ABC Foreign Correspondent Peter Cave

A question and answer session with Peter Cave was hosted by the Bachelor of Media staff on Friday 2nd March at SCU’s Lismore campus. This session was assisted by Neville Jennings and the Northern Rivers branch of the Friends of the ABC.

Peter is in Lismore to launch "Through Australian Eyes", an exhibition celebrating the national broadcaster's long and continuing commitment to foreign news reporting. The exhibition is on at the Lismore City Library from 26 February to 14 April, and illustrates the work of the ABC’s foreign correspondents and foreign news bureaux from the 1930s to the present. Photos, audio and video from the archives, recollections by former correspondents and camera crew, historic and modern newsgathering equipment and memorabilia are all part of the display.

Peter Cave is one of the ABC's most experienced foreign correspondents - he has reported from more than 40 countries during a career with the ABC spanning more than 30 years. He is a five-time winner of Australian journalism’s most prestigious award, the Walkley, for his coverage of the Tiananmen Square massacre, the fall of the Berlin Wall and Iraq. Peter's first foreign posting was to Japan in the early 1980s and since then he has also been Chief Correspondent for Europe and the Middle East based in London, and Bureau Chief in Washington. Before going back on the road he was the presenter of the ABC’s flagship radio current affairs program AM. Other major stories he brought to Australian audiences include the end of apartheid in South Africa, the Palestinian intifada in the Occupied Territories, Glasnost and Perestroika in the former Soviet Union, the break-up of the former Yugoslavia and the wars in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo.
Peter also covered the Gulf War, the fall of President Suharto in Indonesia, the coups in Fiji, the "troubles" in Northern Ireland and the election of George W Bush.

As Foreign Affairs Editor, Peter now has a roving brief to provide reporting and analysis of stories across the globe. Most recently he has spent considerable time in the Middle East covering the war in Iraq and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

Due to a technical problem with our recording, we are unable to deliver a podcast of the Q&A session at SCU. However several of the questions covered were also discussed in an interview conducted by ABC North Coast, our local ABC radio station. This recording of the interview has been provided for us and you can listen to it as a podcast here, thanks to our friends at 2NR. The Media program plan to bring you further recordings of other foreign correspondents and ABC journalists, program makers and producers. For now, we hope you enjoy this interview with Peter Cave.