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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 we look how the Black Lives Matter movement is influencing Indonesia, the securitisation of domestic and foreign policy, and the problems for Australia in joining the G7 summit.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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| [**Securitising policy issues**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=c65e13c1e4&e=84738c8dae)In a wide-ranging [**dialogue**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=41893be990&e=84738c8dae) hosted by the Australian Institute, AIIA national president Allan Gyngell and defence policy analyst Alan Behm discuss the dangers of “securitising” international policy issues. Redefining issues in security terms has tended to undermine information flows and accountability. Securitisation has extended into domestic issues, notably the January bushfires, with the defence forces called on to respond. Also of concern is the increased militarisation and sense of impunity of police forces, not only in the United States but also in Australia, and a similar trend with the Australian Border Force, contributing to callous actions on refugees. Political debate on these processes is almost non-existent. Image credit: [**Dominique A. Piniero**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=f1db455d39&e=84738c8dae) |

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| This webinar was selected by Ian Lincoln, President of AIIA NSW since 2017. Ian was in the Department of Foreign Affairs for 33 years including postings in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Pacific. He was later an appellate member of the Refugee Review Tribunal and has worked in a number of community organisations. |

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| [**What should Canberra do to prepare for the G7 summit?**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=bba6d0ab6c&e=84738c8dae)Donald Trump badly needs a success on the international stage in the lead up to November's Presidential elections and will use the G7 Summit to push his own agenda. Scott Morrison is invited and he has the opportunity to contribute but also risks alienating our Asian neighbours if he simply signs up to Washington's shopping list.  Adam Triggs of the ANU Asian Bureau of Economic Research has set out the risks and potential benefits in a useful [**article**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=3549614cf9&e=84738c8dae) in Inside Story. In Pearls and Irritations, experienced analyst Geoff Miller has [**questioned**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=3096bedf81&e=84738c8dae) the wisdom of re-orienting the G7 from economics to confrontational strategic issues.Image credit: [**Number 10**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=f5b1213a25&e=84738c8dae) |

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| This webinar was selected by Jocelyn Chey AM. Jocelyn is an Adjunct Professor at the Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney, Visiting Professor at the University of Sydney and an Adjunct Professor at the Australia-China Institute for Arts and Culture at Western Sydney University. She was previously a senior officer in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Jocelyn is a Fellow of Australian Institute of International Affairs. |

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| [**Black Lives Matter in Indonesia**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=54c3cf2043&e=84738c8dae)It's no surprise that the Black Lives Matter movement is resonating around the world. But Krithika Varagur [**argues**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=ea5cbde69c&e=84738c8dae) that one of the movement’s most powerful ripple effects might actually be right on our doorstep in Indonesia. She charts some of the complex factors at play - from Indonesia's own colonial history and militarised posture towards Papua, through to broader racial tensions and specific violent incidents in Yogyakarta and Jayapura. Varagur then concludes that, while police have banned some mass rallies in Papua, a 'Papuan Lives Matter' movement is taking shape in cyberspace. And it's just getting started. |

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| **From the Interns** |

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| In addition to our Councillors, we will be inviting one of our interns to share with you what they have found insightful or interesting in the world of international affairs over the past week. This week, Marcus McCulloch considers India's foreign policy under Modi and the growth of COVID-19 in Latin America.Disclaimer: The views expressed below by interns are their own. The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales does not take policy positions. |

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| [**Modi's Foreign Policy**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=c44fb5c09d&e=84738c8dae)When Narendra Modi was elected Prime Minister in 2014, he promised to renew India’s relations with its neighbours. [**According to**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=bddb1b4387&e=84738c8dae) Sumit Ganguly, last week’s fatal border skirmish with China reflects a catastrophic failure to live up to this promise. In his foreign policy, Modi has proved much more adept with the stick than the carrot, which has alienated Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. In 2019, the revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir ended a fragile peace between India and Pakistan. China has taken advantage of Modi’s blunders to consolidate its relationships with India’s neighbours. Image credit: [**Paul Kagame**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=a299e90675&e=84738c8dae) |

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| [**COVID-19 in Latin America**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=ab9ce76ba4&e=84738c8dae)Latin America is emerging as the deadliest frontier of the coronavirus. Brazil is among the worst affected, and rates of infection in Mexico, Peru and Chile are worse than those in the United States. [**According to**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=08e399eadf&e=84738c8dae) Azam Ahmed, Anatoly Kurmanaev, Daniel Politi and Ernesto Londoño, the region is particularly vulnerable due to a combination of inequality, density and poor institutions. The virus flourishes under these conditions, and aggravates them. Yet, politicians are also to blame. The political opportunism, deliberate misinformation and recklessness associated with Trump have been echoed by Bolsonaro and López Obrador. The situation for many in the informal sector, which comprises over half of Latin American workers, is dire: risk infection, or starve. Image credit: **[Eneas De Troya](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=0401f9e297&e=84738c8dae" \t "_blank)** |

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| These articles were selected by Marcus McCulloch. Marcus is undertaking Honours in Political Economy at the University of Sydney, writing a thesis on industrialisation in the Soviet Union. He is a keen debater, and recently reached the finals of the World Universities Debating Championship in Bangkok. Marcus has been interning with AIIA NSW since February 2020. |

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

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| * AIIA NSW intern Evangeline Larson [**analyses**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=e1c1d683fa&e=84738c8dae) protests in Lebanon and the impact of COVID-19.
* Hamish McDonald FAIIA, [**writing**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=e6d7df3419&e=84738c8dae) in Pearls and Irritations, explores how Australian media has covered Asia, particularly China.
* The Bangkok Post [**looks at**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=a533fa7b61&e=84738c8dae) how the Move Forward Party is trying to amend Thai emergency laws to make the government more accountable.
* Katherine Stewart, writing in Australian Outlook, [**discusses**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=8667d625aa&e=84738c8dae) how the International Committee of the Red Cross is dealing with the dual challenges from armed groups and COVID-19.
* The [**Lowy Institute Poll 2020**](https://internationalaffairs.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e9feb1606f1b4129a8b65828&id=63f77229d4&e=84738c8dae) finds that optimism in the economy and politics has deteriorated among Australians, with trust in great powers and their leaders collapsing.
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