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Global Virtual Event

**“Toward a Fit for Future
United Nations System”**

24-26 June 2021

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TIMETABLE

Code	Time (New York)	Thursday, June 24 th	Friday, June 25 th	Saturday, June 26 th
A	5:00am – 6:15am	Roundtables and Panels (1)	Roundtables and Panels (3)	Roundtables and Panels (3)
B	6:30am – 7:45am	Roundtables and Panels (3)	Roundtables and Panels (3)	Roundtables and Panels (4)
C	8:00am – 9:15am	Plenary Session I “Change and Inclusion in the Time of Covid” <i>Speakers:</i> Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Dr. Kingsley Moghalu <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Joel Hellman	Plenary Session III John W. Holmes Memorial Lecture by President of the Open Society Foundations Mark Malloch-Brown <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Abi Williams	Plenary Session V A Conversation about the Verified Campaign with USG Melissa Fleming <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Sarmad Khan
D	9:30am – 10:45am	Plenary Session II Launch of the Global Governance Innovation Network (GGIN) <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Adriana Abdenur	Plenary Session IV A Conversation about Peacekeeping with USG Jean-Pierre Lacroix <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Lise Morjé Howard	Plenary Session VI 25 Years of the <i>Global Governance Journal</i> : A Conversation with the Editors <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Roger Coate
E	11:00am – 12:15pm	Roundtables and Panels (4)	Roundtables and Panels (4)	Roundtables and Panels (4)
F	12:30pm – 13:45pm	Roundtables and Panels (5)	Roundtables and Panels (5)	Roundtables and Panels (5)
G	14:00pm – 15:15pm	Roundtables and Panels (4)	Roundtables and Panels (4)	Roundtables and Panels (5)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2021

- 5:00am – 6:15am** **A1 Roundtable**: Opening to Omnilateralism: The New Narrative for the UN
- 6:30am – 7:45am** **B1 Book Roundtable (en français)**: *L'efficacité du maintien de la paix en Afrique par l'ONU et l'Union africaine* par Gabriel Amvane
B2 Roundtable: The UN Needs to be Reformed for the Challenges of the 21st Century
B3 Panel: Assessing the Role of International Actors in Conflict Resolution
- 8:00am – 9:15am** **Plenary Session I**: “Change and Inclusion in the Time of Covid” with speakers Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President of the 73rd Session of the United Nations Assembly, and Dr. Kingsley Moghalu, President of the Institute for Governance and Economic Transformation (IGET); moderated by Dr. Joel Hellman, Dean of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service
- 9:30am – 10:45am** **Plenary Session II**: “Bridging the Policy Making-Research Divide” Launch of the Global Governance Innovation Network (GGIN) moderated by Co-Founder and Executive Director of Plataforma CIPÓ Dr. Adriana Erthal Abdenur
- 11:00am – 12:15pm** **E1 Book Roundtable**: *The Future of Diplomacy After Covid-19: Multilateralism and the Global Pandemic* edited by Hana Alhashimi, Andres Fiallo, Toni-Shae Freckleton, Mona Ali Khalil, Vahd Mulachela, and Jonathan Viera
E2 Roundtable: Individuals and Leadership at the United Nations: Shaping Institutions, Diplomacy, and Dialogue
E3 Panel: Beyond UN75: A Roadmap for Inclusive, Networked, and Effective Global Governance
E4 Panel: Historical Analyses of the United Nations System
- 12:30pm – 13:45pm** **F1 Book Roundtable**: *Routledge Handbook on the UN and Development* edited by Stephen Browne and Thomas G. Weiss
F2 Roundtable: Diversity and Representation at the United Nations
F3 Roundtable: A ‘Security Council’ for Non-Military Global Crises?
F4 Panel: International Innovations and Challenges Exposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic
F5 Panel: Structure and Functioning of International Organizations
- 14:00pm – 15:15pm** **G1 Book Roundtable**: *The World Health Organization: A History* by Marcos Cueto, Theodore M. Brown and Elizabeth Fee
G2 Roundtable: The Opportunities and Challenges of Increasing Digitalization: International Migration in Focus
G3 Panel: The Ramifications of Climate Change on Multifaceted Global Challenges
G4 Panel: Institutional Challenges Facing the United Nations in the 21st Century

FRIDAY, 25 JUNE 2021

- 5:00am – 6:15am**
- [A1 Panel](#): Toward a Better Fit for the UN System in Handling South-South and Triangular Cooperation
 - [A2 Panel](#): The Covid-19 Pandemic, Global Solidarity, and Transnational Inequalities
 - [A3 Panel](#): Reinforcing the Global Human Rights Regime and State Accountability
- 6:30am – 7:45am**
- [B1 Roundtable](#): Middle Powers and UN Peace Operations? The Politics of Prudence
 - [B2 Panel](#): The Future of Multilateralism: The United Nations, Covid-19, and the Way Ahead
 - [B3 Panel](#): Climate Change and International Institutions
- 8:00am – 9:15am**
- [Plenary Session III](#): The John W. Holmes Memorial Lecture by Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, President of the Open Society Foundations, moderated by Dr. Abi Williams, Professor of International Politics at The Fletcher School of Tufts University and Director of The Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University
- 9:30am – 10:45am**
- [Plenary Session IV](#): A Conversation about Peacekeeping with Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, moderated by Dr. Lise Morjé Howard, President of ACUNS and Professor of Government and Foreign Service, Georgetown University
- 11:00am – 12:15pm**
- [E1 Book Roundtable](#): *The Frontlines of Peace: An Insider's Guide to Changing the World* by Séverine Autesserre
 - [E2 Panel](#): Challenges within the United Nations Secretariat and Bureaucracy
 - [E3 Panel](#): Strengthening Multilateralism and Equitable Global Governance
 - [E4 Panel](#): 21st Century Global Challenges: Outer-Space and the Cyber Realm
- 12:30pm – 13:45pm**
- [F1 Book Roundtable](#): *The Untold Story of the World's Leading Environmental Institution: UNEP at Fifty* by Maria Ivanova
 - [F2 Panel](#): The Covid-19 Pandemic and the United Nations System
 - [F3 Panel](#): Challenges Stemming from International Migration and Displacement
 - [F4 Panel](#): New Relationships between the UN and Governmental Institutions and Actors
 - [F5 Panel](#): Connecting Culture and Education to Transnational Challenges
- 14:00pm – 15:15pm**
- [G1 Book Roundtable](#): *Humanitarianism and Security: Trouble and Hope at the Heart of Africa* by Yvan Yenda Ilunga
 - [G2 Roundtable](#): Principles and Process: Civil Society Mobilization for Meaningful Post-UN75 Implementation
 - [G3 Roundtable](#): UN Reforms for Sustainable Development in the Decade of Action
 - [G4 Panel](#): Multilateralism and Democratic Governance in an Evolving World Order

SATURDAY, 26 JUNE 2021

- 5:00am – 6:15am**
- [A1 Panel](#): The Intersection of Gender, Conflict, and Human Security
 - [A2 Panel](#): Governance of International Migration and Displacement
 - [A3 Panel](#): Issues of Compliance with International Human Rights Law
- 6:30am – 7:45am**
- [B1 Panel](#): Understanding Climate Challenges and Searching for Solutions
 - [B2 Panel](#): The United Nations and Regional Cooperation
- 8:00am – 9:15am**
- [Plenary Session V](#): A Conversation about the Verified Campaign with Ms. Melissa Fleming, UN Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, moderated by Mr. Sarhad Khan, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Affairs, New York University, and Member of the ACUNS Board of Directors
- 9:30am – 10:45am**
- [Plenary Session VI](#): 25 Years of the journal *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organization*: A Conversation with the Editors, moderated by Dr. Roger Coate, Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, Georgia College and State University
- 11:00am – 12:15pm**
- [E1 Roundtable](#): Remembering Edward C. Luck and His Work
 - [E2 Roundtable](#): The United Nations Role with Regards to the Dangers of Anocratic States
 - [E3 Panel](#): Historical and Contemporary Challenges of UN Peacekeeping Operations
 - [E4 Panel](#): Sustainable Development and Human Rights
- 12:30pm – 13:45pm**
- [F1 Book Roundtable](#): *The Poseidon Project: The Struggle to Govern the World's Oceans* by David Bosco
 - [F2 Book Roundtable](#): *Banning the Bomb: The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons* by Jean Krasno and Elisabeth Szeli
 - [F3 Panel](#): Democracy and the United Nations: Implications for Multilateral Action in a World in Crisis
 - [F4 Panel](#): Women and the United Nations System
 - [F5 Panel](#): Global Challenges and the Sustainable Development Goals
- 14:00pm – 15:15pm**
- [G1 Book Roundtable](#): *UN Global Compacts: Governing Migrants and Refugees* by Nicholas R. Micinski
 - [G2 Book Roundtable](#): *Ethical Leadership in International Organizations: Concepts, Narratives, Judgment, and Assessment* edited by Guilherme Vasconcelos Vilaça and Maria Varaki
 - [G3 Panel](#): Exploring United Nations Responses to Nationalism and Populism
 - [G4 Roundtable](#): Narratives that Shape the World We Live In
 - [G5 Roundtable](#): The Local Turn of UN Studies: The Impact of UN Country-Level Activities on Global Governance

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2021

TH-A1

Thursday, June 24th, 5:00am – 6:15 am

ROUNDTABLE

Opening to Omnilateralism: The New Narrative for the UN

Chair: Dr. Wolfgang Pape | Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Participants:

Dr. Sukehiro Hasegawa | Kyoto University of Arts

Dr. Susanna Cafaro | Università del Salento

Dr. Shahyar Sharei | CUNCR

Dr. Sunghoon Park | Korea University

TH-B1

jeudi, 24 juin 2021, 6:30am – 7:45am

BOOK ROUNDTABLE | TABLE RONDE (EN FRANÇAIS)

***L'efficacité du maintien de la paix en Afrique par l'ONU et l'Union africaine* par Gabriel Amvane**

Modérateur :

Dr. Frédéric Ramel | Sciences Po CERI

Intervenants :

Dr. Gabriel Amvane | OFPRA

Dr. Hélène Tourard | Université de Bourgogne Franche Comté

Dr. Yvan Ilunga | Providence College

Dr. Mathilde Leloup | Université de Paris VIII et Université de Vincennes

TH-B2

Thursday, June 24th, 6:30am – 7:45am

ROUNDTABLE

The United Nations Needs to be Reformed for the Challenges of the 21st Century

Chair: Dr. Dusan Soltes | Comenius University

Participants:

Dr. Josephine E. Olson | University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Robert Donnorummo | University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Joze Gricar | University of Maribor

Dr. Peter Parycek | Donau University of Krems

Dr. Serpil Aytac | Uludag University of Bursa

Dr. Craig Valli | University of Perth

Thursday, June 24th, 6:30am – 7:45am

PANEL

**Assessing the Role of International Actors in Conflict Resolution
(Organized by the Korea Academic Council on the UN System)**

“Geopolitics of Peacebuilding in Myanmar: Japan’s Dilemma in the Era of Declining Western Power”

Dr. Yuji Uesugi | Waseda University

“The Use of Digital Technology in UN Peacekeeping Operations: A Case of Using UAVs in DR Congo”

Dr. Kyoung-Seok Ha | Korea University

“Grasping Foreign Support and Severity of Civil Conflict”

Dr. Dongsuk Kim | Korea National Diplomatic Academy

“When Money Brings Peace: Cash-based Aid and Civilian Support in Asymmetric Civil War”

Dr. Hyun Jin Choi | Kyung Hee University

Chair: Dr. Heung-Soon Park | Sun Moon University

Discussant: Dr. Ai Kihara-Hunt | University of Tokyo

PLENARY SESSION I: Change and Inclusion in the Time of Covid

Welcome to the ACUNS 2021 Annual Meeting

Dr. Lise Morjé Howard | President of ACUNS, and Professor of Government and Foreign Service, Georgetown University

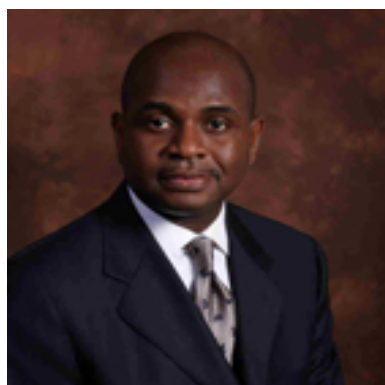
Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa | Member of the Group of Women Leaders - Voices for Change and Inclusion (GWLVoices) and President of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly



Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés has more than 20 years of multilateral experience in international negotiations, peace, security, defence, disarmament, human rights, indigenous peoples, gender equality, sustainable development, environment, biodiversity, climate change and multilateral cooperation. She has served Ecuador as Minister of Foreign Affairs (twice), Minister of National Defence, and Coordinating Minister of Natural and Cultural Heritage. In 2008, she was the first woman to become Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations Offices in New York and in Geneva. She has led efforts at the global level towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and has been a key actor in gender equality and

climate and biodiversity multilateral negotiations.

Dr. Kingsley Moghalu | President of the Institute for Governance and Economic Transformation (IGET)



Dr. Kingsley Moghalu is the President of the Institute for Governance and Economic Transformation (IGET), a public policy think tank focused on inclusive growth, and the CEO of Sogato Strategies, a global investment advisory firm. He is currently serving as Special Envoy of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) on Post-Covid Development Finance for Africa. He formerly served as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, and Professor of Practice at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He previously served at the United Nations for 17 years in peacekeeping, legal and external affairs in New York, Cambodia, Croatia, Rwanda/Tanzania, and in Switzerland, rising to the highest career rank of Director.

Moderator: Dr. Joel Hellman | Dean, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University



Dr. Joel S. Hellman is the dean and distinguished professor in the practice of development at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He joined the School of Foreign Service following 15 years of service at the World Bank, where he most recently served as Chief Institutional Economist and previously led its engagement with fragile and conflict-affected states as Director of the Center on Conflict, Security and Development in Nairobi,

Kenya. He previously taught as a faculty member at Columbia University and Harvard University.

PLENARY SESSION II:

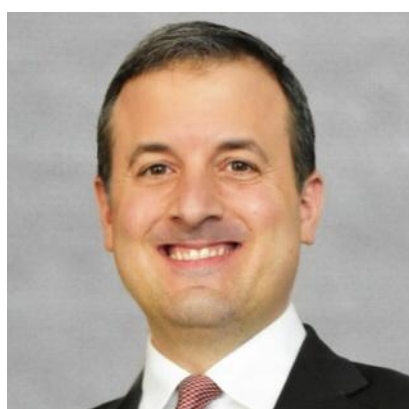
Bridging the Policymaking-Research Divide in International Relations: Launch of the Global Governance Innovation Network (GGIN)

Welcome on behalf of ACUNS

Dr. Lise Morjé Howard | President of ACUNS and Professor of Government and Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Brief Overview of the GGIN

Dr. Richard Ponzio | Senior Fellow and Director, Global Governance, Justice & Security Program, Stimson Center



Dr. Richard Ponzio co-directs with ACUNS the Global Governance Innovation Network. Previously, he led the Global Governance Program at The Hague Institute for Global Justice, where he directed the Albright-Gambari Commission with the Stimson Center. Dr. Ponzio served as Senior Adviser in the U.S. State Department's Office of the Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, where he conceptualized and coordinated Secretary Hillary Clinton's and later John Kerry's New Silk Road initiative. He has served in senior peacebuilding roles with the United Nations in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, New York, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, and the Solomon Islands. Dr. Ponzio has published widely on Aiding Fragile States,

Human Development, and Just Security. He co-authored and directed research for "An Innovation Agenda for UN 75: The Albright-Gambari Commission Report and the Road to 2020" (2019).

Roundtable Discussion

Dr. Ibrahim Gambari | Chief of Staff to Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari; Founding Chairman, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy, and Development; and former UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs and Foreign Minister of Nigeria



Dr. Ibrahim Gambari is Chief of Staff to Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari. He previously served as Foreign Minister and the country's UN Permanent Representative. Dr. Gambari was the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy, and Development. He was the first UN Under-Secretary General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa (1999-2005) and the Chairman of the UN Special Committee Against Apartheid (1990-1994) and on Peacekeeping Operations (1990-1999). More recently, he served as Head of the UN Department of Political Affairs (2005-2007), also operating as UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Cyprus, Zimbabwe, and Myanmar and as

Special Representative in Angola. Dr. Gambari is also a prince from the Ilorin Emirate ruling house.

Dr. Marie McAuliffe | Head of Migration Research Division, IOM Headquarters and Editor of World Migration Report



Dr. Marie McAuliffe is the head of the Migration Research Division at IOM headquarters in Geneva and Editor of IOM's flagship World Migration Report. She is an international migration specialist with more than 20 years of experience in migration as a practitioner, program manager, senior official and researcher. Marie has researched, published and edited widely in academic and policy spheres on migration and is on the editorial boards of scientific journals International Migration and Migration Studies, and is an Associate Editor of the Harvard Data Science Review. She edits IOM's World Migration Report in partnership with leading migration researchers (2018 edition with Prof Martin Ruhs, 2020 edition with Prof Binod Khadria and the forthcoming 2022 edition with Prof Anna Triandafyllidou).

Dr. Thomas G. Weiss | Presidential Professor, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, and past President and Executive-Director of ACUNS



Dr. Thomas G. Weiss a leading expert on the United Nations and on humanitarian intervention. He has written extensively about international organizations, conflict management, humanitarian action, the Responsibility to Protect doctrine, North-South relations, and U.S. foreign policy. A prolific author and editor, recent works include Rethinking Global Governance (2019); The United Nations and Changing World Politics (2019); Would the World Be Better without the UN? (2018). He presently edits the book series, "Global Institutions" (Routledge). Weiss has held leadership positions and professional posts in academic research institutes and in prominent nongovernmental organizations and think tanks, among them Brown University's Watson Institute for

International Studies, the Academic Council on the UN System, the International Peace Academy, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty. Weiss served as president of the International Studies Association (ISA) (2009–10), editor of Global Governance (2000–05), and director of the UN Intellectual History Project (1999–2010).

Dr. Joris Larik | Assistant Professor of Comparative, EU, and International Law, Leiden University and Senior Advisor, the Stimson Center



Dr. Joris Larik is Assistant Professor of Comparative, EU and International Law. He is an expert in EU external relations law and global governance. His work has been acknowledged with several awards, including NATO's Manfred Wörner Essay Award and the EU's Mauro Cappelletti Prize for the Best Thesis in Comparative Law. Dr. Larik is the author of "Foreign Policy Objectives in European Constitutional Law" (OUP 2016), co-author of "ASEAN's External Agreements" (CUP 2015), and co-editor of "Just Security in an Undergoverned World" (OUP 2018) and "EU External Relations Law: Text, Cases and Materials" (2nd edition, Hart Publishing 2020).

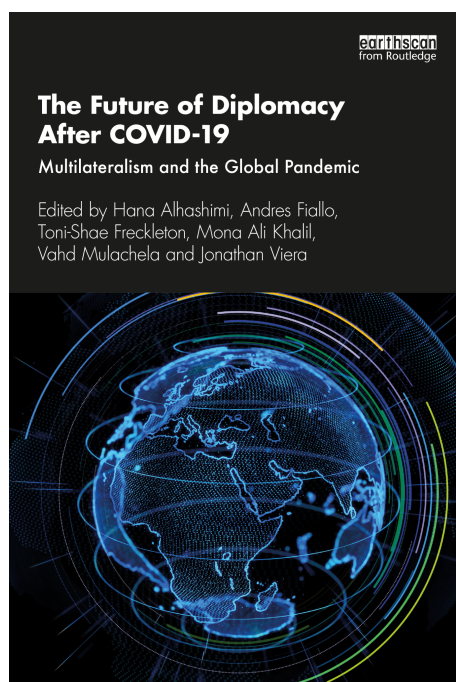
**Moderator: Dr. Adriana Erthal Abdenur | Co-Founder and Executive-Director of
Plataforma CIPÓ (Brazil)**



Dr. Adriana Erthal Abdenur is a Brazilian social scientist and policy expert. She is the co-founder and Executive Director of Plataforma CIPÓ, an independent, women-led institute based in Brazil and dedicated to issues of climate, governance and peace in Latin America and across the Global South. She is also an adjunct lecturer at Sciences-Po Paris, where she teaches on climate and security in the Amazon basin. At UNU-CPR, her work focuses on building a roadmap towards a Global Forest Convention and other innovations in climate governance. Dr Abdenur is currently serving a second term in the UN ECOSOC Committee on Development Policy (CDP). She is a member of the Climate Governance Commission, the Expert Working Group on Climate-related Security Risks

Thursday, June 24th, 11:00am – 12:15am

BOOK ROUNDTABLE



[The Future of Diplomacy After Covid-19: Multilateralism and the Global Pandemic](#) edited by Hana Alhashimi, Andres Fiallo, Toni-Shae Freckleton, Mona Ali Khalil, Vahd Mulachela, and Jonathan Viera

Global cooperation and solidarity are central to responding to and mitigating the health and socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, yet, to many, this was slow to mobilize and lacking in political leadership. This book takes a practical look at the lessons learned from the period spanning the World Health Organization's first declaration of a public health emergency of international concern in January 2020, to the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations in October 2020. The practical focus and future orientation is particularly important as the book injects pragmatism and guidance that will facilitate 'building back better' in COVID response plans, while creating space for continued focus on global commitments around sustainable development and the future of the UN.

Chair: Ms. Hana Al Hashimi | Government of the United Arab Emirates

Participants:

- Mr. Andres Fiallo | Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations
- Mr. Jonathan Viera | Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations
- Ms. Toni-Shae Freckleton | Senior Sustainable Development at the United Nations
- Mr. Vahd N. Mulachela | Permanent Mission of Indonesia to the United Nations
- Ms. Mona Ali Khalil | MAK LAW International

TH-E2

Thursday, June 24th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

ROUNDTABLE

Individuals and Leadership at the UN: Shaping Institutions, Diplomacy, and Dialogue

Chair: Dr. Alynna Lyon | University of New Hampshire

Participants:

- Dr. Manuel Fröhlich | University of Trier
- Dr. Kirsten Haack | Northumbria University
- Dr. Margaret P. Karns | University of Massachusetts - Boston
- Dr. Kent Kille | College of Wooster
- Dr. Ellen Ravndal | University of Stavanger
- Dr. Bob Reinalda | Radboud University Nijmegen

TH-E3

Thursday, June 24th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

PANEL

Beyond UN75: A Roadmap for Inclusive, Networked, and Effective Global Governance

“Back from the Abyss: The Ripening of Political Conditions for Global Governance Innovation”

Dr. Joris Larik | Leiden University

“Conceptual Advances for Inclusive, Networked, & Effective Global Governance”

Ms. Cristina Petcu | The Stimson Center

“UN75 Declaration Stocktaking and Proposed Innovations”

Ms. Banou Arjomand | The Stimson Center

“Toward a Roadmap for Inclusive, Networked, & Effective Global Governance”

Dr. Richard Ponzio | The Stimson Center

Chair: Dr. Sultan Barakat | Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

Discussant: Dr. Monica Serrano | El Colegio de Mexico

Thursday, June 24th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

PANEL

Historical Analyses of the United Nations System

“Let Us Talk: Deliberative Innovations at the United Nations Trusteeship Council”

Dr. Jan Lüderdt | City University of Seattle

“Civil-Military Coordination in United Nations Peace Operations for National-Level State-Building”

Dr. Saleem Ahmad Khan | Bangladesh Armed Forces

“ECOSOC, PSNR and the Global South: Exploring the Historical Sociology of Decolonization at the UN”

Dr. Alanna O’Malley | Leiden University

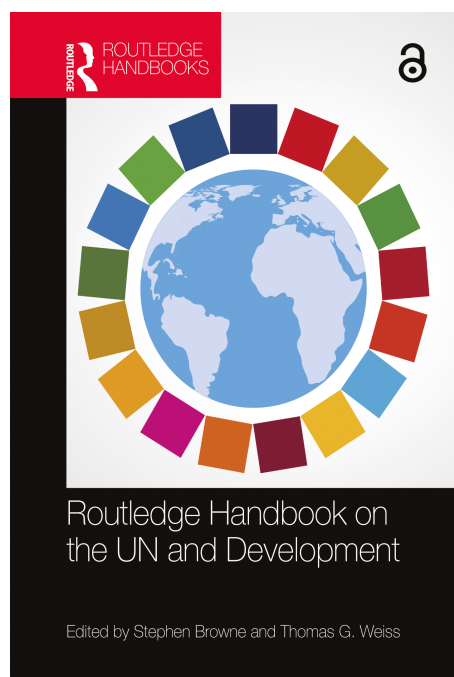
Chair: Dr. Obasesam Okoi | University of St. Thomas

Discussant: Dr. Anjali Dayal | Fordham University

TH-F1

Thursday, June 24th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

BOOK ROUNDTABLE



Routledge Handbook on the UN and Development
edited by Stephen Browne and Thomas G. Weiss

International commissions, academics, practitioners, and the media have long been critical of the UN's development efforts as disjointed and not fit for purpose; yet the organization has been an essential contributor to progress and peacebuilding. This handbook explores the activities of the UN development system (UNDS), the largest operational pillar of the organization and arguably the arena in which its ideational endeavors have made the biggest contribution to thinking and standards. Contributions focus on the role of the UNDS in sustainable social, economic, and environmental development, describing how the UNDS interacts with the other major functions of the UN system, and how it performs operationally in the context of the new 2030 development agenda focused on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Chair: Dr. Thomas Weiss | The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

Participants:

Mr. Stephen Browne | Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies – Geneva

Dr. Sigrid Gruener | Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

Ms. Saraswathi Menon | UN Research Institute for Social Development

Ms. Natalie Samarasinghe | United Nations Association UK

Dr. Georgios Kostakos | Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability

TH-F2

Thursday, June 24th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

ROUNDTABLE

Diversity and Representation at the United Nations

Chair: Mr. Henrik Hammargren | Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

Participants:

Ms. Lysa John | CIVICUS

Dr. Hannah Davies | Ulster University

Dr. Anne Marie Goetz | New York University

Ms. Martha Helena Lopez | United Nations: Assistant-Secretary-General for Human Resources

TH-F3

Thursday, June 24th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

ROUNDTABLE

A ‘Security Council’ for Non-Military Global Crises?

Chair: Mr. Richard Kinley | Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS)

Participants:

Dr. Harris Gleckman | Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (FOGGS)

Ms. Maja Petrea C.E. Groff | Global Governance Forum / Global Challenges
Foundation / Leiden University

Dr. Tapio Kanninen | Global Crisis Information Network Inc. (GCINET)

Dr. Augusto Lopez-Claros | Global Governance Forum

Dr. Leena Srivastava | International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Dr. Silke Weinlich | Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (German Development
Institute)

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Thursday, June 24th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

PANEL

International Innovations and Challenges Exposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic

“Why Conflict Between Economic Development and Social Rights Governance is Inevitable”

Dr. Desiree LeClercq | Cornell University

“Has the Coronavirus Pandemic Amplified Existing Technological Inequalities in Africa?”

Dr. Obasesam Okoi | University of St. Thomas

“Towards a Fit for Future UN System: Innovative Public-Private Partnerships that Meet
Tomorrow’s Global Health Challenge”

Mr. Martijn Dalhuijsen | United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq

Ms. Saskia Verbunt | Philips Company

Dr. Bahaa Sarroukh | Philips Foundation

“Global Commission on Democracies: Learning from the Covid-19 Pandemic”

Mr. Yves Leterme | Club de Madrid (Former Prime Minister of Belgium)

Ms. Aminata Touré | Club de Madrid (Former Prime Minister of Senegal)

Chair: Mr. Sarmad Khan | Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS)

Discussant: Mr. Richard Jordan | World Harmony Foundation

Thursday, June 24th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

PANEL

Structure and Functioning of International Organizations

“Multilateral Sanctions for Unpaid Assessed Contributions: Design and Application in Five IOs”

Mr. Ueli Staeger | Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies - Geneva

Dr. Frank Mattheis | Université libre de Bruxelles

“What Constitutes Branding in IOs? An Emerging Framework of Branding Manifestations”

Mr. Stefan Tschauko | Tufts University

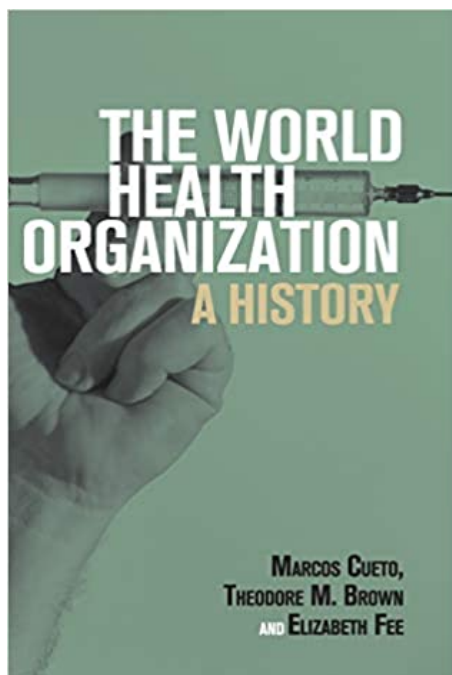
Chair: Dr. Daniel Naujoks | Columbia University

Discussant: Dr. Alanna O'Malley | Leiden University

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Thursday, June 24th, 14:00pm – 15:15pm

BOOK ROUNDTABLE



[The World Health Organization: A History](#) by Marcos Cueto, Theodore M. Brown and Elizabeth Fee

According to its Constitution, the mission of the World Health Organization (WHO) was nothing less than the 'attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health' without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic status, or social condition. But how consistently and how well has the WHO pursued this mission since 1946? This comprehensive and engaging new history explores these questions by looking at its origins and its institutional antecedents, while also considering its contemporary and future roles. It examines how the WHO was shaped by the particular environments of the postwar period and the Cold War, the relative influence of the US and other approaches to healthcare, and its place alongside sometimes competing international bodies such as UNICEF, the World Bank, and the Gates Foundation. The authors re-evaluate the relative success and failure of critical WHO campaigns, from early malaria and smallpox

eradication programs to struggles with Ebola today.

Chair: Dr. Sanjoy Bhattacharya | York University

Participants:

Dr. Marcos Cueto | Fiocruz (Oswaldo Cruz Foundation) Brazil

Dr. Theodore Brown | University of Rochester

Dr. Anne-Emanuelle Birn | University of Toronto

Dr. Niels Brimnes | Aarhus University

TH-G2

Thursday, June 24th, 14:00pm – 15:15pm

ROUNDTABLE

The Opportunities and Challenges of Increasing Digitalization: International Migration in Focus

Chair: Dr. Cecilia Cannon | Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

Participants:

Mr. Adrian Kitimbo | International Organization for Migration

Dr. Marie McAuliffe | International Organization for Migration

Ms. Jenna Blower | York University Canada

Mr. Shaminda Kanapathi | Refugee Rights Advocacy

TH-G3

Thursday, June 24th, 14:00pm – 15:15pm

PANEL

The Ramifications of Climate Change on Multifaceted Global Challenges

“Who Securitizes? Climate Change Discourse in the United Nations”

Ms. Sabrina Arias | University of Pennsylvania

“Role of Multilateral ‘Environmental Diplomacy’ in Conflict Prevention”

Dr. Leila Nicolas | Lebanese University

“Ecological Threat Register 2020: Policy Seminar Document”

Mr. Michael Collins | Institute for Economics and Peace

Chair: Dr. Franz Baumann | New York University

Discussant: Natalia Escobar Pemberthy | Universidad EAFIT

TH-G4

Thursday, June 24th, 14:00pm – 15:15pm

PANEL

Institutional Challenges Facing the United Nations in the 21st Century

“The United Nations 1945: Is it still fit for the challenges and needs of the 21st century?”

Dr. Dusan Soltes | Comenius University

“Overlapping Institutions in the UN Human Rights System: Mutual Reinforcement or Competition?”

Dr. Valentina Carraro | Leiden University

“Brazil and the RWP Proposal: Challenging Structures of Power through Normative Contestation”

Dr. Roberta C. Andrade

Chair: Dr. Courtney Smith | Seton Hall University

Discussant: Dr. Chiara de Franco | Southern Denmark University

FRIDAY, 25 JUNE 2021

FR-A1

Friday, June 25th, 5:00am – 6:15am

PANEL

Toward a Better Fit for the UN System in Handling South-South and Triangular Cooperation

“Beyond Great Powers: Middle Powers and Multilateralism at the UN”

Dr. Albert S. Park | University of Cambridge

“The UN’s Role in the Evolution of Technical Cooperation between Developing Countries, SSC and TrC”

Mr. Denis Nkala | United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation

“Building on Bandung: What does Cooperation do for Regional Engagement?”

Dr. Shailaja Fennell | University of Cambridge

“UNDP and OECD’s Joint Effort to Promote Development Effectiveness Principles through the GPEDC”

Dr. Jisun Song | Ewha Womans University

Chair: Dr. Taekyoon Kim | Seoul National University

Discussant: Dr. Bo Kyung Kim | Seoul National University

FR-A2

Friday, June 25th, 5:00am – 6:15am

PANEL

The Covid-19 Pandemic, Global Solidarity, and Transnational Inequalities

“East Asian Cooperation for Equitable Access to Health Technologies in the Battle against Covid-19”

Dr. Yasushi Katsuma | Waseda University

“Boosting WHO’s Role as a Global Health Orchestrator”

Dr. Fernando Dias Simões | Chinese University of Hong Kong

“Value-Based Norms as Foundation for The Pursuit of Health in Global Solidarity”

Dr. Otto Spijkers | China Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies (CIBOS), Wuhan University

Chair: Dr. Ai Kihara-Hunt | University of Tokyo

Discussant: Dr. Nisha Dhanraj Dewani | Maharaja Agrasen Institute of Management Studies

FR-A3

Friday, June 25th, 5:00am – 6:15am

PANEL

Reinforcing the Global Human Rights Regime and State Accountability

“Locating the Role of the Universal Periodic Review in a UN ‘Fit for Purpose’”

Dr. Amna Nazir | Birmingham City University

“The Ever-Contested Definition of ‘Genocide’: Impeding Accountability and Time for a Re-Definition”

Dr. Cecilia Ducci | University of Bologna

“Contemporary Challenges of the Right to Food”

Dr. Jun Matsukuma | Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

Chair: Dr. Ayako Kobayashi | Sophia University of Tokyo

Discussant: Dr. Cynthia Boyer | Institut national universitaire champollion France

FR-B1

Friday, June 25th, 6:30am – 7:45am

ROUNDTABLE

Middle Powers and UN Peace Operations? The Politics of Prudence

Chair: Dr. Cedric De Coning | Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

Participants:

Dr. Hiromi Fujishige | Aoyama Gakuin University

Dr. Katsumi Ishizuka | Kyoei University

Dr. Carlos Solar | University of Essex

Dr. Stephen Baranyi | University of Ottawa

FR-B2

Friday, June 25th, 6:30am – 7:45am

PANEL

The Future of Multilateralism: The United Nations, Covid-19, and the Way Ahead

“The Future of IMF and World Bank: New Dynamics in Times of Covid-19 Crisis”

Mr. Nicolas Verbeek | Leiden University

“UNICEF & UN WOMEN in the Post-Covid-19 Era”

Ms. Dimitra Protopsalti | Leiden University

“The World Health Organization under Covid-19: Behind the Crisis”

Ms. Yue Han | Leiden University

“The UN Climate Regime: Multilateralism, Polycentricity, and Divergent Energy Futures”

Dr. Susann Handke | Erasmus University Rotterdam

Chair: Dr. Madeleine Hosli | Leiden University

Discussant: Ms. Amber Scheele | Leiden University

FR-B3

Friday, June 25th, 6:30am – 7:45am

PANEL

Climate Change and International Institutions

“UNEP at 50 should have a Guiding Role in What “Green” Really Means”

Dr. Andjelka Mihajlov | Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development /
University of Novi Sad – Serbia

“The UN System and Climate Risks: Reimagining Global Governance Structures for the 21st Century”

Mr. Stuart Best | Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability

Mr. Daniel Orth | Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability

“Multi-Stakeholder Climate Coalitions: A Methodology for Evaluating Functioning, Outcomes, and Impact”

Ms. Marine Pouget | Réseau Action Climat France (Climate Action Network France)

Chair: Mr. Temitope Onifade | University of British Columbia

Discussant: Dr. Georgios Kostakos | Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability

**The John W. Holmes Memorial Lecture by President of the Open Society Foundations
Mark Malloch-Brown**



Lord Mark Malloch-Brown is president of the Open Society Foundations, the world's largest private funder of independent groups working for justice, democratic governance, and human rights. He has served on Open Society's global board since 2009. In his career of service, Malloch-Brown has worked to advance human rights, justice, and development in a variety of roles: serving as deputy secretary general of the United Nations under Kofi Annan; heading the United Nations Development Programme; directing external affairs at the World Bank; and working as a British government minister. He also co-founded Crisis Group, an NGO focused on preventing and averting violent conflict. More recently, he chaired Best

for Britain, a group that makes the case for Britain's engagement with the European Union. He has worked with a range of private companies, as well as leading the boards of the Royal Africa Society, the UN Foundation, and the Business Commission for Sustainable Development.

Moderator: Dr. Abi Williams | Professor of International Politics at The Fletcher School of Tufts University and Director of The Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University



Dr. Abi Williams is professor of the practice of international politics at The Fletcher School of Tufts University and director of The Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University. Prior to returning to his alma mater, he served for four years as president of The Hague Institute for Global Justice. Professor Williams served at the United States Institute of Peace as senior vice president of the Center for Conflict Management from 2010 to 2012, and as vice president of the Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention from 2008 to 2009. From 2001 to 2007 he was director of strategic planning for United Nations Secretaries-General Ban Ki-Moon and Kofi Annan in New York.

PLENARY SESSION IV

A Conversation about Peacekeeping with USG Jean-Pierre Lacroix



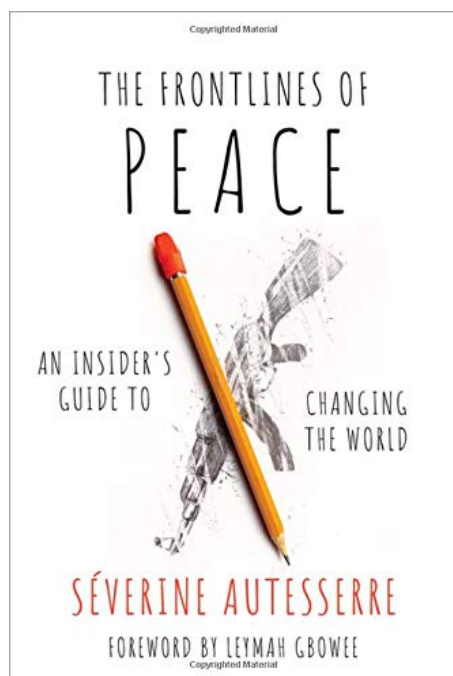
Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix of France has served as Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations since April 2017. Mr. Lacroix brings over 25 years of political and diplomatic experience, mostly handling multilateral organizations, United Nations activities and programmes. Mr. Lacroix served from 2014 to 2017 as Director for United Nations, International Organizations, Human Rights and Francophonie at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Previous appointments include Ambassador of France to Sweden, Chief of Protocol of France, Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in New York, Deputy Chief of Mission at the French Embassy in Prague and First Secretary then Second Counsellor at the French Embassy in Washington.

Moderator: Dr. Lise Morjé Howard | President of ACUNS and Professor of Government and Foreign Service, Georgetown University



*Dr. Lise Morjé Howard is Professor of Government and Foreign Service at Georgetown University and President of ACUNS. Howard is an award-winning scholar, and has published articles on UN peacekeeping, the UN Security Council, civil war termination, and American foreign policy in the top journals in her field. She is the author of *UN Peacekeeping in Civil Wars* (Cambridge University Press 2008), winner of the 2010 ACUNS Book Award; and *Power in Peacekeeping* (Cambridge University Press 2019), winner of the 2021 best book in Security Studies from the International Studies Association. Fluent in French and Russian, she previously served as founding director of the Master of Arts Program in Conflict Resolution at Georgetown; and Acting Director of UN Affairs for the New York City Commission for the United Nations.*

Friday, June 25th, 11:00am – 12:15am

BOOK ROUNDTABLE

[The Frontlines of Peace: An Insider's Guide to Changing the World](#) by Séverine Autesserre

In The Frontlines of Peace, Severine Autesserre, award-winning researcher and peacebuilder, examines the well-intentioned but inherently flawed peace industry. With examples drawn from across the globe, she reveals that peace can grow in the most unlikely circumstances. Contrary to what most politicians preach, building peace doesn't require billions in aid or massive international interventions. Real, lasting peace requires giving power to local citizens. The Frontlines of Peace tells the stories of the ordinary yet extraordinary individuals and organizations that are confronting violence in their communities effectively. One thing is clear: successful examples of peacebuilding around the world, in countries at war or at peace, have involved innovative grassroots initiatives led by local people, at times supported by foreigners, often employing methods shunned by the international elite. By narrating success stories of this kind, Autesserre shows the radical

changes we must take in our approach if we hope to build lasting peace around us--whether we live in Congo, the United States, or elsewhere.

Chair: Dr. Marie-Joelle Zahar | Université de Montréal

Participants:

Dr. Séverine Autesserre | Barnard College and Columbia University

Dr. Kwesi Aning | Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre

Dr. Linda Darkwa | University of Ghana

Dr. Linnéa Gelot | Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA)

Dr. Vesselin Popovski | O.P. Jindal Global University

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Friday, June 25th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

PANEL

Challenges within the United Nations Secretariat and Bureaucracy

“Five Years at the Helm: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, 2017-2021”

Dr. Marcel Jesenský | University of Ottawa

“United Nations Human Resources Policies: Designed to Fail”

Dr. Cristián Gimenez-Corte | Universidad Nacional del Litoral

“The ‘Performance Claim’ of Geographic Representation in International Bureaucracies”

Dr. Fanny Badache | Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies – Geneva

Chair: Dr. Maria Cristina Rosas | National Autonomous University of Mexico

Discussant: Dr. Jean Krasno | The City College of New York

FR-E3

Friday, June 25th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

PANEL

Strengthening Multilateralism and Equitable Global Governance

“Our Common Agenda and the UN after 75: Proposals to Reinvigorate an Inclusive, Networked and Effective Multilateralism”

Dr. Danilo Türk | Club de Madrid

“New Institutions for Strengthening Global Tax Governance”

Mr. Rose Govindaraj | Pondicherry University

“Using Law and Policies to Strengthen our Health Systems for Universal Health Care”

Ms. Oluwatemilore Adenipekun | Wake Forest University School of Law

Chair: Dr. Richard Ponzio | The Stimson Center

Discussant: Dr. Silke Weinlich | Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (German Development Institute)

Friday, June 25th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

PANEL

21st Century Global Challenges: Outer-Space and the Cyber Realm

“Is the use of satellite mega-constellations a new tragedy of the commons for outer space?”

Ms. Carmenn Artigas | United Nations Internal Justice Council

“Challenges to the United Nations in View of Current and Future Missions to Mars”

Dr. Valeria Eboli | Italian Naval Academy – University of Pisa

“Cryptocurrencies, Normative Framing and the UN: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly”

Mr. Shubham Dwivedi | South Asian University

“Weaponized AI and Transformation of Norms on the Use of Force: An analysis of the Chinese Context”

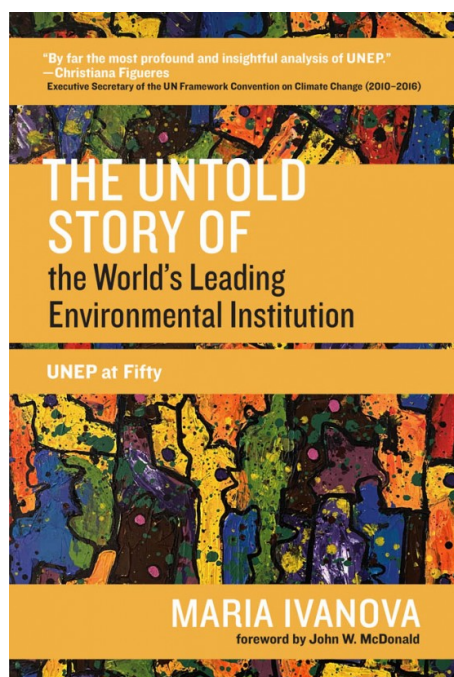
Dr. Guangyu Qiao-Franco | Southern Denmark University

Chair: Dr. Maria-Cristina Rosas | National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

Discussant: Dr. Jan Lüderth | City University of Seattle

Friday, June 25th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

BOOK ROUNDTABLE



[The Untold Story of the World's Leading Environmental Institution: UNEP at Fifty](#) by Maria Ivanova

The United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) was founded in 1972 as a nimble, fast, and flexible entity at the core of the UN system—a subsidiary body rather than a specialized agency. It was intended to be the world's environmental conscience, an anchor institution that established norms and researched policy, leaving it to other organizations to carry out its recommendations. In this book, Maria Ivanova offers a detailed account of UNEP's origin and history and a vision for its future. Ivanova counters the common criticism that UNEP was deficient by design, arguing that UNEP has in fact delivered on much (though not all) of its mandate. Drawing on extensive interviews she conducted with UNEP's past and present Executive Directors, staff, and two former UN Secretaries-General, Ivanova provides rare insight into the organization's functioning. She shows that UNEP was able to resolve problems and

launch important processes when it had financial and political support. Its failures and limitations came when the environment slipped as a priority, leadership faltered, and connectivity was challenged. UNEP's fiftieth anniversary, Ivanova argues, presents an opportunity for reinvention.

Chair: Dr. Franz Baumann | New York University

Participants:

Mr. Joe Ageyo | Editorial Director at Royal Media Services Limited

Ms. Solveig Crompton | Norwegian Environment Ministry

Dr. Maria Ivanova | University of Massachusetts - Boston

Dr. Phillip Osano | Stockholm Environment Institute-Africa

Dr. Alice Odingo | University of Nairobi

Dr. Nico Schrijver | Leiden University

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Friday, June 25th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

PANEL

The Covid-19 Pandemic and the United Nations System

“The United Nations and Challenges to Multilateralism”

Dr. Madeleine Hosli | Leiden University

“The United Nations System and the Relevance of Non-Discrimination in Trade During a Pandemic”

Dr. Manisha Sinha | University of Cincinnati

“Institutional Resilience and the Executive Office the Secretary-General in a ‘Post-Covid’ World”

Dr. Swadesh Rana | United Nations

Dr. Alistair Edgar | Wilfrid Laurier University

Chair: Mr. Sarmad Khan | Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS)

Discussant: Dr. Fanny Badache | Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies – Geneva

FR-F3

Friday, June 25th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

PANEL

Challenges Stemming from International Migration and Displacement

“The Balance between State Interest and Responsibility in Migration Governance”

Mr. Roberto Rodriguez | University of Cadiz

“Assessing the Incorporation of Human Mobility into UN Development Strategies”

Dr. Daniel Naujoks | Columbia University

Chair: Dr. Gabriel Amvane | OFPRA (French Refugee Agency)

Discussant: Dr. Daniela Irrera | University of Catania

FR-F4

Friday, June 25th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

PANEL

New Relationships between the UN and Governmental Institutions and Actors

“Parliaments and Multilateralism: Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations”

Dr. Anna Kronlund | University of Jyväskylä

“The New Reality: The United Nations and Cities of the World”

Dr. Agnieszka Szpak | Nicolaus Copernicus University of Toruń - Poland

“Re-contracting the United Nations: Member Dissatisfaction and the Creation of New UN-Linked Organizations”

Dr. Andrew Lugg | DePauw University

Chair: Dr. Dusan Soltes | Comenius University

Discussant: Dr. Hana Umezawa | United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS)

FR-F5

Friday, June 25th, 12:30pm – 13:45pm

PANEL

Connecting Culture and Education to Transnational Challenges

“Addressing the Cultural Security and Peace Operations Nexus: An Emerging Potential for the UN?”

Dr. Antonia Zervaki | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

“UNESCO and the Parallel Worlds Problem”

Dr. Albert Sanghoon Park | University of Cambridge

“Moving from Theory to Practice: Leveraging Assessment and Critical Reflection to Transform Community-Based Global Learning”

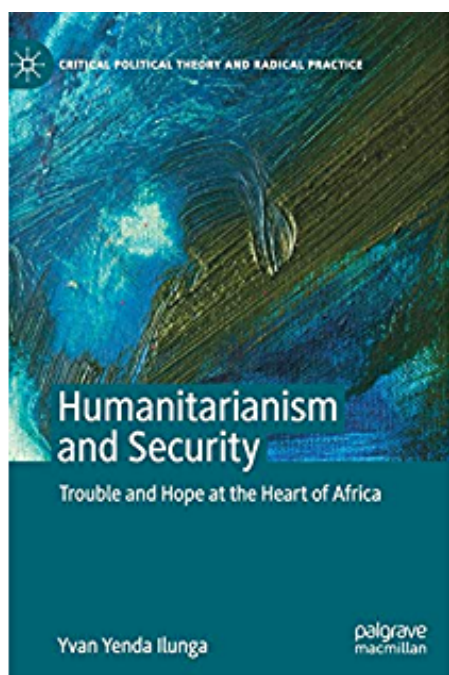
Dr. Sarah Stanlick | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Dr. Whitney Szmodis | Lehigh University

Chair: Dr. Herman Salton | International Christian University of Tokyo

Friday, June 25th, 14:00pm – 15:15pm

BOOK ROUNDTABLE



[Humanitarianism and Security: Trouble and Hope at the Heart of Africa](#) by Yvan Yenda Ilunga

Humanitarianism and Security contends that the search for stability and peace remains central to the political environment within the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Despite some positive political and economic progress observed in the Central African Region and the DRC in particular, the future of the region remains uncertain. Due to many unaddressed issues, including the multidimensional manifestations of humanitarian crises, the region is fragile with the potential for a relapse into violent conflict. Moreover, the DRC's humanitarian crises have yet to be effectively addressed as consequences and promoters of insecurity and violence. Based on the "humanitarian-security-development" paradigm as an inclusive operational framework, Humanitarianism and Security articulates the trend of peace recovery in the DRC as contingent upon issues of security and the refugee/internally displaced population crisis. It claims

and demonstrates that effective solutions must incorporate considerations of pre-colonial security dynamics, the place and role of identity within the humanitarian discourse/strategies, the determinants of transitional public security (TPS), and the various dynamics regarding the return and re/integration processes, into one operational framework.

Chair: Dr. Paul Diehl | University of Texas at Dallas

Participants:

Dr. Yvan Ilunga | James Madison University

Dr. Gino Vlavonou | Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

Dr. Cara Jones | Orb International

Dr. Anjali Dayal | Fordham University

FR-G2

Friday, June 25th, 14:00pm – 15:15pm

ROUNDTABLE

Principles and Process: Civil Society Mobilization for Meaningful Post-UN75 Implementation

Chair: Mr. Fergus Watt | World Federalist Movement Canada

Participants:

Mr. Dan Perrell | Baha'i International Community

Ms. Natalie Samarasinghe | United Nations Association of the United Kingdom

Ms. Maja Groff | Leiden University

Mr. Jeffery Huffines | Coalition for the UN We Need

Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa | Group of Women Leaders for Change and Inclusion

Ms. Cristina Petcu | The Stimson Center

FR-G3

Friday, June 25th, 14:00pm – 15:15pm

ROUNDTABLE

UN Reforms for Sustainable Development in the Decade of Action

Chair: Dr. Marianne Beisheim | Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) (German Institute for International and Security Affairs)

Participants:

Dr. Silke Weinlich | Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (German Development Institute)

Dr. Javier Surasky | Centro de Pensamiento Estratégico Internacional (CEPEI)

Mr. John Hendra | Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (German Development Institute)

Ms. Elisabeth Hege | Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI) (Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations)

Friday, June 25th, 14:00pm – 15:15pm

PANEL

Multilateralism and Democratic Governance in an Evolving World Order

“Meet Me for Democracy: Trust and Democracy in the Age of Social Media”

Dr. Jennifer Davis | National Intelligence University

“Liberal Values and Multilateralism in the Face of Shifting Power Dynamics”

Dr. Yasuhiro Ueki | Sophia University of Tokyo

“Development as the Antithesis of Democratic Competition and Opposition in Africa’s Anocracies”

Dr. John-Mark Iyi | University of the Western Cape

Chair: Dr. Alynna Lyon | University of New Hampshire

Discussant: Dr. Christopher Ankersen | New York University

SATURDAY, 26 JUNE 2021

SAT-A1

Saturday, June 26th, 5:00am – 6:15am

PANEL

The Intersection of Gender, Conflict, and Human Security

“The UN in an Evolving 21st Century Needs to Address ‘New’ Norms from a Women Rights Perspective”

Dr. Patricia Jenkins | United Nations Association of Australia (NSW)

“Human Security through a Gender Lens: The Case of Sadako Ogata and UNHCR”

Dr. Ayako Kobayashi | Sophia University of Tokyo

“Peacekeeper Sexual Exploitation and Recent Developments and Cooperation between UN-AU Frameworks”

Dr. Ai Kihara-Hunt | University of Tokyo

Dr. Roisin Burke | Independent Legal and Human Rights Consultant

Chair: Dr. Yasushi Katsuma | Waseda University

Discussant: Dr. Ingvild Bode | Centre for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark

SAT-A2

Saturday, June 26th, 5:00am – 6:15am

PANEL

Governance of International Migration and Displacement

“The Politics of Citizenship, Migration and Religion in India and the Role of the United Nations”

Dr. Khushboo Chauhan | O.P. Jindal Global University, India

“Refugee Health Governance in International Law: Strengthening United Nations Refugee Health Programmes”

Ms. Evrim Tandoğan | Middle East Technical University

“NGOs and States in the Management of Vulnerability and the New Vulnerable in the Age of Pandemic”

Dr. Daniela Irrera | University of Catania

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Cecilia Cannon | Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

SAT-A3

Saturday, June 26th, 5:00am – 6:15am

PANEL

Issues of Compliance with International Human Rights Law

“The Role of UN Human Rights Bodies in Assisting States Implement International Human Rights Law”

Ms. Tania Banuelos Mejia | Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven

“States Responses to ‘Views’: The CEDAW and CRPD Committees”

Ms. Irina Crivet | Koç University

Chair: Dr. Aigul Kulnazarova | Tama University School of Global Studies

SAT-B1

Saturday, June 26th, 6:30am – 7:45am

PANEL

Understanding Climate Challenges and Searching for Solutions

“China’s Green Credit Policy and the UN Global Compact: Challenges and Opportunities in the DR Congo”

Mr. Gerson Brandao | Université de Strasbourg

“Climate Justice! Out of the Frying Pan into the Fire?”

Mr. Temitope Onifade | University of British Columbia

“Women, Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Africa”

Mr. Ndirangu Ngunjiri | University of Nairobi

Chair: Dr. Mariko Shoji | Keiai University

Discussant: Dr. Andjelka Mihajlov | Environmental Ambassadors for Sustainable Development / University of Novi Sad – Serbia

SAT-B2

Saturday, June 26th, 6:30am – 7:45am

PANEL

The United Nations and Regional Cooperation

“An Exemplary Universal-Regional Partnership in Collective Security: UN–EU Cooperation in Peacekeeping”

Dr. Csaba Törö | Karoli Gaspar University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

“UN-Defined Regions: Conceptualization of UN-Regional Organization Interactions”

Dr. Hana Umezawa | United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS)

“A UN 2.0 System & Intercontinental Relations for Global Governance Innovations: The Fits for UN”

Mr. Adewale M. Bakare

Chair: Dr. Antonia Zervaki | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Discussant: Dr. Madeleine Hosli | Leiden University

PLENARY SESSION V: A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE VERIFIED CAMPAIGN WITH USG MELISSA FLEMING

Welcome

Dr. Charlotte Ku | Professor, Texas A&M School of Law and Past President of ACUNS

Featured Speaker

Ms. Melissa Fleming | United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications



Ms. Melissa Fleming has served as Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications at the United Nations since September 2019. In that role she manages a worldwide operation to build understanding of, and support for, the UN's work, to inspire people to care and to mobilize them for action behind UN goals and values. Ms. Fleming is also the author of the book "A Hope More Powerful Than The Sea" and the host of the award-winning podcast "Awake at Night". Previously she led communications for the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) and before that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), where she served for eight years as Spokesperson and Head of the Media and Outreach. Prior to IAEA, she headed the Press and Public

Information team at the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

Moderator

Mr. Sarmad Khan | Senior Fellow, Center for Global Affairs, New York University and Member of the ACUNS Board of Directors

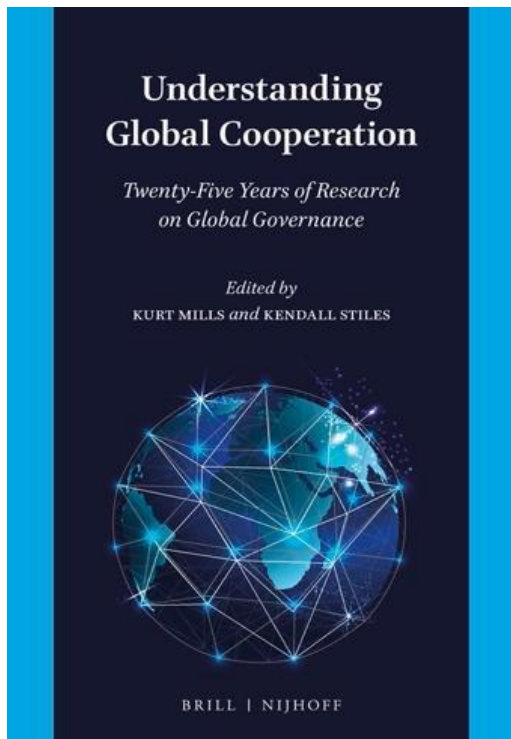


Mr. Sarmad Khan serves as an international affairs professional in the areas of UN development cooperation, international policy and programmes and executive leadership development. He recently served in the UAE as Head of UN Resident Coordinator's Office; Senior Advisor on Planning and Partnerships; and Special Advisor on the UN's engagement in Expo 2020, Dubai. He has also served as Head of leadership policy and programme development at the UN Development Operations Coordination Office (DOCO) in New York; lead author of the UN's first Leadership Model promoting systems leadership; member of the senior UN committee charged by the Secretary-General to develop a system-wide UN Leadership Framework; and manager of the UN's first high-level 'Learning

Advisory Council on the 2030 Agenda.

PLENARY SESSION VI

25 Years of the *Global Governance Journal*: A Conversation with the Editors



[Understanding Global Cooperation: Twenty-Five Years of Research on Global Governance](#) edited by Kurt Mills and Kendall Stiles

The journal Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism was founded in 1995 and has since offered policy-relevant and theoretically advanced articles aimed at both academic and practitioner audiences. This collection presents some of the most significant pieces published in the journal, addressing topics ranging from human rights and peacekeeping to trade and development – often examining the evolution of the institutional arrangements themselves. Authors include senior UN officials, prominent scholars, and other careful students of international organization. By presenting these twenty-five articles – one from each year since the journal's founding – in one volume (with an Introduction by the two editors Kurt Mills and Kendall Stiles) we hope that the reader will be able to better appreciate the evolution of both global institutions and our thinking about them.

Featured Speakers

Dr. Alynna Lyon | Professor of Political Science, University of New Hampshire

Dr. Alistair Edgar | Associate Professor of Political Science, Wilfrid Laurier University

Dr. Kurt Mills | Professor of International Relations and Human Rights, University of Dundee

Dr. Ken Stiles | Professor of International Relations, Brigham Young University

Dr. Peter Romaniuk | Associate Professor of Political Science, City University of New York (CUNY)

Moderator

Dr. Roger Coate | Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, Georgia College Moderator



Dr. Roger A. Coate is Paul D. Coverdell Professor of Public Policy, Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, Georgia College; Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of South Carolina; and Past Chair, Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS). He is the author of ten books and monographs on the UN system and global governance. He received his Ph.D from Ohio State University in 1977 and his M.A in 1973 from the School of Advanced International Studies, The Johns Hopkins University. Coate served as the Chair, Vice-Chair and Member of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors of ACUNS (2010-2020).

SAT-E1

Saturday, June 26th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

ROUNDTABLE

Remembering Edward C. Luck and His Work

Chair: Dr. Monica Serrano | El Colegio de México

Participants:

Dr. Jane Boulden | Royal Military College Canada

Dr. Michael Doyle | Columbia University

Dr. Thomas G Weiss | The CUNY Graduate Center

Dr. Jennifer Welsh | McGill University

SAT-E2

Saturday, June 26th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

ROUNDTABLE

The United Nations Role with Regards to the Dangers of Anocratic States

Chair: Dr. Gabriel Amvane | OFPRA (French Refugee Agency)

Participants:

Dr. Anja Mihr | Center on Governance through Human Rights

Dr. Richard Ponzio | The Stimson Center

Dr. John-Mark Iyi | University of the Western Cape

Dr. J. James Kim | Research Fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies

Dr. Kseniya Kizilova | Head of Secretariat of the World Values Survey Association

Dr. Daisaku Higashi | Sophia University in Tokyo

SAT-E3

Saturday, June 26th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

PANEL

Historical and Contemporary Challenges of UN Peacekeeping Operations

“UN Peacekeeping and the Kindleberger Trap”

Dr. John Karlsrud | Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)

“Paradoxes of Detention Power: The Everyday of the United Nations ‘Holding Facilities’”

Ms. Anine Hagemann | University of Copenhagen

“The Arusha Negotiations, 1990-1994: UNAMIR in the Shadow of Somalia”

Dr. Anjali Dayal | Fordham University

Chair: Dr. F. Grace Kpohazounde | United Nations

Discussant: Dr. Alexander Gilder | University of London

Saturday, June 26th, 11:00am – 12:15pm

PANEL

Sustainable Development and Human Rights

“Do Democracies Support the Strengthening of the Global Human Rights Regime More than Autocracies?”

Mr. Leonardo Castilho | Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies
– Geneva / United Nations OHCHR

“Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through Human Rights”

Mr. Michiel Hoornick | Katholieke Universiteit (KU) Leuven

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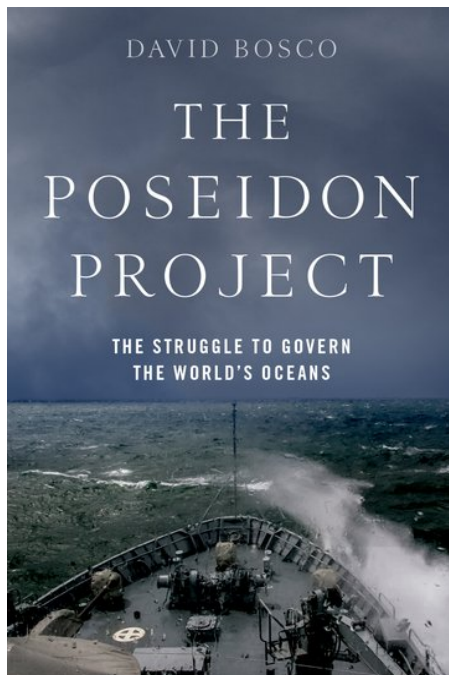
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Discussant: Dr. Sarah Stanlick | Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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BOOK ROUNDTABLE



[The Poseidon Project: The Struggle to Govern the World's Oceans](#) by David Bosco

*In recent decades, freedom of the seas has eroded in multiple ways and for a variety of reasons. During the world wars of the 20th century, combatants imposed unprecedented restrictions on maritime commerce, leaving international rules in tatters. National governments have steadily expanded their reach into the oceans. More recently, environmental concerns have led to new international restrictions on high seas fishing. Today's most dangerous maritime disputes-including China's push for control of the South China Sea-are occurring against the backdrop of major changes in the way the world treats the oceans. As David Bosco shows in *The Poseidon Project*, the history of humanity's attempt to create rules for the oceans is alive and relevant. Tracing the roots of the law of the sea and the background to current maritime disputes, he shows that building effective ocean rules while preserving maritime freedoms remains a daunting task. Bosco analyzes how fragile international institutions and determined activists*

*are struggling for relevance in a world still dominated by national governments. As maritime tensions develop, *The Poseidon Project* will serve as an essential guide to the continuing challenge of ocean governance.*

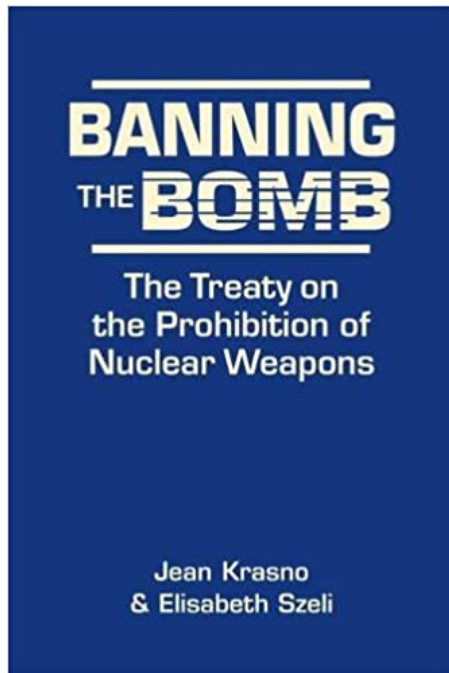
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[Banning the Bomb: The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons](#) by Jean Krasno and Elisabeth Szeli

Frustrated by the abrogation of promises by nuclear weapons states to disarm, countries that have foregone nuclear weapons joined forces with key members of civil society in efforts that culminated in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). How did this initiative succeed—in defiance of the major powers—in changing the discourse around nuclear weapons? What roles did the various actors play, and how did the language of the treaty evolve? Answering these questions, Jean Krasno and Elisabeth Szeli provide a deeply researched account of the TPNW campaign, the negotiations, and the ongoing challenges of ratification and implementation.

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Democracy and the United Nations: Implications for Multilateral Action in a World in Crisis

“UN Democracy Building in Conflict-Affected Countries: The Evolution of ‘Resilience-seeking’”

Dr. Timothy Sisk | University of Denver: Josef Korbel School of International Studies

“Democratic Governance that Leaves No One Behind: Democracy Building at the time of the Pandemic”

Ms. Kristen Sample | National Democratic Institute (NDI)

“Anthropological Perspectives on the Pandemic Crisis, Democracy and Resilience”

Dr. Massimo Tommasoli | International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)

Chair: Waheguru Pal Singh Sidhu | New York University

Discussant: Ms. Shazia Rafi | AirQualityAsia

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Women and the United Nations System

“Achieving Gender Equality Mandates a Declaration on the ‘Non-State Torture War on Women and Girls’”

Ms. Jeanne Sarson

Ms. Linda MacDonald

“Women in Development vs. Gender and Development in the United Nations Development Agenda (1970-1999)”

Dr. Patrícia Nogueira Rinaldi | FACAMP - Faculdades de Campinas

Dr. Roberta Silva Machado | FACAMP - Faculdades de Campinas

“Practices of Women Permanent Representatives at the United Nations”

Dr. Ingvild Bode | Centre for War Studies, University of Southern Denmark

Dr. Cristina Stefan | University of Leeds

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Discussant: Dr. Whitney Szmodis | Lehigh University

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Global Challenges and the Sustainable Development Goals

“Power Dynamics Behind the Development Discourse”

Dr. Tadashi Hirai | University of Cambridge

“Persuasion and Voluntary Commitments within the United Nations”

Dr. Michael Manulak | Carleton University

“Towards a Strengthened Collective Offer? The Impact of UNDS Reforms at the Country-Level”

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UN Global Compacts: Governing Migrants and Refugees by Nicholas R. Micinski

UN Global Compacts is a concise introduction to the key concepts, issues, and actors in global migration governance and presents a comprehensive analysis of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, the Global Compact on Refugees, and the Global Compact for Migration. The book places the declaration and compacts within their historical context, traces the evolution of global migration governance, and evaluates the implementation of the compacts. Ultimately, the global compacts were the result of three wider shifts in global governance from hard to soft law, from rights to aid, and from Cold War politics to nationalism. The book is an important contribution to international relations and migration studies and provides essential information on the NY declaration and the global compacts.

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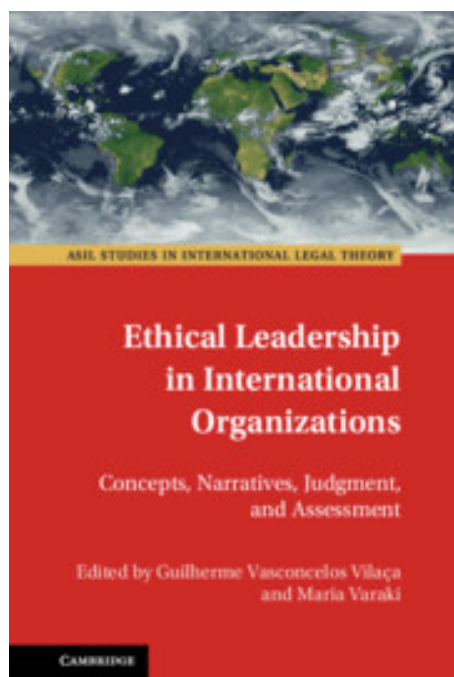
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Dr. Marie McAuliffe | International Organization for Migration

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[Ethical Leadership in International Organizations: Concepts, Narratives, Judgments, and Assessments](#)
 edited by Guilherme Vasconcelos Vilaça and Maria Varaki

This book offers an innovative interdisciplinary approach that elucidates the importance of virtue ethics to help better understand the role of leadership in international organisations. The authors use a combination of theoretical and conceptual narratives as well as case studies to highlight both the advantages and weaknesses that the angle of virtue ethics offers. A particularly important step in times of uncertainty or crisis when the demand for leadership becomes more urgent yet more daunting. In this sense, this volume oscillates between critique and hope, since it provides a plausible, rather than a purely abstract, approach to the conceptualization and concretization of ethical leadership.

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- Dr. Charlotte Ku | Texas A&M University

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“Making the UN Fit for Purpose: Getting Beyond the Challenges of Nationalist Populism and Covid-19”

Dr. Roger Coate | Georgia College

“On UN Leadership in a Conflictual World Order”

Dr. F. Grace Kpohazounde | United Nations

“Without Civil Society the UN can never be Fit for Future”

Dr. Cyril Ritchie | Union of International Associations

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Dr. Giulia Cappellaro | Bocconi University

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