

Provisional programme

New configurations of international order: values, principles, alliances and alignments

Sunday 22 – Wednesday 25 November 2015 | WP1436

To be held in Brazil

In the light of a rapidly evolving international system, Wilton Park and the Pandía Calógeras Institute are organising this invite only, international conference to examine the shifting dynamics of international order.

This meeting aims to:

- Better understand how these features and trends affect relations amongst states
- Explore the importance of values and principles in world politics
- Identify strategic approaches to help strengthen a rules-based international order

Coming to grips with the complexity of the numerous conceptions around the world of how international values, principles and rules should be framed and adhered to, of how markets function, and of the foundations of political legitimacy, can provide valuable insights and experiences for all stakeholders. For 200 years or so, first Europe and then the United States achieved a kind of world dominance that is now slipping into history. The ending of that dominance should inspire exploration of new strands of thinking and possibilities.

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Sunday 22 November

1930 | Participants arrive and opening dinner

Monday 23 November

0800-0845 | Breakfast

0900-0915 | **Welcome and introduction**

Robert Grant

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

Juliano da Silva Cortinhas

Chief of Staff, Pandiá Calógeras Institute, Brasília

Gregory John Ryan

Project Coordinator, Foreign Policy, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Rio De Janeiro

0915-1100 | **1. Changes to the international system and distribution of power**

The rebalance of power: what role for states, international organisations, companies and individuals? How is power shifting? What are the conceptual differences between an alliance and an alignment? Will one of them mould the configuration of international order in the 21st century? Will alliances be more ad hoc and regional in nature? What impact might ad-hoc regional alliances have on wider global stability?

Shengyu Yuan

Dean, School of International Studies and Public Administration, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law

Daniel Y Chiu

Deputy Director, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, Atlantic Council, Washington DC

Roland Galharague

Special Advisor to the Director-General for Political and Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris

1100-1130 | Tea/coffee

1130-1300 | **2. The rise of the BRICS and other emerging powers**

What does the rise of the BRICS and other emerging powers mean for other actors and what is the effect on stability in the international system? How much substance is there to the relationship between the BRICS countries? Is that relationship an alliance, an alignment, or neither? How should the international system try to accommodate the growing role of new powers?

Alcides Costa Vaz

Professor of International Relations, University of Brasília

Victoria Panova

Deputy Head, International Relations and Foreign Policy Department, MGIMO-University MFA Russia

1300-1430 | Lunch

1500-1630

3. The use of force in the international system

How and why do countries decide to use force? Who are the domestic, regional, and global actors that can influence that decision? Do new technologies such as drones and cyber weapons increase the possibility of conflict? How can force contribute to the stabilization of conflict scenarios? What changes on the ground can lead to the decision to withdraw troops? How will these challenges affect the international security policies and influence of countries that use force? How important will domestic and transnational actors be in governmental decision-making on war and peace? How do states and private organisations tailor messages to their audiences in an age of social media and vastly increased connectivity?

Eric Thompson

Vice President, Director of Strategic Studies, CNA Corporation, Arlington

Antônio Ruy de Almeida Silva

Professor and Special Advisor, The Superior War School, Rio De Janeiro

1630-1715

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1715-1845

4. Challenges to global order and governance

What is the understanding of the current rules-based international system that developed after WWII on the part of different countries and regions? What are the perceptions across different regions of the legitimacy and equity of existing values, principles and rules? To what extent can values and principles such as sovereignty, non-intervention, peaceful resolution of disputes, human rights and economic cooperation influence decision-making processes today? What is the relationship between the lack of a clear leadership and global instability? Which institution or country can provide global goods and contribute to avoiding free rider problems in the current international system? Can these goods be provided without the emergence of a leader?

Does state failure and internal conflict reflect shortcomings in global and regional governance or rather the challenges of tackling intractable problems in very complex environments? Or is it a combination of the two?

Eduardo Viola

Full Professor, International Political Economy, University of Brasília

Alex Ellis

Ambassador, British Embassy, Brasilia

Philipp Rotmann

Associate Director, Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin

1930

Conference dinner

Tuesday 24 November

0800-0845

Breakfast

0900-1100

5. Case Studies of challenges to the global system

Can lessons for global order and governance be drawn from case studies on how the international system has responded to a diverse set of challenges? What overall conclusions can be drawn regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the current rules-based international system that developed after WWII?

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime

Eugênio Diniz

Professor of International Relations, Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, Belo

Horizonte

UN Peacekeeping in Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo

Carlos Alberto dos Santos Cruz

Lieutenant General; Force Commander, United Nations, New York

Crimea and Ukraine

Sam Selvadurai

Strategy Adviser, Policy Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1100-1130

Tea/coffee

1130-1300

6. Norms, values, and principles: how shared are they?

Is it possible to define a set of “non-Western” values and principles? What would they look like? Could existing Western values and principles be adapted to include non-Western ones? How can the rules-based order better integrate the perspectives and goals of emerging powers, thereby achieving their stronger buy in and support? What common positions would there be in a UNSC debate on the Golden Thread? How could support for the shared values and norms needed to underpin a rules-based international system be strengthened?

Eugenio Garcia

Head of the United Nations Division, Ministry of External Relations, Brasilia

Peter Vale

Director, Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study (JIAS), Johannesburg

Amine Ait-Chaalal

Former Director, Center of Studies of Crisis and International Conflicts and Professor of International Relations, Louvain

1300-1430

Lunch

1430-1630

7. Breakout groups on reforms to the international system

What kinds of reforms to the rules-based international architecture and order are needed to reflect the realities and challenges of the 21st century? What potential structures and processes could lead and manage such a reform initiative?

Group 1: Values and principles: can you integrate different sets of values into something that is widely acceptable for all?

Larry Swatuk

Associate Professor, School of Environment, Enterprise and Development (SEED), University of Waterloo

Group 2: How can the international system account for perspectives and roles of emerging powers?

Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu

Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution and the Brookings India Centre, New Delhi

Group 3: What are the real chances for reform of the UN Security Council and would reform enhance its effectiveness?

Michel Arslanian-Neto

Deputy Director for Policy Planning, Ministry of External Relations, Brasília

Group 4: Is the UN system fit for purpose for coping with state fragility and violent conflict?

Robert Muggah

Research Director, Igarapé Institute, Rio de Janeiro

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1710

eQuestionnaire completion

1710-1900

8. Breakout groups report back in plenary session and conference conclusions

Values, principles, alliances, and alignments combined: how can a stable combination of these sources of order emerge?

Paul Bentall

Research Analyst, Multilateral Policy Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Juliano da Silva Cortinhas

Chief of Staff, Pandiá Calógeras Institute, Brasília

2000

Conference dinner

Wednesday 25 November

0800-1000

Breakfast and checkout

1200

Participants depart

This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

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