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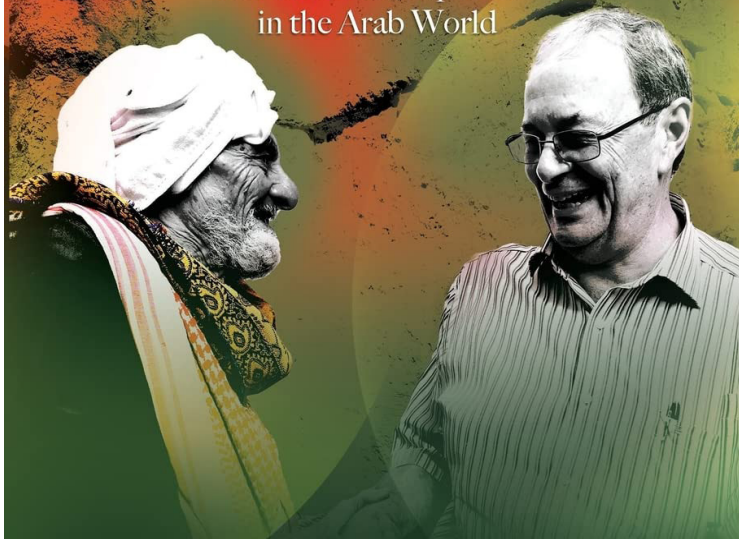
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Foreword by John McCarthy AO

BOOK LAUNCH

Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots: an Australian Diplomat in the Arab world By Robert Bowker

Details

Time: Wednesday 15th February 7:00-8:30pm

Location: Lectorial 2 (Room 1.23), Research School of Social Sciences, 146 Ellery Crescent, ANU

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Guest Speaker:

The Hon. Tim Watts MP, Assistant Foreign Minister

The Hon. Tim Watts is the Federal Member for Gellibrand in Melbourne's west, one of the most diverse and dynamic areas of Australia. He was appointed Assistant Foreign Minister after the federal election in 2022. Before entering Parliament, he worked in the technology sector for almost a decade. He also worked as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Minister for Communications and a Senior Adviser to the Victorian Premier. In opposition, he served as Shadow Assistant Minister for Cyber Security and Communications.

Dr Bob Bowker

Prof Bob Bowker retired from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in 2008 after a 37 year career working mostly on the Middle East. He was posted to various Arab countries throughout his diplomatic career and was Australian ambassador to Jordan, Egypt Syria, Libya, Tunisia and Sudan. He was a senior official with UNRWA in Gaza and Jerusalem in 1997-98. Following his retirement from DFAT, he returned to the ANU Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies where he was Adjunct Professor and Honorary Visiting Fellow.

He is the author of five books and numerous publications on Middle East issues, including among others the widely referenced *Palestinian Refugees: Mythology, Identity and the Search for Peace* and his book *Australia, Menzies and Suez* published in 2019.

Chair:

Prof Karima Laachir (Director, CAIS, the ANU)

Discussants:

Mr Allan Behm, The Australia Institute
Dr Anas Iqtait (Lecturer, CAIS, the ANU)
Mr Ian Parmeter (CAIS, the ANU)

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