DAY 1 PROGRAM

12TH NOVEMBER 2026

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER
8:30am	Registration – University Hall First Floor North Wing, Old Quad	
9:00am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Georgina Downer
9:10am	Keynote - ANZUS at 75: Lessons from Those Present at the Creation	Mike Green
9:40am	'The Australia-US alliance at 75': Feedback from a national conversation	Samuel Garrett & Ava Kalinauskas
10:10-10:40am	*Morning Tea*	
SESSION 1: CONTEXT (10:40-11:55AM)		
	Menzies's man in Washington: Richard Casey, Australia's first diplomat to the United States	Lee Rippon
	The Manila Precedent: How the US-Philippines Treaty Shaped ANZUS	Chris Ashton
	Manufacturing ANZUS: U.S. Strategy and the Perception Gap in the Postwar Pacific	Ryosuke Nobe
SESSION 2: ASIA-PACIFIC (11:55AM-12:45PM)		
	Australia's Cold War with Indonesia: West New Guinea, 1949-1963	Peter Phelps
	Australia, the United States and Southeast Asian Regional Cooperation	Sue Thompson
12:45-1:45pm	*Lunch*	
1:15pm	*Presentation of the **2026 Menzies Speech Competition WInners***	
SESSION 3: 1950S (1:45-3:00PM)		
	Saying No to America	David Lee
	Menzies, Eisenhower and Egypt	Bob Bowker
	Menzies, Diefenbaker and Pax Americana	Lucas McLennan
3:00-3:30pm	*Afternoon Tea*	
SESSION 4: 1960S, PANEL(3:30-5:00PM)		
	Robert Menzies, ANZUS & the Vietnam War - Countering the Myths	Anne Henderson
	Menzies's use fo Parliament to win public support for hosting a US military asset: North-West Cape 1963	Tim Rowse
	An alliance of infrastructure: Menzies, the United States, and the development of commercial satellite communications	Chris Berg
5:00pm	Conference close	

DAY 2 PROGRAM

13TH NOVEMBER 2026

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER
8:30am	Registration – University Hall First Floor North Wing, Old Quad	
SESSION 5: ORIGINS (9:00-10:15AM)		
	(online) Antipodean Anxieties: Sub-imperialism at the Edge of Empires	Viktor Stoll
	(online) Billy Hughes, Woodrow Wilson and the Treaty of Versailles: Another Look	Carl Bridge
	'I am hardly a pilot, but a beacon': J.A. Lyons and the United States	David Bird
10:15-10:45am	*Morning Tea*	
SESSION 6: DEMOCRACY & ECONOMY (10:45AM-12:00PM)		
	The American Connection and the Birth of Australian Democracy	William Coleman
	From Independence Missouri to Middle Australia: Comparing the mid-twentieth century Australian and American middle classes and their politics	Christopher Beer
	'Oh yeah': Managing the Americans - JG Crawford and the United States	Nick Brown
12:00-1:00pm	*Lunch*	
12:30pm	**Menzies Early Career Network** Showcase	
SESSION 7: MENZIES & THE US POLITICAL TRADITION, PANEL (1:00-2:30PM)		
	Distrust of 'Official' People: Menzies on the American Tradition and the Bill of Rights	Andrew Kemp
	Menzies and the American Party System	Charles Richardson
	Menzies, Churchill, and Roosevelt: assessing 'the maker' attribution in Anglosphere politics	Tim Lynch
2:30-3:00pm	*Afternoon Tea*	
SESSION 8: MODERNITY, PANEL (3:00-4:30PM)		
	'We do not need a pact with America': Menzies, Fraser and the ANZUS Treaty	Benjamin Jones
	Of Concordes and Discord: Australian and American Supersonic Technopolitics in the Age of Environmentalism	Angus Davison
	The ANZUS Treaty and Cybersecurity as National Security: Determining 'appropriate options to assess the threat'	Sally Burt
4:30pm	Closing Remarks	Zachary Gorman
4:40pm	Conference close	