

Which future for multilateralism?

Perspectives from the EU and major powers



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This seminar discusses the EU's changing relations with major powers. Increasingly, global norms and values are contested. The EU is often considered a vanguard of a law based, Liberal World Order. The Common Foreign and Security Policy gained strength in parallel with the consolidation of this order after the end of the Cold War. But is the Liberal Order legitimate? Aiming to identify what might be viable reforms to the global order and the multilateral system, the seminar will address perspectives from the EU itself, Russia, India, China, Brazil, South Africa and the United States. Is there evidence of common views? On which core principles could a viable multilateralism be rebuilt in order to resolve key global challenges such as migration, climate, armed conflict and poverty?

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Programme

9:00 **Registration and coffee**

9:15 **Welcome and introduction**

Helene Sjursen | ARENA Centre for European Studies & GLOBUS project
Sven Biscop | Egmont Institute

9:30 **Panel I: What should be the building blocks for the (new) normative order?**

Chair: Sven Biscop

Philani Mthembu | Institute for Global Dialogue (IGD)
Fernanda Magnotta | Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado
Shibashis Chatterjee | Jadavpur University

11:15 **Coffee**

11:30 **Panel II: Reform, rebuild or dismantle the multilateral system? Making sense of the roles of permanent members of the UNSC**

Chair: Helene Sjursen

Sergey Utkin | Russian Academy of Sciences
Kenneth Chan | Hong Kong Baptist University
Nicolas Bouchet | German Marshall Fund

13:15 **Lunch**

14:15 **Panel III: Lessons for Europe: Perspectives from inside and outside the EU's institutions**

Chair: Sonia Lucarelli, University of Bologna & GLOBUS project

Giovanni Grevi | European Policy Centre & College of Europe
Alexandros Yannis | European External Action Service
Helene Sjursen | ARENA Centre for European Studies & GLOBUS project
Ben Tonra | University College Dublin & GLOBUS project

16:00 **End of conference**

Speakers

Sven Biscop

Director of the Europe in the World Programme at the Egmont Institute, and Professor at Ghent University. Biscop is Honorary Fellow of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) and a Senior Associate Fellow at the People's University of China in Beijing.

Nicolas Bouchet

Fellow and Senior Editor at The German Marshall Fund of the United States. He conducts research on the challenges and prospects for the United States and the European Union in democracy promotion in post-Soviet countries, and on relations between the US, the EU, and Russia.

Kenneth Chan

Associate Professor at the Department of Government and International Studies and Director of the Comparative Governance and Policy Research Centre at Hong Kong Baptist University. He is President of the Hong Kong Association for European Studies and Board Member of the Asia-Pacific European Union Studies Association.

Shibashis Chatterjee

Professor at the Department of International Relations and Director of the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies at Jadavpur University. His research focuses on international relations theory and its application to South Asia.

Giovanni Grevi

Head of the Europe in the World programme and a Senior Fellow at the European Policy Centre (EPC). He has previously been Director of the Foundation for International Relations and External Dialogue and Senior Research Fellow at the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS).

Sonia Lucarelli

Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Bologna, where she teaches International Relations and Pan-European Security. Her main research interests include migration policy, the external image of the EU, European security, and the EU in global governance.

Fernanda Magnotta

Professor and Coordinator of the International Relations programme at Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado (FAAP) in São Paulo. She also works as a consultant member of the International Relations Commission of Order of Attorneys of Brazil (OAB/SP).

Philani Mthembu

Executive Director at the Institute for Global Dialogue (IDG) and co-founder of the Berlin Forum on Global Politics (BFoGP), a non-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of academic, expert, and public understanding of global politics.

Helene Sjursen

Scientific Coordinator of GLOBUS and Research Professor at ARENA. She has served in a number of government-appointed committees on security and foreign affairs. In 2006, she received the Anna Lindh Award for her contributions to the research of European foreign and security policy.

Ben Tonra

Full Professor of International Relations at the UCD School of Politics and International Relations, Fellow of the UCD Geary Institute and Director of the UCD Institute for British Irish Studies. His research centres on EU foreign, security and defence policy and comparative national policies therein.

Sergey Utkin

Head of the Strategic Assessment Section at the Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Previously, he was the head of the Foreign and Security Policy Department at the Moscow-based Centre for Strategic Research.

Alexandros Yanniss

Senior Advisor in the Strategic Planning Division of the European External Action Service (EEAS). He has worked with Javier Solana, EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, and was a member of the cabinet of Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative and Vice-President of the European Commission.