New Zealand and the World: Past, Present and Future
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In the last five decades, New Zealand – a sparsely populated and geographically isolated society - has faced a period of substantial international readjustment. The advent of globalization has coincided with profound changes in New Zealand’s national identity and its role in the world. These include the adoption of a non-nuclear and regionally focused security policy, sweeping deregulation of the economy, recognition of the special constitutional and cultural position of Māori people, new trade and diplomatic links with the Asia-Pacific region, and the gradual attainment of close ties with two superpowers, the United States and China. At the same time, New Zealand has seen a sharp rise of income inequality, increased costs in the provision of housing and education, mounting concerns about environmental decline, and growing fears that the country’s sovereignty is being eroded by New Zealand’s participation in multilateral trade deals and multinational intelligence-sharing arrangements.

The evolving and contested international relations of New Zealand is the central focus of the 50th University of Otago Foreign Policy School. The venue is St Margaret’s College, 333 Leith St, Dunedin, University of Otago campus. The School begins Friday evening at 5.30 pm with a cocktail function and opening by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hon. Murray McCully, and finishes Sunday at 4.45 pm.

Speakers include:

Mr Ken Ross, Research Associate, International Institute of Strategic Studies, London, and Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, Canberra
Dr Andrew Butcher, Director, Research, Asia New Zealand Foundation
Professor Jane Kelsey, Faculty of Law, University of Auckland
Associate Professor Robert Scolay, Department of Economics, University of Auckland
Professor Dirk Nabers, International Political Sociology, University of Kiel, Germany
Professor Patrick Koellner, Director, Institute of Asian Studies, German Institute of Global and Area Studies
Mr Ong Keng Yong, former Secretary-General of ASEAN and currently Executive Deputy Chairman of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies and Director of the school’s Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies
Dr Andreas Reitzig, Director, Lingua Language School, New Plymouth
Mr Colin Keating, Former Senior New Zealand Diplomat and currently Senior Research Scholar, Columbia University, USA
Professor Jacqui True, School of Social Sciences, Monash University, Australia
Dr Adrian Macey, Senior Associate, Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington
Professor Hugh White, School of International, Political & Strategic Studies, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific
Associate Professor Steve Hoadley, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Auckland
Dr Anna Powles, Centre for Defence and Security Studies, Massey University
Dr Beth Greenyer, School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University
Professor Kevin Clements, Director, National Centre of Peace and Conflict, University of Otago
Mr Jon Stephenson, Pacific Media Centre Research Associate, AUT University, and Foreign Affairs journalist
Professor Ranginui Walker, Emeritus Professor, University of Auckland, and member of Waitangi Tribunal
Professor David B. MacDonald, Department of Political Science, University of Guelph, Canada
Mr Terence O’Brien, Former New Zealand diplomat and Senior Fellow, Centre of Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington
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