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Victoria Cooper is a researcher and political analyst based in Melbourne. She is currently a Senior Analyst at Development Intelligence Lab. There she conducts future-facing analysis anticipating how social and political trends throughout the Indo Pacific may impact Australia's national security and development cooperation into the future.

Previously, Victoria was an expert at the United States Studies Centre where she led research projects on US political trends and public opinion, during the Biden administration. Victoria's expertise on US politics regularly featured on Australian news radio and television, and she holds bylines in several mastheads including the Australian Financial Review, The Conversation and The Sydney Morning Herald.

Victoria's background combines social psychology and political science to investigate trends that undermine Australia's national security and social fabric. Her newsletter Dinner Table Politics explores political beliefs and behaviour, and offers practical advice to help people approach political disagreement and truth decay in a more productive, empathetic way.

In 2023, Victoria was a Rising Think Tank Opinion Leader and provided insights on the future of cooperation between Quad countries in Washington DC and Tokyo. In 2024, she was identified as a Young Woman to Watch in International Affairs, for this work, in 2024.