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## Living with Southeast Asia: the necessity of engagement

**Tuesday 13 December 2011** 5.30 - 6.30pm, refreshments served from 5pm

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**Theatre 1** Hedley Bull Centre (bldg 130), corner Liversidge Street and Garran Road  
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The tip of Southeast Asia is only 460 kilometres north of Darwin or 160 kilometres northwest of the Torres Strait Islands. Despite the region's increasing economic wealth, all but one of the eleven Southeast Asian countries struggle with varying degrees of instability and/or challenges for economic development. Through a synopsis of the broad array of security challenges, trade opportunities and shifting power dynamics in the region, this seminar assesses why and how Australia needs to continue to strengthen its engagement with Southeast Asia.

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