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Dr. Alfred Oehlers joined the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in March 2007. He was previously an associate professor at Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand. Dr. Oehlers obtained his doctorate in political economy from the University of Sydney. He holds both a master's and a bachelor's degree in economics, from Macquarie University, Australia.



Dr. Oehlers is a specialist in the political economy of economic growth and development, with reference to the countries of the Asia-Pacific region. His teaching has ranged widely during his career, spanning courses as diverse as international business, economics, politics, public policy, international relations, Asian studies, history, and other social sciences. He has taught at Massey University in New Zealand, Macquarie University and the University of Sydney in Australia, and the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Dr. Oehlers has written widely, covering a range of issues connected with the rapid development of East and Southeast Asia. Much of this research has focused on Burma and Singapore, on topics relating to governance, democratization, corruption, public health, and ethnic conflict, amongst others. Dr. Oehlers has recently extended his teaching and research interests to include the Pacific islands region, with several ongoing projects focusing on issues such as development and security, climate change, security sector development, and regionalism.

While at APCSS, Dr. Oehlers also served as the Program Manager for Transnational Security and Crisis Management from September 2009 to June 2011. In recognition of his service, he was awarded the Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award in 2011.