



## 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



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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.”
2. **Alireza Shams Lahijani**, London School of Economics: “Iran’s Idea of the West: Whose World Order?”
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”
4. **Anton Malkin**, Centre for International Governance and Innovation: “China’s Revisionism in the Global Economy: A Historical Institutionalist Approach”



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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

1. **Kazushige Kobayashi**, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva): “Balance of International Order: The Contestation of Liberal Ideas and the Restoration of Value Pluralism in Europe and Eurasia”
2. **Dr Cristian Nitoiu**, Aston University: “Overlapping regional orders in Eurasia: Is there any space for a ‘Grand Bargain’?”
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



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