

## Preface

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This book brings together experts from Australia, Japan and the US to consider the nature of Australia and Japan's commitment to the US-led regional order and how their shared interest in maintaining this order can best be achieved.

Each of the chapters in this book provides policy-related observations and recommendations while examining the character of US leadership in Asia more broadly. Overall, the book emphasizes the continued importance of the US in underwriting the security and stability of Asia's post-war political order, but also stresses the growing need for US allies and partners to be more proactive in burden-sharing and in shaping the region's security arrangements. Indeed, greater regional reinforcement of the existing order's rules and principles is crucial at a time when uncertainty over the strength and durability of the US commitment to the region, and indeed the order's future, is arguably greater than ever before.

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