Australian aid in the Asian century: A debate

Wednesday 11 July 2012 11.30am – 1pm, light lunch provided

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Does Australian aid have a future in the Asian century? Australia’s aid program has traditionally been focused on the Asia-Pacific region. But Asia has grown and continues to grow rapidly. It's need for aid is declining, and indeed several Asian countries are becoming aid donors themselves. And yet Australia is expanding its own aid budget rapidly. In what many describe as the ‘Asian century’, what role is there for Australian aid? Should Australia continue to support Asia with aid? Or direct its aid elsewhere? Or cut rather than expand the aid budget?

Two experts on the subject from the Australian National University will debate these questions.

Professor Hugh White, Strategic and Defence Studies Centre, School of International, Political & Strategic Studies, ANU and Visiting Fellow, Lowy Institute for International Policy, is one of Australia’s leading strategic thinkers and a specialist on the Asia-Pacific region. He has recently been critical of the expansion of the Australian aid program, questioning the need for foreign aid.

Professor Stephen Howes, Director of the Development Policy Centre at the Crawford School of Public Policy, is an expert on aid. He recently participated in the Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness that laid down a roadmap for the expansion of the aid program, including more aid to Asia.

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