

PhD National Security Workshop

This workshop aims to continue previous efforts by the RNSA to build a network of PhD researchers and match PhD researchers with national security staff who may be interested in their work.



Specifically for PhD researchers, this workshop aims to provide an opportunity to:

- develop a network with other researchers working in a similar research space;
- learn of research needs from the practitioner community;
- present and discuss your research;
- learn about how to conceptualise your research in policy terms;
- learn about how to develop strategies to engage policy-makers;
- become informed of the range of employment opportunities open to you; and
- meet delegates representing the national security community who may be interested in the outcome of your research project.

About the Workshop

The workshop will be held over two mornings during the Safeguarding Australia 2008 (SA 08) Conference (**23 and 24 July 2008**) in Canberra from **9:15 am to 12:40pm each day**. Workshop delegates are also invited to attend the SA 08 Conference stream – “National Security Policy Research” – in the second half of both days.

There is **no cost** to attend the workshop. Lunch and morning tea will be provided.

Workshop delegates will **not** be entitled to attend the plenary sessions of the SA 08 Conference Australia and the SA 08 Conference dinner, although they are welcome to purchase a ticket to the dinner if they wish. Tickets can be purchased from the Australian Homeland Security Research Centre (Email admin@homelandsecurity.org.au / Tel (02) 6161 5143).

The RNSA is also unable to provide any financial assistance towards the cost of attending the workshop.

Call for abstracts

The call for abstracts for the **PhD National Security Workshop** is now open.

Abstracts are invited for papers exploring areas of national security, counter-terrorism, intelligence and security. This spectrum could include but is not limited to research involving the following topics:

- Understanding radicalisation
- Australian Muslim communities
- Intelligence collection targets
- National security strategy
- Counter terrorism strategy
- National risk assessments

Abstract presenters will be allocated 3 minutes within the program to present their research work based on their submitted abstracts.

Those who wish to submit an abstract for consideration must submit their **100-word abstract** to Dr Raymond Choo by email raymond.choo.au@gmail.com by **5pm on 10 June 2008 (Tuesday)**.

The workshop is limited to 20 students and selection will be based on merit and the significance of their research projects in the areas of national security, counter-terrorism, intelligence and security.

Venue and Accommodation

The Workshop will be held at Hotel Realm, Canberra.

Hotel Realm
(next to the National Press Club)
18 National Cct
Barton, ACT 2006
Tel: 02 6162 1530
<http://www.hotelrealm.com.au/>

Further information on the conference venue and accommodation options is available on <http://www.safeguardingaustraliasummit.org.au/2008/2008Venue.html>

About the Research Network for a Secure Australia

This event is organised by the Research Network for a Secure Australia (RNSA). RNSA is a multi-disciplinary collaboration established to strengthen Australia's research capacity for protecting critical infrastructure (CIP) from natural or human caused disasters including terrorist acts. The RNSA facilitates a knowledge-sharing network for research organisations, government and the private sector to develop research tools and methods to mitigate emerging safety and security issues relating to critical infrastructure. World-leaders with extensive national and international linkages in relevant scientific, engineering and technological research will lead this collaboration. The RNSA also organises various activities to foster research collaboration and nurture young investigators.

Program

Day 1 Wednesday, July 23

- 9:00 Workshop registration
- 9:30 Workshop opened by Athol Yates, Outreach Manager of RNSA
- 9:35 Workshop organisation: Raymond Choo
- 9:40 20 x 3 minute presentations of candidate's research projects
- 11:00 Morning tea
- 11:30 Writing research project description in terms of how it can impact policy or projects, and identifying SA08 conference delegates who may be interested in students' work
- 12:40 Lunch and networking with SA08 conference delegates who may be interested in students' work

Conference Research Update Stream (optional)

- 1:40 Joining the Conference Research Update Stream
- 3:10 Afternoon tea and networking with SA08 conference delegates who may be interested in students' work
- 3:40 Close of workshop

Day 2 Thursday, July 24

- 10:00 Senior speaker "Opportunities in national security following PhD completion -TBC
- 10:30 Groups around themes to be formed to discuss issues of mutual interest
- 11:00 Morning tea
- 11:30 Group discussions continue
- 12:00 Presentations from group work
- 12:40 Lunch and networking

Conference Research Update Stream (optional)

- 1:40 Joining the Conference Research Update Stream
- 3:10 Afternoon tea and networking with SA08 conference delegates who may be interested in students' work
- 3:40 Close of workshop

Further information

For information on calls for papers, please contact

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