

Global Allies – Comparing Alliances in Europe and Asia: The Australian Dimension

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Australia and “Out of Area”

Geopolitics: The Historical Legacy

- A. Immediate Postwar Strategic Orientations (UKUSA or “Five Eyes Agreement”; ABCA Armies and naval/air force equivalents; the Joint Planning Staff, etc.)



- B Suez (1956) and the Aftermath



- C. Commonwealth Roles and Forward Defence



- D. More Recent Policy Debates: Defence of Australia versus Global-Oriented Defence Postures (Robert Hill – 2003, etc.)

- E. Post-9/11 Out of Region Operations (Afghanistan, Iraq, Countering ISIS)



II. NATO-Australia Relations: Recent Benchmarks

- A. Post 2008 Dialogue and Cooperation
- B. Chicago Summit (May 2012)



- *C. Joint Political Declaration (June 2012)*
Emanating from 2010 Strategic Concept



- D. Australian Participation in NATO Training Exercises and Strengthening Force Inter-Operability



- E. NATO Counter-Insurgency Task Force (Somalia)
- F. Ukraine, MH-17 and the Wales Summit: Implications for Australia
- G. The Bertels Visit to Australia (February 2015) and the Bishop Visit to NATO (April 2015)



III Whither Australia and NATO? Some Key Factors

- A. Linking the U.S. Pivot Strategy with Eurasian Geopolitics – Resources, Burden-Sharing and the Politics of Strategic Access
- B. Structural Change and Order-Building: A Global-Regional Nexus?
- C. Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Challenges: Counter-Terrorism, HADR, etc.
- D. Reconciling ANZUS with the Region and the World – A NATO Component?