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The Challenges of Multilateralism: Peter Varghese AO to deliver the 2013 Sir James Plimsoll Lecture

The Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Peter Varghese AO, will present the 2013 Sir James Plimsoll Lecture, "The Challenges of Multilateralism", in Hobart on Thursday evening.

In the 21st Century, some of our most pressing international challenges demand global solutions. But tackling cross-border problems seems to be getting harder than ever before, as our world order comes under a range of systemic pressures, some unprecedented.

At a unique time in our history, with Australia sitting on the United Nations Security Council and preparing to host the G20, Mr Varghese will talk about the challenges multilateralism presents.

Before being appointed Secretary of DFAT in 2012, Mr Varghese was Australia's High Commissioner to India (2009 to 2012).

He was formerly Australia's High Commissioner to Malaysia and has served in Tokyo, Washington and Vienna as well as holding senior positions in the Departments of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Prime Minister and Cabinet.

From 2004 to 2009 he was Director-General of the Office of National Assessments and prior to that was Senior Adviser (International) to the Prime Minister.

Mr Varghese was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia (AO) in 2010 for distinguished service to public administration, particularly in leading reform in the Australian intelligence community and as an adviser in the areas of foreign policy and international security.

Sir James Plimsoll was one of the most distinguished diplomats in the history of Australia's Department of External Affairs (later the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade). He later served as the highly popular and respected Governor of Tasmania from 1982 until his death on 8 May 1987.

Event details

Who: All are invited to this free public lecture

What: 2013 Sir James Plimsoll Lecture

When: Thursday 7 November, 6pm

Where: Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay campus,
Churchill Avenue

RSVP: UTAS.Events@utas.edu.au or phone +61 3 6226 2521

This lecture is held in association with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Institute of International Affairs (Tasmania Branch).

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