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Sovereignty, Hierarchy and Security in a New Shared World Order

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A short bio of section chair/s:

Maria Grazia Melchionni, trained at the school of history of treaties and international politics of Mario Toscano and Giuseppe Vedovato, taught history of the Risorgimento at the University of Milan and was a long-time Jean Monnet professor of history and politics of European integration at Sapienza University and the Free University Maria Santissima Assunta of Rome. She coordinated the Jean Monnet-Luigi Einaudi European Centre of Excellence at Sapienza and directed joint research projects between European universities. She wrote books on the history of contemporary Italy and on European themes, as well as numerous essays and articles. Since 2006 Maria Grazia Melchionni has been the Director and Managing Editor of the «Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali» (Journal of International Political Studies - www.RSPI.it)

Elisabetta Basile, a former Full Professor of Development Economics at the University of Rome La Sapienza (Department of Economics and Law), has retired in 2020.

After graduating in Economics Sciences from the University of Bologna, Prof. Basile received a MSc and a PhD in Development Studies from the University of Oxford. She has worked extensively on the themes of economic development in contemporary India and has published extensively in Italy, India, and the UK. In her research and publications, she has focused on the following themes: agrarian poverty and agrarian development; poverty and economic development; variety of capitalist systems; capital accumulation and growth; capitalist development and social change in Asia; technical progress and economic growth; institutions and institutional change; North-South relations.

She has been a member of the Executive Committee of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutions (EADI) within which she has coordinated the Working Group on Global Asia. Currently, she is Joint Managing Editor of «Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali» (Journal of International Political Studies - www.RSPI.it) and a member of the "BRICS Lab" of EURISPES.

Claudio Cecchi held the established chair of «Political Economy of Sustainability» at the Faculty of Economics, SAPIENZA University of Rome. He has been Director of the Research Centre on European, International and Development Studies (EuroSapienza). He was faculty member of the Department of Economics and Law. Presently he is Joint Managing Editor of «Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali» (Journal of International Political Studies - www.RSPI.it) and a member of the "BRICS Lab" of EURISPES.

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Number of sessions expected: 3 main panels and 1 roundtable. No more than 2 more panels to host from the pool of proposed papers.

Abstract

The last decades have shown the fragility of the world order built at the end of World War II. Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, the spreading of globalization, and the economic liberalization in China, every type of aggregation of nation states has undergone a transformation that has changed its purpose and functioning. International organizations, coalitions and alliances have implemented major changes to face the necessary reductions in the sovereignty of member states to ensure more effective functioning. This process has been enhanced by the emergence of new demands from developing countries, undermining the established hierarchy. The last two decades have been characterized by uncertainty and instability of the international scenario following September 11, 2001. The protection of the security of Western sovereign states, until then guaranteed by the NATO alliance with United States as leader, has been challenged by an unprecedented terrorist attack which has revealed the Western fragility and weakness. At the same time, to counter the emergence of a dominant role for China, the United States have increased their influence on the Asia-Pacific region by means of new international agreements. The events of recent years provide strong evidence of the Western inability to ensure a long-lasting period of peace defining new hierarchies within international organizations and alliances. Today, a new world order is far away and difficult to anticipate. It is therefore necessary to examine the trajectories towards an imaginary new and shared world order through the observation of recent socio-economic and political changes.

Remarks / Messages

Remark/Message from the Authors:

After the general introduction, we discuss these questions in three panels.

1. "The Evolution of the Concept of Sovereignty into a Shared World Order" analyses the different declinations of the concept itself keeping into account the increasing interaction between countries in finance, trade, migration, defence, etc.
2. "The fragility of the choices of a European Union made up of 27 sovereign states" addresses the problems that have prevented the EU from becoming a protagonist on the international scene. What is at issue here are the consequences of the institutional protection of the sovereignty of the many different Member States, which runs counter to the need for a common foreign policy and security system.
3. "The BRICS countries: towards a greater role of an emerging alliance in international cooperation" studies the birth and growth of a coalition between partners who are unequal both in terms of their level of development and their uncertain forms of internal democracy. The coalition aims to revive North-South relations through new forms of cooperation involving new emerging partners. The growing strength of this coalition is underpinned by the increasingly important role played by China.

After the presentation of the results of the panels, the session will be concluded with a general discussion on the topics.

Dear Colleague,

I have the pleasure of informing you about an initiative that I think may be of interest. On September 25, 2023, on the ninetieth anniversary of the *Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali* (RSPI), an interdisciplinary meeting was held in Rome at the National Central Library. Several Italian scholars and few diplomats were involved in a debate on *The search for a shared world order*. The event found an echo in the Academia and among professionals and the theme of a new world order started entering the public discourse. While this experience was taking place in Italy, the World International Studies Committee launched its 7th Global Conference to be held at the University of Warsaw from 24 to 26 July 2024, under the title *International Relations in a World of Flux: Understanding Continuity, Change and Contestation*.

As the theme of the Conference seemed to offer an extraordinary opportunity to debate on a new global order not only in a multidisciplinary context but among scholars from all over the world, the RSPI in collaboration with Eurispes – a major Italian think tank that has been working on political, economic and social research since 1982 – decided to propose a section on the broad theme of *Sovereignty, Hierarchy and Security in a New Shared World Order*. The section will be divided into 3 panels on: (1) the evolution of the concept of sovereignty in a shared global order; (2) the fragility of the choices of an increasingly large EU; and (3) the role of the BRICS coalition in international cooperation.

The proposal has been accepted by the WISC Organizing Committee and, mindful of your valuable contribution to the RSPI, I come to ask you to consider the possibility of participating in the debate that will take place in our section.

For more information, please find below the webpage of the Conference. To respond to the Call for Papers and to get more information on our panels, please click on “submit a proposal”. The Call for Papers will close on January 15, 2024.

Looking forward to meeting you in Warsaw, I send my best regards,

Maria Grazia Melchionni
Director of *Rivista di Studi Politici Internazionali*

Link to the webpage of the 7th Global International Studies Conference of the World International Studies Committee: *International Relations in a World of Flux: Understanding Continuity, Change and Contestation*
<https://www.wiscnetwork.net/warsaw2024/#call-for-papers>