Women in National Security: diversity in the national interest

This two-day intensive course examines challenges and opportunities for women leading, or seeking to lead, in defence, cyber, law enforcement, intelligence, border control and/or foreign affairs. Women in national security are having an increasing positive impact across these areas, adding depth and diversity to counter the current threats to security in Australia and globally. Join us to consider the impact of gender on national security thinking, policy, decision-making, implementation and practice. Explore the value of women’s participation and leadership, and the risks associated with their exclusion or absence. Link theory and concepts, with experience and contemporary practice, drawing on frank insights from senior leaders and experts. Benefit from the insights of key speakers with experience and high-level involvement in Australia’s agenda on women and national security.

The program is designed for participants across government and industry, regardless of gender, and there is no minimum security clearance requirement.

The 2020 program is timed to coincide with International Women’s Day celebrations and will explore two primary themes: ‘leadership, diversity and representation – why gender matters in national security’; and ‘women tackling national security issues’.

**Presenters include:** Ms Gai Brodtmann, MAJGEN Kath Toohey, Ms Michelle Chan, Ms Elise Stephenson, Ms Sophia Hamblin-Wang, Mr Tony Sheehan and others.

**2020 program date:** 12-13 March  
**Venue:** #132 Crawford Building, Lennox Crossing, ANU  
**Enrol / enquire:** contact T 02 6125 2233  
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**Cost:** $2,250 (GST ex) for government, $2,700 (GST ex) open rate. Course is fully catered.

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