

# Editorial

## **STORAGE AND USE OF INFORMATION IN AN INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY CONTEXT—BEYOND 2014**

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### **Special Edition Editor**

**B**etween 12 and 13 February 2014, Kathleen Lumley College, University of Adelaide, hosted a conference with the theme, *Storage and Use of Information in an Intelligence and Security Context—Beyond 2014*. The aim of the conference was to examine the nature of information and intelligence retention in the Asia–Pacific region, as well as the issues concerning how these data might be shared.

I am grateful to my co-organisers for their assistance in making this event reality: Mr Jason Sargent, Mr Simon Hall, Ms Allyson Sandham, and Mr Mark Robinson. My thanks also go to the scholars who presented: there were speakers from Australia, Asia, and Europe who discussed issues on topics that covered both the historical and contemporary importance of intelligence in preserving global political stability.

Although Asia–Pacific intelligence is often seen as being associated with dealing with crime syndicates and the spread of radical Islamic terrorism, the papers presented went beyond these topics and explored the question, “Who retains information in the Asia-Pacific region, and how should it be shared and protected?”

I would like to go into detail about the presentations and authors, but because the conference was by invitation, it meant that the papers, although not classified, were presented under Chatham House Rules. Suffice to say, the three papers published in this special edition of *Salus Journal* characterise the insights provided by those authors who were not able to get publication clearance from their agencies for their manuscripts. I commend these papers to you and in doing so I convey my appreciation to the associate editors of the journal’s Editorial Board who kindly donated their time to the peer-review process.

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