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## From the Editor

As the long goodbye of the Trump administration plays out in Washington, we focus on a leader who has taken full advantage of America's retreat from some of its global responsibilities. The rise of Turkey as a regionally disruptive power under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is often discussed in terms of 'Who lost Turkey?'. The authors of our cover story look beyond this simple trope to discover where the country is heading – and the economic weaknesses that may hold it back.

On page 20, Gary Younge, who chronicled the fissures in American society for *The Guardian* for 15 years, assesses the effect on the US election of the protests that began in May after police killed George Floyd. Social movements can force an issue up the agenda, he writes, but they can also polarize the electorate so that change becomes harder to achieve.

In our interview (page 16) Margaret MacMillan, the Canadian historian, discusses the ways that conflict has shaped society, for better or worse. The First World War is a case in point, leading to the first voting rights in Britain for women and an expanded franchise for men previously excluded. We look at this process in detail in our article on the role of women at the Paris Peace Conference on page 40. Our reading list on page 49 will guide you to some of the lesser-known heroines of the struggle for women's rights.

To celebrate its centenary, Chatham House has collected the names of more than 10,000 people who have spoken at the institute since 1920. For our year-end quiz, we ask you to search our 'wall' of names for the movers and shakers in foreign affairs over the past century. Good luck – it's not as hard as it sounds – and best wishes from all at The World Today for a peaceful 2021.

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