



# Post-election Fiji and its place in the world

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**(Refreshments from 12.00 noon)**

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Following the 2006 coup, sanctions imposed by Australia and New Zealand and the 2009 suspension of Fiji from the Pacific Islands Forum and the Commonwealth of Nations led Fiji to change its foreign policy outlook and expand its diplomatic network beyond the region. It joined the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and in 2013 chaired the 'G77 plus China'. Fiji has strengthened its relationships with China and Russia and formed new diplomatic relations with approximately 70 countries. Following his victory in landmark democratic elections in September 2014, Prime Minister Bainimarama played host to high profile visits by Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November. Fiji is pursuing reform in Pacific regional architecture, an issue to be discussed by Pacific leaders at a meeting in Australia in March.

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Jenny Hayward-Jones, the Melanesia Program Director at the Lowy Institute for International Policy, will examine the prospects of a newly legitimised Bainimarama government reclaiming regional leadership in the Pacific and improving relations with Australia

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