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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales welcomes you to Week 4 of: | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **From the Councillors** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 have two articles on the China-Australia relationship and how it might be changed by COVID-19. We also have an article asking if we need to rethink international economic governance. Take a look!  Disclaimer: The views expressed below by Councillors are their own. The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales does not take policy positions. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Time for a Digital Bretton Woods?**](https://www.project-syndicate.org/onpoint/digital-bretton-woods-new-global-governance-model-by-rohinton-p-medhora-and-taylor-owen-2020-04?utm_source=Project+Syndicate+Newsletter&utm_campaign=28b30167d1-op_newsletter_2020_04_17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_73bad5b7d8-28b30167d1-105041857&mc_cid=28b30167d1&mc_eid=6ebfb90d4a)  For years it has been apparent that the digital economy has been a game-changer. The rise of big-tech, social media and ecommerce has made intangibles like data and intellectual property ever more valuable, but international governance regimes have been slow to recognise this. In this piece for [**Project Syndicate**](https://www.project-syndicate.org/onpoint/digital-bretton-woods-new-global-governance-model-by-rohinton-p-medhora-and-taylor-owen-2020-04?utm_source=Project+Syndicate+Newsletter&utm_campaign=28b30167d1-op_newsletter_2020_04_17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_73bad5b7d8-28b30167d1-105041857&mc_cid=28b30167d1&mc_eid=6ebfb90d4a) Rohinton P. Medhora and Taylor Owen ask whether the global economy’s “rules of the game” need a reset - a sort of digital Bretton Woods. They make the case for a global diplomatic push to establish new global governance principles, and suggest five key considerations for the new digital economic order. While not claiming to be an exhaustive discussion of the matter, this article is certainly a conversation starter. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 2015 UN climate negotiations in Paris. He has served on the Council since 2019. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**China Dreams Need Not Be Nightmares**](https://press.anu.edu.au/publications/series/china-story-yearbook/china-dreams)  When US President Donald Trump seeks to shift responsibility for the health crisis in his country to China, on the grounds that the COVID-19 virus originated there, we need all the more to think about China in a critical and unbiased way.  One good source of information is the latest annual review of developments in the People’s Republic of China from the ANU’s Centre for China in the World.  This has the intriguing title [***China Dreams***](https://press.anu.edu.au/publications/series/china-story-yearbook/china-dreams) and is available for free download. The Asia Society has put together [**a webcast**](https://asiasociety.org/video/china-story-yearbook-2019-china-dreams-complete) to launch the book, featuring economist Professor Jane Golley, the Director of the ANU Centre and chapter authors Louisa Lim and Darren Lim. Image credit: [**ANU Press**](https://press.anu.edu.au/publications/series/china-story-yearbook/china-dreams) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This article 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. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**A Renewed Call to Arm**](https://johnmenadue.com/cameron-leckie-fear-mongering-by-a-think-tank-funded-by-arms-manufacturers/)[**s?**](https://johnmenadue.com/cameron-leckie-fear-mongering-by-a-think-tank-funded-by-arms-manufacturers/)  There are signs already that the political consensus about combating Covid-19 will splinter as the time approaches to revitalise the economy. Peter Jennings, Executive Director of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), [**argued in a weekend article**](https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/preparing-for-the-crisis-after-the-crisis/) that China will have enhanced its power in the wake of COVID-19, and consequently pose threats to Australian and regional security. Despite the need to claw back the deficit resulting from the economic stimulus packages of the COVID period, he calls for increased defence expenditure. [**In a response**](https://johnmenadue.com/cameron-leckie-fear-mongering-by-a-think-tank-funded-by-arms-manufacturers/)in John Menadue’s Pearls and Irritations on 21 April, defence analyst and former serving officer Cameron Leckie argues that fear mongering about China damages Australia’s interests. Increased tensions with China, our largest trading partner – for example over Taiwan – would be “an act of economic suicide” as well as endangering our security. Image credit: [**Will Haigh/Defence Images**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/defenceimages/8317481441/in/photolist-dEZgsr-x7xMot-dF5FPJ-23UsVms-baS9Gn-JVkkE-29wgvzV-oaxJK7-FQVV6u-n71voj-fxwxLe-otHiqx-C84nBS-bSAcxa-divgzj-fxwxLV-xYwe2S-cJhHSJ-cyRKXQ-buvSZX-dM5eRK-nNFGx8-jJ5sNw-bpSiEs-oaxYpa-21B9T5L-29i2rHT-gUsmuM-KxFiBh-oe4vEv-k1JcYM-KxnqNb-81mysE-aFe1ny-QKPsrw-nKgjiv-e4qqEF-n6YzTX-n6YJzc-j3g9pc-gUrvZ1-8EVRmL-K7KSmX-o5UtQ3-dRmbmn-pADEZt-nFrgWU-CSseRe-s69VdY-PQRWE4) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This article 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. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **From the Interns** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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 looks at the diplomacy of the Hajj pilgrimage and Russia's possible intentions with submarine cables.  Disclaimer: The views expressed below by interns are their own. The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales does not take policy positions. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**The Hajj and Saudi Diplomacy**](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/saudi-arabia/2020-04-15/coronavirus-threatens-saudi-arabias-global-ambitions)  The Hajj, the mandatory pilgrimage to Mecca, is one of the five pillars of Islam, and since the 1960s it has become a cornerstone of Saudi Arabia’s diplomacy with the Islamic world. Krithika Varagur highlights that the kingdom grants 230,000 pilgrimage permits to Indonesia each year, in exchange for preferential access to its markets. However, as Covid-19 sweeps through the region, the Great Mosque of Mecca stands eerily empty and Riyadh is considering cancelling this year’s pilgrimage. According to Varagur, this highlights Saudi Arabia’s declining religious hegemony as Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman pivots from Wahabbism to modernity. Image credit: [**Al Jazeera English**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/aljazeeraenglish/3085821976/in/photolist-5GFDnb-7hnsfy-97HMyW-7m6S5M-97nVQg-97oe16-97nWwc-5GFKEs-7idSk3-an2Kn-6q8YUU-7h1MqU-dqZWrc-6rLEKp-nVnwEt-ocyC6x-4XQr1R-6q4YM4-7isxiw-7jsEuk-7kdBW2-7khpfs-5GG4Tq-4HNGeK-7jsjUT-5GFJ69-7ipEj8-68qHmY-7iwou4-7itvPu-7ipEj6-7itvPb-7imGGW-7jsEuv-7jsEuF-7kdEzx-7jsEui-5GFPM9-5GBpie-7khnWS-7jsEup-9shrr-9pvyoc-qX8Mma-7jsEut-7jFXvp-7jFXvr-7itvPj-dnrwYx-7i2HWv) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Russia's Underwater Agenda**](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/20/world/europe/russian-submarine-fire-losharik.html)  Norway’s sovereign waters form a part of the restless frontier between Russia and NATO. Last July, a Russian nuclear submarine caught on fire during a secret mission in those waters. James Glanz and Thomas Nilsen write that it was a tragic accident and a sinister revelation of Russian intentions. Russia has its eye on the network of submarine cables that transmit information around the world. Severing these would throw financial markets into chaos and undermine a military response to Russian aggression. However, Glanz and Nilsen posit that Putin’s primary objectives in the North Sea are more benign: deterrence, and control over emerging shipping lanes. Image Credit: [**RIA Novosti Archive**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:RIAN_archive_895550_Drills_for_nuclear_submarine_crews_at_training_center_in_Murmansk_Region.jpg) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **What else we're reading** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | * With artificial intelligence becoming a major part of our daily lives, Deutsche Welle [**looks at**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ePZ7OdY-Dw) how AI is shaping our society and the challenges that it poses, including fake news and autonomous weapons. * Young Australians in International Affairs' new [**Policy Lab**](https://www.youngausint.org.au/policy-lab) is welcoming Policy Briefs and Policy Pitches by young people on issues facing Australia and the world. * A [**charged article**](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/scotland-false-note-cry-freedom) in the Lowy Institute's The Interpreter by John Lloyd, the author of the new book [**Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot: The Great Mistake of Scottish Independence**](https://www.booktopia.com.au/should-auld-acquaintance-be-forgot-john-lloyd/book/9781509542666.html), presents a case against a post-COVID-19 push for Scottish independence. * The first episode of [**Australia's Next Steps**](https://www.aspi.org.au/report/australias-next-steps), a podcast from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute and Oracle, looks at the possible future of Australian national and regional security. * The University of Sydney has developed a [**dashboard**](https://covid19-data.sydney.edu.au/) of COVID-19 cases in New South Wales, identifying likely sources of infection and the location of confirmed cases across the state. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |