Australia-India relations in the context of Australia's wider regional relations

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This seminar will consider Australia's relationship with India in the context of India’s rise as an Asian power, Australia’s other strategic interests in Asia, especially in relation to China, and the economic and people-to-people potential of the relationship.

India is emerging from the strategic shadows and taking its place as a great Asian power. Its economy has attained a higher growth trajectory and its armed forces are modernising. There is bipartisan commitment to India becoming a significant nuclear power – both in the civil and military spheres. It is forging new sets of relationships with other Asian powers and the United States. Its rise to power is bound to affect the strategic architecture of Asia.

Given India’s rise as a significant Indian Ocean and Asian power, Australia has pressing reasons for developing a secure platform for a lasting relationship. In meeting this challenge, Australia will have to deal with policy considerations such as India’s potential membership of APEC and sale of Australian Uranium to India. It will need to construct a basis for on-going bilateral exchanges in areas of mutual concern. It will also benefit from its capacity to emerge as a significant supplier of commodities and energy for a rising India and an ever more vibrant people-to people relationship.

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→ Nathan campus
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A light lunch will be served on arrival. To RSVP, please contact Jill Moriarty on (07) 3735 7624 or jmoriarty@griffith.edu.au no later than 5.00pm Monday 23 July.