



## Analytical Techniques for Policymakers: overcoming bias, improving analysis

Are you looking to enhance your skills in complex problem-solving? Have you ever wondered how national security policymakers identify options or futures, conduct analysis and test their thinking to produce robust policy solutions?

This two-day program will expose participants to a set of analytical techniques drawn from international intelligence but with broader applicability for policy thinkers and analysts. Participants will learn how to use these techniques and identify when each is most suitable to in a range of circumstances. Used correctly, the techniques assist individuals and teams in the development of more creative and credible policy advice that minimises common cognitive biases.

There is no minimum security requirement for this program.

**Past presenters for this program include:** Mr Russ Swinerton, Dr Ryan Young, Mr Spencer Edwards and others.

*“The presenters were a great mix of engaging people who understood how to present to adult learners. There was a great mix of theory and practice.”*

**2020 program dates:** 25 – 26 February; 29 – 30 June.

**Venue:** #132 Crawford Building, Lennox Crossing, ANU

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**Cost:** \$2,250 (GST ex) for government, \$2,700 (GST ex) open. Course is fully catered.

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