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| **From the Councillors** |

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| Each week, some of our Councillors will share with you a selection of articles, analytical pieces, videos and podcasts about what is happening in the world of international affairs.This week’s newsletter will explore COVID-19. By now, we’ve probably all heard enough about COVID-19 to last us a lifetime, but there have been some fascinating articles on its effects and implications on the international system. Click on the sub-headings to check out what we’re reading!*Disclaimer: The views expressed below by Councillors are their own. The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales does not take policy positions.* |

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| [**Pandemics and Globalisation**](https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/covid-19-has-exacerbated-anti-globalisation-sentiments/)Perhaps the biggest question emerging out of the COVID-19 pandemic is what will the world look like when it’s all over? In particular what does COVID-19 mean for globalisation? Roman Darius, writing for the the Institute’s national publication *Australian Outlook,*asks that exact question. Roman argues that COVID-19 will be yet another catalyst in the shift towards ‘deglobalisation’, and explains how the pandemic is likely to used by those who are sceptical about the old globalised world.  |

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| *This article was selected by Alex McManis. Alex holds a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Government and International Relations from the University of Sydney, where he wrote his thesis on the European Union's behaviour at the 2015 UNFCCC meeting in Paris. He has served on the Council since 2019.* |

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| [**Mask Diplomacy**](https://thediplomat.com/2020/03/chinas-mask-diplomacy/)One of the perennial issues in international affairs that has been thrown into relief by the COVID-19 pandemic is the role of China on the international stage. The pandemic has hardened lines between the United States and China, which will add to the problems for Australia in steering a course between alliance commitments and our need for a prosperous and cooperative China. Brian Wong, a founding Editor-in-Chief of the *Oxford Political Review*, has described China's effort to overcome the image of its alleged evasiveness in dealing with the crisis in an article for *The Diplomat*. It is a great read for anyone interested in Chinese politics and how China is adapting to the new diplomatic landscape.Image credit: [**Zhang Wenjie**](https://flickr.com/photos/z_wenjie/5480866364/in/photolist-9mjSBW-fAD84H-23HAfSf-9mgHBK-c2mtLu-9mgQcM-27hbVv-c2mu49-2aTShKA-2c2NR4T-DyCCcs-Sqw6eS-2fjknAK-9mgQon-22f8bLK-uLpNC-J2mZBy-YnVydG-4D3MiJ-SE6Vxb-uLpFz-QNDEx4-2duG4t9-SqKxiE-2a8KURN-ntxTUo-ZXey5p-qsebCz-avTPRZ-9maCco-4izpyj-r58S8c-avTLLT-ngYwx1-21KA6wH-2bT9HsA-MXseHL-RA2UJY-26SNN12-cfUTKE-7hu8Tk-HxWrTR-8LN37e-FxLGWu-2ckcVaK-iPx97-CnSktM-dJi7ny-Jmw2sL-25vjN5K) |

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| *This article was selected by Ian Lincoln. Ian worked in the Department of Foreign Affairs from 1967 to 2000 with postings in Asia, the Pacific, Africa and Europe. He has been President of AIIA NSW since 2017.* |

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| [**How Will the Coronavirus End for the US?**](https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2020/03/how-will-coronavirus-end/608719/)The U.S. may and up with the worst COVID-19 outbreak in the industrialised wold says Ed Young writing for *The Atlantic*. He says that a global pandemic of this scale was inevitable according to ‘hundreds of health experts’. Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security had war-gamed what might happen in such an eventuality. According to a Global Health Security Index the USA had the world’s highest score for pandemic preparedness. So how has this worked out?‘Rudderless, blind-sided, lethargic and uncoordinated, America has mishandled the COVID-19 crisis…’ The article goes on to describe how this has occurred but more importantly what can still be done to recover the situation and hence avoid a catastrophic outcome. |

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| *This article was selected by Chris Skinner. Chris served thirty years in the Royal Australian Navy in warships that participated in the South East Asian Treaty Organisation, the Vietnam War and surveillance of the North-West Indian Ocean. He joined the AIIA NSW Council in 2019.* |

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| **What else we're reading** |

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| * [**Last week's episode**](https://australiaintheworld.podbean.com/e/ep-43-the-consequences-of-covid-19/) of *Australia in the World* with Allan Gyngell and Darren Lim reflected on how Australia might fare in a post-COVID-19 world both economically and diplomatically.
* Writing for the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Graeme Dobell [**reviews**](https://www.aspi.org.au/opinion/heart-reconnected-world) Rory Medcalf's new book [***Contest for the Indo-Pacific: Why China Won't Map the Future***](https://www.blackincbooks.com.au/books/contest-indo-pacific), outlining the future of the 'Indo-Pacific' regional construct.
* United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres released a video [**calling**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JH9sZxVlpDo) for an immediate global ceasefire to deal with the 'common enemy' of COVID-19.
* An interactive article from National Geographic Magazine [**shows**](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2020/04/these-cities-will-feel-climate-changes-effects-the-most-feature/) the dramatic impact that climate change could have on temperatures and rainfall in 2,500 cities around the world.
* Robert E. Kelly, known around the world as the famous 'BBC Dad', provides some [**tips**](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/bbc-dad-has-learned-thing-two-about-working-home) on working from home for Lowy Institute's *The Interpreter*.
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