Biography

Dr Bates Gill has a 30-year career as a scholar, policy advisor and author, focusing on Asia-Pacific politics, foreign policy and security, with a particular focus on China and U.S.-China relations. He has held leadership, research and academic positions with some of the world's leading institutions and universities, including the Brookings Institution, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Sydney, and the Australian National University.

He has published eight books and over 150 other publications, including most recently China Matters: Getting it Right for Australia (Black Inc/LaTrobe University Press, 2017) (with Linda Jakobson). His current research projects include a focus on China's foreign policy under Xi Jinping to be published as a major book with Oxford University Press in 2022.

Current and recent positions

Honorary Professor
Professor
Department of Security Studies and Criminology
Macquarie University
3 Jan 2023 → present

Inaugural Scholar in Residence
Asia Society Australia
Australia
1 Oct 2020 → 1 Dec 2021

Chair, Board of Directors
China Policy Centre
1 Jan 2020 → present

Senior Associate Fellow
Royal United Services Institute (RUSI, London)
United Kingdom
1 Jan 2020 → present

Associate Fellow
Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House)
1 Jan 2014 → 1 Jan 2019

Editorial Board member
China Quarterly
1 Jan 2012 → present

Member, International Advisory Board
Shanghai Institutes of International Studies
1 Dec 2010 → present

Editorial Board member
Security Challenges
1 Jan 2010 → present
Selected research outputs

Key trends and drivers in military modernization in the Indo-Pacific: implications for Australia and responses

Daring to struggle: China's global ambitions under Xi Jinping

The Party and external relations

The regional security environment

Exploring post-INF arms control in the Asia-Pacific: China's role in the challenges ahead

Organization of China's strategic forces

The common interests that bind the United States and Australia

China in the COVID world: continuing challenges for a rising power

China's plans to dominate Taiwan will intensify

The ambitious reform plans of the People's Liberation Army: progress, prospects and implications for Australia
Assessing the ambitious reforms of the Chinese People's Liberation Army: progress, problems and prospects

China's global influence: post-COVID prospects for soft power

Assessing the ambitious reform plans of the Chinese People's Liberation Army: progress and challenges

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Australia's political division at home undermines its leadership abroad

Why did Australia block Huawei, ZTE from 5G rollout?
China's New Missile Force: New Ambitions, New Challenges (Part 1)

Countering China's "united front"

The global dimension of China's influence operations

The questions of Chinese influence at the heart of Australia's security reforms

US allies aren't buying its new strategies to confront China

Expect a shakeup of China's military elite at the 19th Party Congress

Strategic opportunity lost? Where is the White House on Southeast Asia?

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Review: 'By More Than Providence', by Michael Green

Donald Trump's big Syria disruption was a much-needed diversion for a summit with no substance

The United States and Asia in 2016: challenges in the region and on the home front

Challenges to US leadership—abroad and at home—portend greater uncertainty for the Asia-Pacific

China matters: getting it right for Australia : what we need to know - for today and tomorrow

China's future under Xi Jinping: challenges ahead
The pivot, past and future

The dynamics of US-China-Southeast Asia relations

The United States and Asia in 2015: across the region, US-China competition intensifies

The TPA victory: America's place in the Pacific century secured?

The new special relationship: the U.S.-Australia alliance deepens

Admiration, ambivalence, antipathy: the past and future for US-China relations

The U.S.-Australia alliance: a deepening partnership in emerging Asia

Untapped trilateralism: common economic and security interests of the European Union, the United States and China

巨龍: 中國新的外交戰略

Alliances under austerity: what does America want?
Gill, B., Sept 2013, Canberra: Strategic and Defence Studies Centre. 12 p. (Centre of Gravity; no. 10)

The People's Republic of China

Trade versus security: how countries balance technology transfers to China

Introduction: international security, armaments and disarmament

Diffuse threats, frail institutions: managing security in the new era

China as an emergent center of global power

Governing the bomb: civilian control and democratic accountability of nuclear weapons
Sovereignty, intervention and peacekeeping: the view from Beijing

Chinese arms exports to Iran

Current and future challenges facing Chinese defence industries

Japan's export control initiatives: meeting new nonproliferation challenges

Determinants and directions for Chinese weapons imports

China looks to Thailand: exporting arms, exporting influence

Recent grants

Honors and fellowships
Royal Order of the Commander of the Polar Star
Gill, Bates (Recipient), Apr 2013

Scholar-in-Residence
Gill, Bates (Recipient), Oct 2020

Senior Associate Fellow, Royal United Services Institute
Gill, Bates (Recipient), Jan 2020

Sir Howard Kippenberger Chair in Strategic Studies
Gill, Bates (Recipient), Aug 2016