

Managing Grey Zone Threats: Coordinating Regional Approaches to Economic Coercion



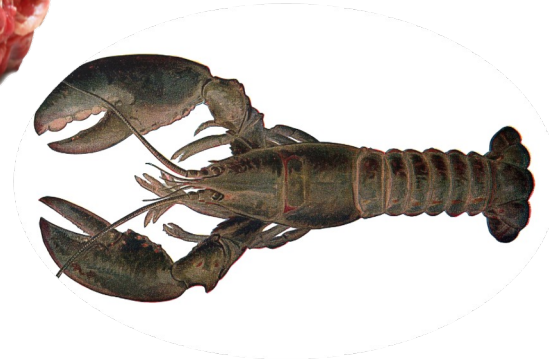
The Grey Zone Paradigm:

- Coercive statecraft between war and peace
- Non-Kinetic force leveraged for political / security objectives
- Aka Hybrid Threats / Shadow Threats
- Non-military activities including cyber attacks, misinformation, political influence, economic coercion

Our Research: Understanding and Responding to Economic Coercion



Australia-China Conflict



- Import bans
- Tariffs
- Antidumping Duties
- Countervailing Duties
- Boycotts
- Biosecurity complaints

An aerial photograph of a container ship's deck, showing rows of colorful shipping containers in shades of blue, red, orange, and yellow. A semi-transparent grey circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and a list of bullet points.

Weaponised Trade Project

- A 2.5 year project funded by the Australian Department of Defence
- Mapping the Australian experience of Weaponised Trade, formulating whole of government policy responses
- Particular attention experiences of affected businesses as the 'front line' casualties of weaponized trade
- First project of its kind in Australia, one of few in the world

Weaponised Trade is of mutual concern for Australia and Singapore

- Both have traditionally kept a “foot in each camp” in the China-US strategic rivalry
- Both are relatively open economies
- Both are relatively trade dependent for economic wellbeing
- Both have deep commitment to the international rule of law
- The Asian Region is at the heart of trends towards weaponised trade



Where to from here?

- Reinforcing and embedding norms within the region through international law
- Anticipating economic warfare and developing resilient supply chains
- Embedding whole of government national strategies and regional alliances