

Drones & Counter-Drones - A New Strategic Reality

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Program

11:30AM

Welcome

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11:40AM

- Speaker: A/Prof Marian-Andrei RizoIU, Director Defence Innovation Network

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Opening Keynote

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11:50AM

- Speaker: CAPT Fred C. Smith, US Navy (Ret.)
- The evolution of drone warfare from a naval officer's perspective...revolution or evolution?

11:50AM

Panel Discussion

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12:20PM

- CAPT Fred Smith, US Navy (Ret'd)
- AIRCDRE (Ret'd) Terry van Haren, DSM, DroneShield
- Dr Jim Rabeau, Detect

12:20PM

University & Industry Pitches

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1:30PM

- Prof Richard Han, Macquarie University
- Dr Arif Khan, Charles Sturt University
- Dr Saeed Afshar, Western Sydney University
- Michael Bauer, RedTail Technology
- Dr Hazer Inaltekin, Macquarie University
- Prof Kurt Langfeld, Western Sydney University
- Dr Gaurav Patil, Macquarie University

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Networking Lunch

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2:00PM

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Lab Tours

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3:00PM

- Simulation Hub
- Drone Hub & Flight Arena