The Iraq War in Retrospect
Richard Iron CMG OBE In Conversation with Emma Sky OBE

Friday 29 June 2018: 12pm – 2.00pm at Dyason House, 124 Jolimont Road, East Melbourne

Few predicted that the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 would create such chaos, give rise to ISIS, spill over into Syria and add fuel to the Saudi-Iranian competition. It has also fundamentally affected American confidence and has led to US withdrawal from international affairs with far-reaching consequences.

The Iraq War is probably the most complex in recent history and it is particularly difficult (and dangerous) to draw simplistic conclusions from a superficial understanding of what happened and why. And yet if we do not learn the right lessons from the Iraq War we may be doomed to make the same mistakes again, or make new mistakes based on a misreading of the war.

What can we learn from the challenges and mistakes from the Iraq War? What does the future hold for the region? And will the USA recover its mojo?

AIIA Victoria is delighted to invite you to a unique opportunity to hear from Emma Sky, in a conversation between two of the most well-informed commentators on the Iraq War.

**Emma Sky OBE** served as the political advisor to US General Ray Odierno in Iraq from 2007-10, and as the Governorate Coordinator of Kirkuk for the Coalition Provisional Authority from 2003 to 2004. In 2015, she published the book 'The Unravelling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq'. She is currently a Senior Fellow of Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, and the Director of the Yale World Fellows Program.

**Richard Iron CMG, OBE** served in the British Army in Northern Ireland, the Falkland Islands, Oman, the Balkans, Sierra Leone and Iraq. He was a visiting fellow at the Changing Character of War programme at the University of Oxford and was lead editor of ‘British Generals in Blair’s Wars.’

**1200**: Light lunch served. **1230**: ‘In Conversation’ dialogue. **1315**: Q&A. **1345**: Coffee/tea

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