Whither Liberal World Order?
Challenges from Russia, Eurasia, and Beyond

Workshop at the University of Kent, Canterbury
Thursday 2 and Friday 3 November 2017

Final Programme

Length of panel presentations: 15 minutes maximum

Thursday 2 November, Day 1 (Location: Darwin Conference Suite 1)

10:00 – Registration, Coffee and Tea

11:00 – 11:30 Welcome by workshop organisers and introductory remarks by Dr Piret Ehin (UPTAKE PI, University of Tartu) and Professor Elena Korosteleva (UPTAKE COI, University of Kent)

11:30 – 13:00 Panel 1: Theoretical Perspectives on World Order

Chair: Dr. Elias Götz, Uppsala University

1. Dr Balkan Devlen, University of Copenhagen: “Towards a microfoundations of international order”
2. Dr Florin Pasatoiu, University of Craiova: “Alternative Conception of World Order and the New Governance in International Relations”
3. Dr Philip Cunliffe, University of Kent: “Cosmopolitan Dystopia: How Liberal Intervention Subverted the Liberal International Order”
4. Serena Giusti, Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies (Pisa): “National Interest and Liberal Order”

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:15 Dmitry Novikov: Announcement of Kent-HSE Research Laboratory

14:15 – 15:45 Panel 2: Russia and World Order

Chair: Camille Merlen, University of Kent
1. Tony van der Togt, Clingendael Institute (Den Haag): “Russia between Europe and Asia”

2. Professor Tuomas Forsberg, University of Tampere: “The Emergence of the Post-Cold War Security Order in Europe: Shared Beliefs, Collective Intentionality (if any), and the CSCE (1990-92)”

3. Dr Eva Piirimäe, University of Tartu: “Responsibility to Protect, National Self-Determination, and Russia’s ‘New’ Aggressiveness”

4. Dr Kevork Oskanian, University of Birmingham: “Russia-West Relations in the Post-Cold War Era: A Classical Realist Perspective”

15:45 – 16:00 Tea and Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Panel 3: World Order as seen from Small States and Regional Powers

Chair: Dr Eske van Gils, University of Kent

1. Tatsiana Shaban, University of Victoria: “Media perceptions of the European Union and Russia in Belarus.”


3. Dr Leonardo Pataccini, University of Tartu: “Central Asia in a changing world: the economic evolution of Central Asian Countries since independence and its implications for the global scenario”

18:00 – 19:30 (Location: GLT1):

Keynote Lecture: “World Order and the Challenges to IR Theory”
Professor Georg Sørensen, Aarhus University

19:30 – 20:30 (Location: Grimond Atrium)

Keynote Lecture Reception

Friday 3 November, Day 2 (Location: Darwin Conference Suite 1)

9:30 – 11:00 Panel 4: China and World Order

Chair: Zhouchen Mao, University of Kent

1. Dr Pak Lee and Dr Anisa Heritage, University of Kent: “Understanding the South China Sea Disputes: Contestation over Order-Building”

2. Martin Thorley, University of Nottingham: “Stranded in Westphalia: Using elite theory to update our perception of international relations – the case of engagement with China”

3. Anastasia Ufimtseva, Wilfrid Laurier University: “Investigating the impact of state-owned enterprises on contemporary world order”

11:00 – 11:15  
Tea and Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45  
**Panel 5: Russia and China’s Joint Challenge to Liberal World Order**

Chair: Maksim Kulaev, University of Tartu


3. **Camille Merlen, Zachary Paikin and Kaneshko Sangar**, University of Kent and University College London: “Russia and China: An Evolving Relationship?”

12:45 – 13:45  
Lunch

13:45 – 15:15  
**Panel 6: Russia and Smaller States**

Chair: Zachary Paikin, University of Kent

1. **Till Spanke**, London School of Economics: “Russia’s Challenge to Sovereignty and the State in post-Soviet Unrecognized States”

2. **Dr Derek Averre**, University of Birmingham: “Russia and Syria: domestic order, intervention and global governance in the post-liberal age”

3. **Dr Peter Plenta**, International University of Sarajevo: “From Russia with Love? Spreading of anti-Liberal Laws and Ideas in Central Asia”

15:30 – 17:30 (Location: SSPSSR 3rd floor):

**Keynote Roundtable Discussion**, chaired by Professor Elena Korosteleva (University of Kent), featuring:

**Professor Kerry Brown, King’s College London**
**Professor Richard Sakwa, University of Kent**
**Professor Trine Flockhart, University of Kent**
**Professor Viacheslav Morozov, University of Tartu**

17:30 – 17:45  
Concluding Remarks