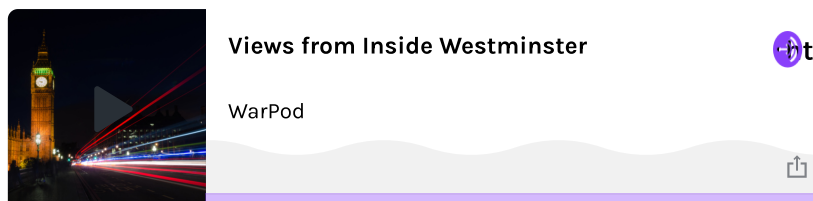




# WarPod Episode #6 | Views from Inside Westminster

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Liam Walpole is joined, on location at Portcullis House, by three past and present parliamentary researchers to discuss the future of UK defence and foreign policy. The topics covered include where each of the main UK party leaders stand on defence and security, the conflicts between global vs. ethical foreign policy, budgeting for UK foreign policy and whether there is enough accountability in defence policy.

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**Sam Goodman** is a trustee of the British Foreign Policy Group and the author of the Imperial Premiership: The Role of the Modern Prime Minister in Foreign Policy Making, 1964-2015 (Manchester University Press: 2015). He recently published a report titled 'Running Out of Credit? The Decline of the Foreign Office and the Case for Sustained Funding' which highlighted the Foreign Office's historic underfunding and cuts to the UK's diplomatic network. He is currently working as a political adviser to Peter Dowd MP the current Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

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