In the Shadow of the Cold War: American Foreign Policy from George Bush Sr. to Donald Trump
Assoc. Prof. Timothy J. Lynch, University of Melbourne

Tuesday 4th February 2020: 6pm for 6.20pm – 7.30pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Whoever wins the 2020 US presidential election, the next president will face serious foreign policy challenges.

Tim Lynch’s new book *In the Shadow of the Cold War: American Foreign Policy from George Bush Sr. to Donald Trump* (Cambridge University Press, November 2019) is a bold re-interpretation of the prevailing narrative that US foreign policy after the Cold War was a failure.

In chapters that re-evaluate the key episodes of the post-Cold War years, he argues that the Cold War cast a shadow on the presidents that came after it and that success came more from adapting to that shadow than in attempts to escape it. When strategic lessons of the Cold War were applied, presidents fared better; when they were forgotten, they fared worse. This book tells the story not of a revolution in American foreign policy but of its essentially continuous character from one era to the next.

While there were many setbacks between the fall of Soviet communism and the opening years of the Trump administration, from Rwanda to 9/11 and Iraq to Syria, Tim Lynch demonstrates that the US remained the world's dominant power.

In a complex and challenging world, how durable is the international role of the US?

AIIA Victoria welcomes Tim Lynch for a timely discussion on American foreign policy. Discounted copies of his new book will be available for sale and for signing on the night.

**Tim Lynch** is Associate Professor in American Politics and Associate Dean (International) at the University of Melbourne. His books include *Turf War: the Clinton Administration and Northern Ireland* (Ashgate, 2004) and *US Foreign Policy and Democracy Promotion* (Routledge, 2013). His co-authored book (with RS Singh), *After Bush: the Case for Continuity in American Foreign Policy* (Cambridge, 2008), won the Richard Neustadt Book Prize. He is editor of the two-volume Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History (2013). A Fulbright Scholar, Tim has a PhD in Political Science from Boston College, Mass.

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