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## Top Skills

Lecturing

Writing

Research

## Languages

English (Native or Bilingual)

## Publications

New Directions for Indian Defence

How should Australia defend itself  
against a rising China?

Contested air superiority returns to  
the Asia Pacific

China is fighting a new battle for  
south-east Asia

Making better national security (and  
defence) decisions

# Dr. Peter Layton, PhD

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Brisbane, Australia

## Summary

Peter Layton is a Visiting Fellow at the Griffith Asia Institute, Griffith University. He has extensive aviation and defence experience and, for his work at the Pentagon on force structure matters, was awarded the US Secretary of Defense's Exceptional Public Service Medal. He has a doctorate from the University of New South Wales on grand strategy and has taught on the topic at the Eisenhower College, US National Defense University. For his academic work, he was awarded a Fellowship to the European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy. His research interests include grand strategy, national security policies particularly relating to middle powers, defence force structure concepts and the impacts of emerging technology. He contributes regularly to the public policy debate on defence and foreign affairs issues. He is the author of the book *Grand Strategy*; his other posts, articles and papers may be found here.

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## Experience

### Griffith Asia Institute

Visiting Fellow

May 2015 - Present

Brisbane, Australia

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ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Faculty of Society and Design, Bond University

• Develop and teach Masters level course: INTR71-102 'Security and Strategy in the 21st Century, May-August 2016

### ABAKUS

Representative for AMST

June 2010 - Present

Brisbane, Australia

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AMST creates innovative ground simulation instructional technology that replicates the cognitive and physical stresses of military aviation.

## Royal Australian Air Force

### Reserve Staff Duties

April 2009 - April 2018 (9 years 1 month)

Canberra, Australia

- Write APDC book on Tomorrow's Wars: Insights From Our Four Alternative Futures
- Write APDC book on Algorithmic Warfare: Applying Artificial Intelligence to Warfighting
- Write APDC working paper on Fifth Generation Air Warfare
- Write CAF Occasional Paper on armed unmanned aircraft
- Part of team developing Australian Defence Force's 2015 Future Joint Operational Concept
- Co-Developer 2014 Australian Defence Force Energy Integration Framework (<http://www.defence.gov.au/defencemagazine/issue/114/articles/1.html> The Framework is given at: [http://www.natolibguides.info/Id.php?content\\_id=1675730](http://www.natolibguides.info/Id.php?content_id=1675730))
- Developed Australian Defence Force Preparedness policy
- Australia/New Zealand Combined Force Development Working Group.
- Instruct on strategy/ force structure development processes in Australia & Southeast Asia

## University of New South Wales

PhD Researcher: Improving thinking about grand strategy: devising a policymaking diagnostic process

2008 - December 2014 (7 years)

In my PhD I developed an abstract conceptual framework for thinking about grand strategy. In my thesis a two-part diagnostic process was developed that incorporated selected IR theories into a structured, logical and useful policy analysis framework able to assist policy makers formulating grand strategies. The case study analysis demonstrated that the process is applicable to real-world examples; reveals the scope of the three grand strategy types, their dynamics and outcomes; and has utility for greater and lesser powers, and non-state actors.

Tutored in ZGEN2215-Law, Force and Legitimacy (UG) S2 2012

Awarded Post-Graduate Fellowship to undertake research at European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy in the application of international relations theory to grand strategy formulation, including the domestic dimension.

### National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF)

Assistant Professor, Department of National Security Studies  
2006 - July 2008 (2 years 7 months)

Primary responsibilities: core courses of American National Security Strategy and Southeast Asian Regional Security Studies; Secondary responsibilities: Privatized Military Operations Industry Study, supervising Deputy Secretary of Defense fellowship research paper on the strategic implications of China as an emerging great power, Environmental Industry Study, Running two-week National Security Strategy exercise. (NDU awards Masters to Colonel-level military and senior civilian students.)

### Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain (O-6)

1974 - June 2008 (34 years 6 months)

Australia and Overseas

Extensive experience in aerospace capability development and major equipment projects. Overseas positions included Air Attache (UK), US National Defense University and at the Pentagon (OSD (Strategy), awarded the U.S. Secretary of Defense's Exceptional Public Service Medal). Flying experience on F/RF-111C and the P-3B.

### Independent Researcher

Independent Researcher

1980 - May 2008 (28 years 5 months)

I have had numerous articles published including by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, The Australian newspaper, Defence Today, Security Challenges, The European Legacy, Australian Defence Magazine, AFJ: Armed Forces Journal, RUSI Journal, Yolla: Journal of the Australian Defence Colleges Association, Australian Defence Force Journal, Asia-Pacific Defence Reporter, Policy: The Centre for Independent Studies, AQ: Journal of Contemporary Analysis, and the RAAF Aerospace Centre. I was the winner of the 2006 Royal United Service Institute (UK) Trench Gascoigne prize for original writing on contemporary issues of defense and international security, and am a regular contributor to the The Strategist: The Australian Strategic

Policy Institute blog together with numerous comments published on the Lowy Institute Interpreter blog.

I have been interviewed by Stan Grant on Sky News Newsnight about changes in the US/Australia alliance. Short news reports on my ASPI posts have also been published on defencealert.com, ninemsn.com.au and various news.com.au outlets including theaustralian.com, perthnow.com.au, adelaidenow.com.au, townsvillebulletin.com.au and cairnspost.com.au.

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## Education

### UNSW Australia

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), International Relations (Grand Strategy) · (2008 - 2014)

### European University Institute

Post-graduate Fellowship · (2011 - 2011)

### Australian Institute of Company Directors

Diploma, Management · (2005 - 2005)

### Deakin University

Master of Arts (Strategic Studies)(CDSS), Strategic studies, international affairs, strategic management · (2003 - 2003)

### Graduate Diploma in Applied Science – Aerosystems

Grad Dip, Military Aviation Technology · (1996 - 1996)