

Pluralism or disorder? The international order and the “decline” of the West
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The liberal international order faces an increasing number of challenges. Internally, rising inequality, political polarization, populism, and nativism have led to question the political foundations of key liberal and internationalist values on which the order relies upon. Externally, the rise of China, the return of Russia and the consolidation of increasingly autonomous forms of regional governance in South East Asia, Africa, Latin American have generated processes of contestation of the key political, economic, institutional, and normative foundation of the liberal international order. All these developments seem to point to a future in which the international order will be plural both in terms of identity and norms and in terms of power and influence. Will this increasing plurality determine instability and competition? Will the decline of the material and ideational influence of the West translate into a decline of liberalism, democracy and freedom? What impact do structural transformations introduced by technological revolutions (e.g. digital revolution, big data and Artificial intelligence) and social transformations (generational, demographic, cultural) have on these processes? Will environmental change and the challenges linked to pandemics such as COVID-19 lead to cooperation or further conflict? What role do different type of actors (e.g. transnational, intergovernmental, governmental, and individual) play?

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Time	Paper	Speaker(s)	Discussant
9:15 Introduction to the workshop			
9:30	<i>“The individualization of war”: a critical concept analysis</i>	Martino Tognocchi (University of Milan)	Lorenzo Zambenardi
10:00	<i>Populism as a theoretical framework to understand Donald Trump’s foreign policy</i>	Sofia Eliodori (University for Foreigners Perugia)	Michele Chiaruzzi
10:30	<i>Russia, Turkey, and China in the Western Balkans: challenges to the European Union’s foreign policy during the last EU Institutional cycle. The case of Serbia and Bosnia Herzegovina</i>	Carlotta Mingardi (University of Bologna)	Sonia Lucarelli
11:00 Break			
11:10	<i>European Union and China: Partners or Rivals in the Technology Sector of the Global South?</i>	Stephanie Arnold (University of Bologna)	Eugenia Baroncelli
11:40	<i>Voting with Their Wallet? Economic Dependence on China and South American Voting Patterns in the UNGA.</i>	Carlo Catapano (University of Roma Tre) & Lorenzo Termine (Sapienza University Rome)	Lucia Quaglia
12:10	<i>Different Patterns to Narrate the Competition Between China and the United States. Seeing the other as the enemy: a need to reverse this trend.</i>	Flavia Lucenti (University of Roma Tre)	Matteo Dian
12:40 Break			
13:30	<i>The International Criminal Court and the Universal Protection of Liberal Values. Time to assess the US posture in Trump’s era</i>	Cecilia Ducci (University of Bologna) & Flavia Lucenti (University of Roma Tre)	Michela Ceccorulli
14:00	<i>A Quest for Digital Sovereignty in Internet Standards? Observing the Role of Chinese Stakeholders in the Internet Engineering Task Force</i>	Riccardo Nanni (University of Bologna)	Giampiero Giacomello
14:30	<i>Speed, legislatures and international treaties: evidence from Mercosur</i>	André Leite Araujo (University of Bologna)	Filippo Tronconi