



The East Asian Studies Center is pleased to host a welcome reception for the the 74th Annual Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs (MCAA)

A Fireside Chat with :

His Excellency the Honorable Dr. Kevin Rudd AC **Australia's Ambassador to the United States**

moderated by

Rush Doshi

C.V. Starr Senior Fellow for Asia Studies and Director of the China Strategy Initiative at the Council on Foreign Relations

Ambassador Kevin Rudd was appointed Australia's Ambassador to the U.S. in March 2023. He served as Australia's twenty-sixth Prime Minister from 2007 to 2010, then as Minister for Foreign Affairs, before a second term as Prime Minister in 2013. Since then, Ambassador Rudd has resided in the U.S., where he is recognized as a leading analyst of China. In 2015, he became the inaugural President of the Asia Society Policy Institute in New York. In 2020, he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Society globally, and in 2022, he founded the Asia Society Policy Institute's Center for China Analysis. The Ambassador started his diplomatic career in 1981 with postings to Beijing and Stockholm. Ambassador Rudd graduated with Honours in Asian Studies from the Australian National University and received his PhD from Oxford University in 2022. He also studied at National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei. Rudd has written two books on China relations: "The Avoidable War," published in 2022, and "On Xi Jinping," published in 2024, based on his doctoral thesis.

Rush Doshi (杜如松) is an assistant professor in the Security Studies Program in Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service. He is also the C.V. Starr senior fellow for Asia studies and director of the China Strategy Initiative at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). He is the author of *The Long Game: China's Grand Strategy to Displace American Order* (Oxford University Press, 2021), which won the Mershon Center's Edgar S. Furniss book award, and editor of *Global China: Assessing China's Growing Role in the World* (Brookings University Press, 2021).



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