News and Toyo Keizai Online among other media by writing in both English and Japanese. He is also currently a regular TV commentator of Tokyo MX's Morning Cross program. He worked as the senior online news editor at Thomson Reuters in Tokyo from April 2016 to January 2017, where he focused on expanding its online news coverage across multiple digital channels. He was appointed editor-in-chief of The Huffington Post Japan in September 2014 where he was in charge of overseeing all of the day-to-day operations. He has also worked for the Asahi Shimbun, Bloomberg News, Nikkei CNBC Japan as regular TV commentator.