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The virtual Hamburg Summer Talk Series addresses current challenges in international law and international relations, connecting academia with practice.

On 16 March 2020, all meetings and conferences at the UN headquarters in New York were cancelled or postponed. They were soon switched to online fora, at the cost of human interaction and even political momentum. Nevertheless, the UN Security Council still kept delivering its mandate in these challenging times: It continued to pass critical resolutions, including e.g. resolution 2532 (2020) supporting the Secretary General's call for a global ceasefire or resolution 2538 (2020) on women in peace operations; it also renewed the mandates of critical missions.

Now that the UN is reopening on 6 July, it is timely to take stock on what has been lost and was gained. Covid-19 should be used to open the door for future reflection and reinvention. Can the lessons learned be used to strengthen multilateralism?

Speakers:

- **Blanca Montejo**, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Deputy Chief of Unit in the Security Council Affairs Division, UN Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs
- **Maximillian Waßmuth**, doctoral candidate, Universität Hamburg

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