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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales welcomes you to Week 11 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're taking a look at ongoing protests in the US, the recent national security law passed for Hong Kong, the role of digital media for defence forces and a guest contribution by Colin Chapman FAIIA on Chinese aggression.  Disclaimer: The views expressed below by Councillors are their own. The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales does not take policy positions. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**"I can't breathe" goes global**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2020/06/01/floyd-protests-us-hypocrisy-china/)  As protests at the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis spread across the (dis)United States, there have been demonstrations in solidarity elsewhere around the world, and America's opponents have seized the opportunity to point out Washington's weaknesses and policy failures. Ishaan Tharour provides a [**comprehensive survey**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2020/06/01/floyd-protests-us-hypocrisy-china/) of international reactions for the Washington Post. Image credit: [**Geoff Livingston**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/geoliv/49980390616/in/photolist-2j9AyQG-2hPzdi8-2j9AyKM-qmZeYS-pqV85S-cw4tWS-2j8tovP-6fXMh5-bp9CSE-21fftfs-2ihtQLK-2j62dm1-RWqUKT-edi8yt-RAUVNB-Ed22H-2j8hAtd-2j7vQwL-6dCjZg-2iQpJ3v-efrmjb-2j8fANW-6GMMFs-2j8wQAU-2j7pY6L-2j8xCvL-buBUFY-3GRRkx-9iuFQt-bsF9Vb-acDzAt-ag4kvB-2i2xmEX-v4AnvE-bkSvGT-YLCJbf-7HQKKm-gwmAC2-2j8q5kr-24KfWfT-32djcW-b4fSNn-vH1MNS-2fmPp8V-5N8JJJ-TdzL2E-RzdPQ2-2j7u1SU-dmTFbX-UgyKLN) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Ripples spreading from Hong Kong**](https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/how-the-hong-kong-calamity-will-play-out/)  Minxin Pei of Claremont McKenna College in California [**outlines**](https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/how-the-hong-kong-calamity-will-play-out/) the background to the recent decision by China's National People's Congress to introduce new security legislation for Hong Kong. He describes this as a bold move and a challenge to the United States and its allies, and urges that great care should be taken before those countries formulate their response. Image credit: [**s tsui**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/n0r/2065153357/in/photolist-b6p5HR-b6p5jX-b6p5ov-b6p5iD-b6p5sx-b6p5uM-b6p5re-2W1zj-kBzLHo-drAsoX-kBAvbE-kpJaQS-kBymw8-2W1yT-Y7RSzv-drABDC-8Ak6Dx-drAABC-drAsLT-3KH4U2-3KMrjw-3KMmNW-3KH3TM-3KMprs-3KH5iF-3KMk49-3KGVfn-3KH6Sn-3KH3yg-3KH7aV-3KH7GK-3KH5Vk-3KMknQ-3KMu1L-3KH6iH-3KGVE6-w14AFH-vHyZ5P-w14BQg-w14Cpc-Y7RSmK-vHrPeQ-aP25M4-vXKenj-vXKfW1-w14Byp-49us9n-q2JLo-3kvwn-8uETjd) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | These articles were 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. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Winning hearts and likes: Foreign affairs, defence and Facebook**](https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/winning-hearts-and-likes-foreign-affairs-defence-and-facebook/)  In ASPI’s The Strategist, Damien Spry of the University of South Australia [**writes**](https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/winning-hearts-and-likes-foreign-affairs-defence-and-facebook/) that digital media, especially Facebook, have become crucial in the operations of defence officials and diplomats. Facebook pages provide opportunities for defence forces to communicate with the public and, at least as importantly, for the public to express their support for their defence forces. But the use of social media isn’t always understood or appreciated by governments. With the notable exception of China, Facebook is so popular internationally (especially in Southeast Asian countries) that it’s roughly synonymous with the internet. Dr Spry, in a [**new ASPI report**](https://www.aspi.org.au/report/winning-hearts-and-likes), argues that the Australian government should use social media far more strategically to engage international audiences. Image credit: [**Stock Catalog**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/stockcatalog/40563466974/in/photolist-24Nsnwf-apsfBz-bXmBdx-3JisEw-4dThpv-6wvcne-cJg37j-dh7x7T-5m9Cb-3KhgSE-4S4XHh-7wGdMZ-8iuCNg-7eU22k-9gYyxx-pY8uqZ-9tMiYv-pFLm12-pFK1BL-cgZpM1-cgZq99-pFK1Bf-24tMwkd-7XNhoY-5RsZAA-b8yUGM-b7LdEr-cNL4dQ-a1kVPP-9Kw1n5-7Y3r3e-appwqT-9Ktbgt-7BTXFQ-4Ti2zz-4bY8rQ-5Ab8FQ-6jpk8z-5GPgJc-dHGeSX-bwWJzV-68xCBB-c8mN7s-2jdufc-7hfuyp-FyBMyW-8tvpnP-baUsYX-NXFfo-TAtxMK) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**China, Hong Kong and Taiwan**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000jpg1)  A number of British MPs have proposed forming 'D10' – a group of democratic nations – to work together to try and persuade Beijing to change its attitude towards Hong Kong. That change is unlikely, since three of the former UK colony’s biggest businesses – HSBC, the Swire Group and Jardine Matheson – have all come out with support for the National Peoples Congress move to impose its own security law on the city. Yet China’s recent circling of Taiwan by air and sea forces is one more example of its aggression. In a [**report**](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000jpg1) on BBC Radio 4 (starting at 13.43), Mark Mardell discusses this with Professor Kerry Brown, head of the China Centre at King’s College, London, formerly in a similar position at the University of Sydney. The report ends with a measured reply by Chen Wen of the Chinese Embassy in London. Image credit: [**Enrique Saldivar**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/esaldivar/445225854/in/photolist-FkU8Q-einQBo-Rr7u2f-2d8nWpm-2iw6Z2Y-27cgLHj-KfCRbd-2gB58VU-24uZV9r-SZVvML-6psjrz-2iYyQhn-Havm3u-5AWNPu-9NDvLH-QwqwUF-5S8Cg2-7t31HB-2iuSdvQ-EWjvdT-ekr1xk-2ie2thG-2g6MpCy-2c96RFC-24v13RF-2aTJ9Cf-24qYSPU-Gnf2Bm-7UkxA8-JLvBrY-2hMcQik-2hhfhRr-2iw5Ny4-2iuSdq9-2iuSdgG-2j6okhC-cSKEGQ-5Kmpra-aJYWiF-5iHpgs-4duPeZ-4dyNoQ-2i2i5nk-4LKUm4-5bSAi-eCHB11-LYDQp-eCEqan-hmoVUh-67SfQ4) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This broadcast was selected by guest contributor Colin Chapman FAIIA. Colin is a writer, broadcaster and public speaker who specialises in geopolitics, international economics and global media issues. He served four terms as president of AIIA NSW. Colin will be addressing an AIIA National Office webinar, "[***The European Union, Brexit and COVID-19***](https://aiia.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/29618-the-european-union-brexit-and-covid-19)”, on 17 June from 18:00-19:00 AEST. | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **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. Amelia Proudlove looks at the case for Australian strategic ambiguity in the Pacific, and how defence and intelligence policies can better respond to cyberattacks.  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 case for Australian strategic ambiguity**](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/case-australian-strategic-ambiguity)  The balancing of Australia’s regional role in the South Pacific can be no clearer than in its obligations to both the US and China. By considering a hypothetical scenario, Victor Abramowicz’s article [**outlines**](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/case-australian-strategic-ambiguity) the two main schools of thought for managing such complicated ‘friendships.’ He uses this hypothetical scenario to recommend a shift from the current loyalist approach to regional diplomacy, to a more neutral and Australia centric approach. He recommends that it will be a far stronger long term approach for Australia to develop a strategic ambiguity and lessen our loyalist ties to the US both militarily and politically.  Image credit: [**U.S. Pacific Fleet**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/compacflt/5945051139/in/photolist-a4kWzH-9ShDW1-frcqE8-9sQz7a-9qG2nN-a66rVZ-a3FZrF-dwowRG-a77TY4-cyvAqS-frcrsZ-9sQzoR-Kd1U4u-7ytQQG-fnaN1Z-9bogNo-aNyzPz-a66s2k-6Ziu81-8nhZig-K5mu5S-67wmL9-bvqVPw-f7Cdsd-JMDf56-9sQzcK-WmdB6h-9jrrcU-SHFbbJ-frwtUd-o2vQKv-dwi3xt-a69jso-Ka1VmB-WBnUcg-dwi1Rr-cvya3W-fkjBug-a4p3m1-5DBWtt-a5UNxK-fa181r-orFSHx-67scTK-a66rS8-ETda8Q-WkBMRE-cty6j5-ShQXFQ-x22heD) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Shaping intelligence policies for cyberattacks**](http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/shaping-intelligence-policies-for-cyberattacks/)  With the world relying on the internet for the sharing of information more than ever, it is a key time to consider the ongoing defects and shortcomings of such information systems and computer networks. In this article Dr Sajad Abedi [**considers**](http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/shaping-intelligence-policies-for-cyberattacks/) both the limitations of the current protection against cyber attacks and how nation states may be required to diversify their responses in order to protect classified information. The benefits associated with cyber protection will have to be promoted above more traditional forms of warfare and security threats. Image credit: [**Virginia Guard Public Affairs**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/vaguardpao/42681717072/in/photolist-282CXtE-2eT7zKv-2eT7zDZ-2eT7zvn-2eNx7MJ-zve8e9-2hF6h2m-qg7uC3-2hFa2YH-9S6ZsK-9S71Nx-2d3jMqx-8xfVch-w3XoMC-vNDQfo-pjGdBF-5ZhGLS-G7aDiW-Fk4vKT-2hXkT38-A7PdiF-xtV5re-Rufqdh-G1mr3p-29rLit5-2cXYqiY-2hFa2Fy-2hLe8DT-2hLd51S-2hLe8TW-2hLe8SP-2cXYpLL-Gz8Ait-GfRnD9-Gz8B1R-Gz8zSD-FtgaJ5-2gASi6x-2gARH3B-GwKHJh-Gz8Beg-GwKHTW-GfRnsN-GfRniu-GfRmZU-2fV2fA8-2gARJjV-2gARJi7-2gASiLq-2gARJ7W) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | These articles were selected by Amelia Proudlove. Amelia is in her final year of a dual degree of a Bachelors of Arts/Law majoring in International Law and Global Governance at Macquarie University. During her studies she has been focusing on the role of international humanitarian law during conflicts, changing security and counterterrorism. Amelia has been interning with the AIIA since February 2020. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **What else we're reading** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | * Neville Roach, in John Menadue's Pearls and Irritations, puts an [**optimistic view**](https://johnmenadue.com/neville-roach-historic-summit-between-australian-and-indian-prime-ministers/?mc_cid=9cd7427c82&mc_eid=a67e3c4e2d) on the long-term outcomes of the virtual summit between Scott Morrison and Narendra Modi on June 4. * While the meaning of 'wolf diplomacy' applied to the current behaviour of Chinese diplomats is obvious enough, this [**CNN article**](https://edition.cnn.com/2020/05/28/asia/china-wolf-warrior-diplomacy-intl-hnk/index.html) on the origin of the term is entertaining. * In the London Review of Books, Adam Shatz [**reflects**](https://www.lrb.co.uk/the-paper/v42/n12/adam-shatz/trump-s-war-on-america?utm_campaign=20200606%20icymi&utm_content=aunz_subs_icymi&utm_medium=email&utm_source=LRB%20icymi) on the long history of racial unrest in the US and wonders whether things will change following current protests. * In The Atlantic, Alexis Madrigal and Robinson Meyer [**suggest**](https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2020/06/america-giving-up-on-pandemic/612796/) that too many Americans are optimistic about beating COVID-19. * In Foreign Affairs, Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong [**calls on**](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/asia/2020-06-04/lee-hsien-loong-endangered-asian-century) the US to accept Chinese aspirations and for China to comply with international norms. * Heather Conley of CSIS [**examines**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/06/03/how-viktor-orban-turned-century-hungarian-history-into-secret-weapon/) the Hungarian government's use of historical resentments over lost territory for political gain and its impact on regional stability. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |