**How Will the COVID-19 Global Pandemic Shape the Operational Environment?**

You don’t have to be Giovanni Boccaccio, Samuel Pepys, or William Shakespeare to compose enduring literature as contagion stalks the countryside around you. During this period of social distancing, enforced lockdown, and quarantine, we want to hear your thoughts about how today’s COVID-19 global pandemic will shape humanity and the world of tomorrow…

Specifically, the Mad Scientist Laboratory is soliciting guest blog submissions that address how the Operational Environment (OE) will be shaped in response to the current pandemic and what are its ramifications regarding the changing character of warfare?

* How will the pandemic affect Russia and China, our current and emergent pacing threats?
* How will nations react to China’s Belt and Road Initiatives in light of these events?
* What are our adversaries learning about us by watching the global response to COVID-19?
* What are the collective impacts this pandemic will have on globalization versus nationalism, and how will supply chains evolve?
* How will the United States’ relations with its allies and partner nations be affected?
* In what ways will our armed forces’ approaches to recruiting, training, and deploying change?
* Was this a Black Swan or Pink Flamingo event, and what lessons regarding national resiliency can we learn to help mitigate future global crises?

Please target your submissions to be ~1000-1200 words in length (just an objective!) and send them to our attention using the subject “COVID-19 Pandemic’s impact on the OE” at: [**usarmy.jble.tradoc.mbx.army-mad-scientist@mail.mil**](mailto:usarmy.jble.tradoc.mbx.army-mad-scientist@mail.mil)

Thank you, stay safe, and wash your hands!