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# Book Launch and Panel Discussion

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022,

9:30-14:30 (AEST), 13:30-18:30 (HST: 24<sup>th</sup> May)

China in the World Lecture Theatre and Zoom

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## The China Alternative Changing Regional Order in the Pacific Islands\*

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| 9:30-10:00 (AEST)  | <p><b>Book launch</b><br/>(Chair: James Batley, Department of Pacific Affairs)</p> <p><b>Acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <p><b>Hon Ralph Regenvanu</b>, Leader of the Opposition, Parliament of the Republic of Vanuatu</p> <p><b>Graeme Smith</b>, Department of Pacific Affairs, ANU</p> <p><b>Terence Wesley-Smith</b>, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai'i (UH)</p>  |
| 10:00-11:30 (AEST) | <p><b>Updates &amp; Reflections: <i>The China Alternative</i> - Panel 1</b><br/>(Chair: Terence Wesley-Smith)</p> <p><b>Tarcisius Kabutaulaka (UH)</b> "Mapping the Blue Pacific in a Changing Regional Order"</p> <p><b>Henryk Szadziewski (UH)</b> "A Search for Coherence: The Belt and Road Initiative in the Pacific Islands"</p> <p><b>Jessica Marinaccio (Independent Researcher)</b> "We're Not Indigenous. We're Just. We're Us: Pacific Perspectives on Taiwan's Austronesian Diplomacy"</p> <p><b>Nic Maclellan</b> "Democratic and Western: China and French Colonialism in the Pacific."</p> |
| 11:30-11:45 (AEST) | <b>Break</b>  |
| 11:45-12:45 (AEST) | <p><b>Updates &amp; Reflections: <i>The China Alternative</i> - Panel 2</b><br/>(Chair: Stephen Dziedzic, ABC News)</p> <p><b>Transform Aqorau (Solomon Islands National University)</b> "Solomon Islands' Foreign Policy Dilemma and the Switch from Taiwan to China"</p> <p><b>Sandra Tarte (University of the South Pacific)</b> "Building a Strategic Partnership: Fiji-China Relations since 2008"</p> <p><b>Graeme Smith (ANU)</b> "The Shifting Fate of China's Pacific Diaspora"</p> <p><b>Denghua Zhang (ANU)</b> "Domestic Political Reforms and China's Diplomacy in the Pacific"</p>          |
| 13:00-14:30 (AEST) | <b>Reception (a few words by Helen Sullivan, Dean, CAP)</b>   |

\**The China Alternative: Changing Regional Order in the Pacific Islands*, Edited by Graeme Smith and Terence Wesley-Smith (ANU Press 2021)