

A LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN AN AGE OF DISRUPTION

AUSTRALIA'S PLACE IN A CHANGING WORLD.

EXECUTIVE FORUM

**16-18 OCTOBER
2026**

MBS, CARLTON, MELBOURNE

IN-PERSON | CHATHAM HOUSE RULE

DATES

Fri 16 Oct, 5.00 pm -
Sun 18 Oct, 1.30 pm

PROGRAM FEE

A\$3,000

PREFERRED RATE

20% off for MBS alumni +
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WHY THIS CONVERSATION MATTERS NOW

Australia's choices are becoming more consequential. Trade relationships and supply chains are being redrawn; artificial intelligence is reshaping productivity, competition and business models; and demographic change is transforming the workforce. At the same time, economic growth, capital and innovation are shifting across the Indo-Pacific.

A DISTINCTIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Step away from the day-to-day for informed perspective, candid discussion and connection. FT journalism and MBS expertise create a globally informed conversation grounded in Australia's strategic context.

DESIGNED FOR

Senior executives, business leaders and emerging C-suite decision-makers accountable for enterprise strategy, risk, international growth, technology, workforce or organisational transformation across Australia and Asia.

FOUR MACRO THEMES

1 Geopolitics and strategic resilience

Global realignment, trade friction, supply-chain risk and shifting power across the Indo-Pacific.

2 Technology and competitive advantage

AI and emerging technologies reshaping productivity, innovation and business models.

3 Demography, talent and the future of work

Ageing populations, generational change and evolving expectations of workforce and leadership.

4 Australia's strategic position

Influence, resilience and advantage in a more interconnected and contested world.



"Australian leaders are being asked to make consequential decisions amid profound global change. This three-day program creates the space to step back, test assumptions and consider how our organisations - and Australia - can respond with confidence and ambition."

Professor Jenny George
Dean, Melbourne Business School



"The Financial Times helps leaders make sense of global forces shaping markets, industry and society. By partnering with Melbourne Business School, we are bringing that perspective to a timely conversation on the choices and opportunities for Australian business."

Angela Mackay
Chief Commercial Officer and Managing Director Asia Pacific,
Financial Times

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FULLY CATERED: FRIDAY WELCOME DINNER + SATURDAY DINNER

CONCLUDES AFTER SUNDAY LUNCH

FEATURED SPEAKERS

FURTHER SPEAKERS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Global and Australian perspectives from journalism, business, public policy and academia.



Joe Leahy

Beijing bureau chief, Financial Times

Based in China, he reports on the country's economy, politics and international relationships, bringing an on-the-ground perspective on how China's choices are reshaping business, trade and geopolitics across the Indo-Pacific.



Nic Fildes

Australia and Pacific correspondent, Financial Times

Based in Sydney, he reports on the business, policy and regional developments shaping Australia's economy and international position. He previously served as the FT's telecommunications and UK technology correspondent in London.



Danielle Wood

Chair, Productivity Commission

Previously Chief Executive Officer of the Grattan Institute, she is one of Australia's leading voices on productivity, economic reform and public policy.



Nuno Matos

Chief Executive Officer, ANZ

Nuno Matos is Chief Executive Officer of ANZ. An international banker who has lived and worked in 10 countries, he brings more than three decades of global leadership experience across retail, commercial and institutional banking. Having led businesses through periods of significant economic and technological change, he offers a unique perspective on the opportunities and challenges shaping business and leadership as well as Australia's role in the global economy.



Sanjeev Gandhi

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Orica

Previously an Executive Director of BASF SE, he held senior business leadership roles across Asia Pacific and global chemicals. He also chairs the Centre for Australia-India Relations CEO Network.



Professor Nick Bisley

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Professor of International Relations, La Trobe University

A leading expert on Asia's international relations and Indo-Pacific security, he co-chairs the Australian Member Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific.



Dr Sanjeev Khagram

Distinguished Research Fellow, Hoover Institution; Foundation Professor, Thunderbird School of Global Management

Sanjeev Khagram is a Distinguished Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution, where he leads the Global Resilience, Intelligence Platform and Partnership. He is also Foundation Professor at Thunderbird School of Global Management.



Rachel Thompson

Chief Executive Officer, Asialink

She brings more than two decades of experience in economic policy, international development finance and regional diplomacy, including senior roles in Beijing and at the Asian Development Bank.



Associate Professor Vivek Chaudhri

Associate Professor of Strategy, Melbourne Business School

His research and teaching span policy, strategy and organisational performance. He has held academic and research roles at Yale, UCLA, Monash University and the Productivity Commission.



Professor Nicole Gillespie

Chair of Trust and Professor of Management, Melbourne Business School

An internationally recognised expert on trust in organisations and technology, she examines how leaders can build trustworthy institutions and adopt artificial intelligence responsibly.



Professor Jon Whittle

Professorial Fellow, Institute for Digital Innovation & AI, Melbourne Business School

A former technical lead at NASA, director of CSIRO's AI capability and founder of Australia's National AI Centre, he helps organisations translate AI into responsible, human-centred business impact.



Professor Ujwal Kayande

Professor and Inaugural Director, Institute for Digital Innovation & AI, Melbourne Business School

A globally recognised expert in marketing analytics, artificial intelligence and digital transformation, he works closely with organisations to address the opportunities and challenges of the digital age.

More speakers to be announced - check our website for the latest line-up.

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