The Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University and the Australian Centre of Asia-Pacific Art, Queensland Art Gallery would like to invite you to the

Perspectives: Asia Seminar:

‘If China Grows: Australia’s options in Beijing’s Century’.

By Professor Hugh White, Professor of Strategic Studies at the Australian National University and a Visiting Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy

Australia has always felt protected by Western power in Asia, and we have always feared what would happen if that power fades. We may be about to find out. China could overtake the US to become the largest economy in the world within a decade or two, and if that happens America’s strategic and political power in Asia will erode. This would undermine some of the deepest foundations of Australia’s self-image in Asia, and require us to re-imagine ourselves and our role. What are our options?

Hugh White is Professor of Strategic Studies at the ANU and a Visiting Fellow at the Lowy Institute. His work focuses primarily on Australian strategic and defence policy, Asia-Pacific security issues, and global strategic affairs especially as they influence Australia and the Asia-Pacific. He has served as an intelligence analyst with the Office of National Assessments, as a journalist with the Sydney Morning Herald, as a senior adviser on the staffs of Defence Minister Kim Beazley and Prime Minister Bob Hawke, and as a senior official in the Department of Defence, where from 1995 to 2000 he was Deputy Secretary for Strategy and Intelligence, and as the first Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI).

Professor White’s visit is also supported by The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA).

Cinema B, Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley Place, South Bank
Thursday 11 June 2009 - The doors open at 5.30pm.
Guests are welcome to join us for refreshments prior to the seminar. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Please RSVP, to Natasha Vary by Friday 5 June on telephone 07 3735 5322 or email n.vary@griffith.edu.au.