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This week we dive into the debate about Australia-China-US relations and how our diplomatic relations may evolve in the future. We also take a look at how Australian industry might change in a post-COVID world.   Disclaimer: The views expressed below by Councillors are their own. The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales does not take policy positions. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person wearing a suit and tie  Description automatically generated |  |  | | --- | | [**Debating China and America**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJsn6LHxaCE)  Debate about China’s global ambitions rages on. Clive Hamilton and Marieke Ohlberg's new book [**"Hidden Hand: Exposing How the Chinese Communist Party is Reshaping the World"**](https://www.hardiegrant.com/au/publishing/bookfinder/book/hidden-hand-by-clive-hamilton/9781743795576) is a one-sided anti-China diatribe and a follow-up to Hamilton's earlier "Silent Invasion: China's Influence in Australia." Its thesis is that the CCP's over-riding objective is to destroy democracy and become the dominant superpower, and the authors have combed the world for evidence to support this theory. The authors recently [**spoke to**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJsn6LHxaCE) an AIIA national office webinar re-stating their views. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | Meanwhile [**Geoff Miller**](https://johnmenadue.com/geoff-miller-us-china-australia-what-are-we-getting-into/) and [**Allan Behm**](https://johnmenadue.com/ausmin-anzus-and-the-need-for-contemporary-relevance/?mc_cid=ec39d699a9&mc_eid=3b44e64159), in separate articles in Pearls and Irritations on the Australian Foreign and Defence Ministers’ visit to their American counterparts in Washington this week, caution against uncritically toeing the American line on China. They highlight Australia’s long-term interests in China and the possible motivations for the US position. Australia has[**distinguished**](https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-07-29/ausmin-talks-defence-south-china-sea-darwin-fuel-reserve/12501548)its position on exercises in the South China Sea from that of the US, but that is unlikely to be the end of the issue.  Image Credits: [**US State Department**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/statephotos/30104541107/in/photolist-2jqFTqS-2jqxFbU-2jqMvuv-MSeDzF-MSeDfc-2jqxoEG-2jqJJCc-MSeD1p-2jqNMAY-2jqtBaB-2ev1FuR-2doXPPQ-2doXPYY-2gPw2Qp-UGpYbZ-2gPvdwf-WodmAW-Mk7yNh-2iDjHZX-26FgwtN-28jSmgC-285SvLK-26GXa2y-2hwz2Vt-UVrFdA-2gPvfpP-2dZegNB-2gPjrxc-UfroND-2gPkY2h-2gPw31V-2gPvfJ6-2gPkUTd-2gPkUbw-2cArhFz-2iDoUeW-Vg4e1G-2hmaA5v-2hmazqp-J7qTek-UdYKBJ-2gPjk8P-Vg4ffq-28mVUjh-28jSmbs-2hm83n7-28jSmey-2hm9Rup-2hwBJ67-QdWAaM/) and [**Government of South Africa**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/governmentza/42936101944/in/photolist-yZAtQ1-R7Y29q-ykjeoa-e6j8db-e6hXAW-qiwKDw-BErovL-e6hX97-ASBfX6-e6p6s8-2gkNrWf-q2bcwr-29nrH8j-vMyice-29p5qr3-XNbPN9-2hFRRsL-27u2E9z-RaBJE4-XaME7k-BKUu2m-QLRJgs-2gkNzYu-2gkNAX8-zfQ6Ym-2gkNAxq-2gkNAf6-2gkNTJd-yk2ZFn-X8mphU-zhL9Dg-yZn8Ur-2hJkmCC-28q7JkQ-BnTEBw-2hJhMNA-KMGuAF-ASvgFo-HQ6P8Z-oZmACM-2hJL9Li-29mP7u6-288DeSD-29vpvbt-oZnzx8-29Td8fJ-yZh3Gm-28q7KeJ-P98gKX-2hK7xxk) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | 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. | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Australia's Industrial Future**](https://johnmenadue.com/roy-green-australias-manufacturing-future-part-1-of-2/)  Roy Green presents a compelling case that the COVID-19 crisis has presented Australia with a clear demonstration that deficiencies in our processing and manufacturing industries are leaving great vulnerabilities in our supply chains, which must be addressed. He also argues the crisis has presented us with the opportunity to adopt five building blocks for success: refocusing on research and innovation, repairing the gulf between industry and universities, supporting start-ups, establishing a local purchasing policy and re-evaluating how Australian industries can compete globally. The first part of the article can be found [**here**](https://johnmenadue.com/roy-green-australias-manufacturing-future-part-1-of-2/), and the second part can be found [**here**](https://johnmenadue.com/roy-green-australias-manufacturing-future-part-2-of-2/). Image credit: [**Jorge Láscar**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/jlascar/16634673111) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | This article was selected by Glen Robinson. Glen is an AIIA NSW Councillor and has spent the last 30 years providing advice and assistance to organisations wishing to establish or enhance a commercial presence in ASEAN. He has developed a wide range of colleagues in both government and the private sector in the region. | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**The End of Beijing's Foreign Policy Restraint?**](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/print/node/1126187)  The Chinese Communist Party started 2020 on the back foot, but it didn’t stay there for long. Accused of being insufficiently transparent about the origins of the coronavirus pandemic, Beijing rushed to defend its global image before engaging in an unprecedented diplomatic offensive on virtually every foreign policy front, from Hong Kong and the South China Sea, to Australia, India and beyond. But Kurt Campbell and Mira Rapp-Hooper [**argue**](https://www.foreignaffairs.com/print/node/1126187) that, with the US leaving a power vacuum in the world’s darkest hour, America may inadvertently have bequeathed China room to overreach, and thereby to demonstrate to the world that it is unqualified for a position of sole global leadership. Image credit: [**US State Department**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/statephotos/17530182378/in/photostream/) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **From the Interns** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | In addition to our Councillors, we invite 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, intern Evangeline Larsen explores the situation in Lebanon one year on from widespread protests, and the evolving state of the Five Eyes intelligence network.   Disclaimer: The views expressed below by interns are their own. The Australian Institute of International Affairs New South Wales does not take policy positions. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Lebanon's Future Goes Dark**](https://www.aljazeera.com/podcasts/thetake/2020/07/lebanon-future-dark-200724144140602.html)  The traffic lights in Lebanon are going dark. A saddening analogy for a country that has lost its way, as it spirals into financial, political and social crisis. ‘The Take’, Al Jazeera’s brief but enlightening podcast, [**contrasts**](https://www.aljazeera.com/podcasts/thetake/2020/07/lebanon-future-dark-200724144140602.html) the country’s accelerating collapse against the hope and togetherness of last year’s revolution. Timour Azhari, Al Jazeera’s Beirut correspondent, details the current situation in which young people - as so often in the past - are preparing to leave the country to seek stability and money for their families abroad. The Lebanese saying, “Where is the state?” echoes loudly as the population calls for the IMF’s help, whilst the corrupt government hampers negotiations.  Image credit: [**Jamil Bayhum**](https://www.flickr.com/photos/directconnect/5807501183/in/photolist-9RbXLK-AF5Kh-N5ikb3-9LpqFb-jz7tew-2dY4t1X-ZiPs15-61aeCH-eFAtGk-9ZAoU3-bVBEgF-9ZCqu7-nUSJcn-8AB32E-82fKYv-5RY15j-iic2H-8W8jJM-ifsDj-27KcR5L-uD8zjL-8huUd6-k59J1-231HPpT-bsa7iq-oUm5yj-5p1XmM-CQtbBQ-K3sp4n-231HPf4-265K85N-vdC1Qg-REaaXV-2j5nT2c-EzTgrX-22ehsNn-2bD1zAx-2hcDU9k-YF2LMm-2jgbmiv-2j7NzAQ-2jiGj9U-2h8USGm-2jiGjbc-DhZai-2h7xASo-Ge4Rok-WCKDBA-2hMx8ZF-hWx2F) | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | [**Blurry Five Eyes**](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/five-eyes-blurring-lines-between-intelligence-and-policy)  The “Five Eyes” intelligence sharing partnership consisting of Australia, New Zealand, the US, UK and Canada has only in recent years been acknowledged publicly. Whilst the value of multilateral cooperation in intelligence and policy is essential to balance China and maintain a rules-based order, Ben Scott [**raises**](https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/five-eyes-blurring-lines-between-intelligence-and-policy) concerns about their labelling. There ought to be a clear distinction between intelligence and policy, as the former often seeks disagreement and the latter agreement. Five Eyes can be unnecessarily restrictive in membership and is very Anglo and ex-colony centric. In these times, Scott notes that nuance and objectivity are imperative. Image credit: **[Canly](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:ASIO_New_Central_Office.jpg" \t "_blank)** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | These articles were selected by Evangeline Larsen. Evangeline has recently graduated with a Dual Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney and Sciences Po majoring in French and International Relations. Having also studied in Lebanon, she is particularly interested in Middle Eastern politics and is currently undertaking an accredited mediator course to learn more about conflict resolution. | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **What else we're reading** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | * AIIA NSW intern Nimaya Mallikahewa [**explores**](https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/resource/sri-lankas-challenges-amidst-a-global-power-struggle-in-the-indian-ocean/) Sri Lanka's geopolitical position in the Indian Ocean. * Thomas Wright, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute, [**observes**](https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/07/pompeos-surreal-speech-on-china/614596/) the inconsistencies between U.S. Secretary of State Pompeo's recent speech and the long-term foreign policy of the Trump Presidency. * Reasons to be Cheerful [**investigates**](https://www.cheerfulpodcast.com/rtbc-episodes/cutting-zucks-bucks-can-an-ad-boycott-change-facebook) the growing campaigns to boycott Facebook and Google advertising services over their lack of action on fake news and disinformation. * FiveThirtyEight [**discusses**](https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/politics-podcast-bidens-vp-announcement-could-come-any-day-now/) Joe Biden's imminent Vice-President nominee announcement, and how it might impact November's election. * Jeff Kingston, writing in Australian Outlook, [**explores**](https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/tokyo-olympics-2020-postponed/) the consequences of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics postponement. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Letters to the Editor** | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Get involved!**  We're committed to keeping conversations about international affairs going, so get involved in our Letters to the Editor section!  Each week, we publish letters from our subscribers about what they think of the issues we’re discussing.  You can take part in the conversation by emailing us with your comments on each week’s articles. There are just a few simple guidelines: letters should be no more than 100 words in length, and should only be about the previous week’s articles. Please include your name and affiliation, and a mobile number (which won't be published). If you are a university student, please include your university and current degree.  Send all letters to the editors at [**aiianswletters@gmail.com**](mailto:aiianswletters@gmail.com) by Wednesday at 5pm Sydney time for the chance to be published in the following week's newsletter. | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | | | |
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