

# WEBINAR: What does Southeast Asia want from Australia?

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Amid great power competition between China and the US, will Australia deepen its engagement with Southeast Asia?

The answer will depend crucially on how closely Australia aligns with Southeast Asia's needs and interests. Greater alignment will build a growing sense of solidarity while divergence in strategic priorities will see Australia and Southeast Asia drift apart.

So, what does Southeast Asia want from Australia?

This webinar brings together three experts from the region to give their frank assessment. Drawing on research by the Asia-Pacific Development, Diplomacy and Defence Dialogue (AP4D) being published by *Melbourne Asia Review*, this webinar gives an opportunity to listen to significant Southeast Asian voices sharing their views.

## **Panellists:**

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