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**In the absence of the regular DSF Programme, DSF will hold a  
dialogue on current events.**

**Please do tell us your thinking, either in a paper or a personal point of  
view. We welcome your views**

During the current coronavirus crisis, it would be helpful to have an analysis of the impact it is having geo-politically.

One example would be, will the gifts of aid from Russia and China change global relationships?

How should NATO respond?

Should we take a lead from President Trump? The US has been a cornerstone of western security?

How do we adapt to an ever increasing global role by China?

Will the virus impact on regional conflicts, and if so how?

Will this change the dynamics in the Middle East? Could this hasten the end of the conflict in Syria? Could the relationship between Israel and its neighbour's change?

Will relations change with Iran? Should they still be under sanctions?  
The economic impact is profound. This cannot be assessed in isolation from security.

The drop in oil price may be welcome to consumers but will affect the stability of a number of hydrocarbon dependent countries.

Says Lady Olga Maitland, 'These are only opening suggestions for points of view. We would welcome comments and analysis. And if permitted, we would publish them.'