

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Cooperative Multipolar System: In Quest for a New World Order

3 - 4 October 2024, Hotel Aleksandar Palace - Skopje

Day 1

10:00-10:30 OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome Speech: Prof. Biljana Vankovska, Head, Global Changes Center, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje

Opening Address: Prof. Dr. Biljana Angelova, Rector, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje

Opening Address: HE Hu Lei, Charge d'affairs of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Macedonia

10:30-11:00 – Photo session and coffee break

11:00-13:00

FORUM WITH THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: LET'S TALK ABOUT MULTIPLICITY

Moderator: Toni Mileski

1. Zhang Weiwei, Fudan University, „China and Cooperative Multipolarity“
2. Jan Oberg, Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research, “Democracy, Peace and Cooperation in a Multipolar World”
3. Richard Sakwa, Kent University, „The Culture of the Second Cold War“
4. Radhika Desai, University of Manitoba, “The Crisis of (Western Imperialist) 'Multilateralism' as an Opportunity for the World Majority“

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:00

ONLINE DISCUSSION WITH THE SPECIAL GUESTS

Host: Biljana Vankovska

1. Mohammad Marandi, University of Teheran, „The Axes of Resistance and the Decline of the US Empire“
2. Ivor Chipkin, New South Institute, „Anti-Imperialism, National Democratic Revolution in South African and the Global South“
3. Vladimir Pryakhin, Russian State University for the Humanities (RGGU), “The Ideological Grounds of Diplomacy”?

15:00-16:30

PANEL DISCUSSION I: DEFINING A COOPERATIVE MULTIPOLAR WORLD

1. Stavros Mavroudeas, Panteion University, “De-globalisation and the Return of the Theory of Imperialism“
2. Radmila Nakarada, University of Belgrade, “Increasing global transformative capacities vs. inertia of the irrational“
3. Glenn Diesen, University of South-Eastern Norway, “Greater Eurasia as a Multipolar Concept“
4. Hussein Askary, the Belt and Road Institute in Sweden, "Dawn of a New World Order: The Supremacy of Economics over Geopolitics"
5. Dragana Mitrovic, University of Belgrade, "BRICS Plus: contribution to the formation of the Cooperative Multipolar System - limits and potentials“
6. Werner Raza, Austrian Foundation for Development Research (ÖFSE), “The EU in the emerging multipolar global order: some preliminary conceptual reflections“

DAY 2

9:00-10:15

PANEL DISCUSSION II: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

1. Igor Radev, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, “Civilization(s): singular or plural?“
2. Clemens Huchel, Peace Institute Potsdam, Germany, “We the Civil Society—a Center of Power!? Impact of Civil Society on Peace and Flourishing Nature“
3. Otilia Sofron, Technical College Independenta, “Peace education in Romania“.
4. Zhidas Daskalovski, Faculty of Security, “Democratization of International Relations and Global Governance“.
5. Dejan Marolov and Jordanka Galeva, Goce Delcev University, “Navigating the Nexus: Exploring the Interplay between the Russia-Ukraine Conflict and Future Wars in Europe“

10:15-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-11:45

PANEL DISCUSSION III: MAKING PEACE POSSIBLE IN THE TIME OF MONSTERS

1. Bülent Sarper Ağır, Aydın Adnan Menderes Üniversitesi, “The Emerging Multipolarity and the Implications of (Dis)Engagement of the US Foreign Policy on the Western Balkans”.
2. Biljana Vankovska, Global Changes Center, “The Western Balkans Multipolar Puzzle: Between the West and the Rest”
3. Toni Mileski, Global Changes Center, “Macedonia between the failed and a new strategic hedging concept”
4. Konstantin Minovski and Antoanela Petkovska, Faculty of Philosophy, “Interculturalism as one of the pillars of multipolarity: objective reality versus the false ideology of the elites”
5. Adrian Waters, University of Graz, “The crisis of liberal hegemony in the Western Balkans”.

11:45-13:00

PANEL DISCUSSION IV: INTERPLAY AND DYNAMICS OF SUBREGIONS AND REGIONAL POWERS

1. Jovan Pejkovski, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, „Political and Economic Dimensions of Multipolarity“
2. Sanja Jelisavac Trošić and Mitko Arnaudov, Institute of International Politics and Economics, „Political and economic challenges and opportunities of small states in the chapter of re-building infrastructure of international relations: A case study of Serbia and North Macedonia“
3. Danilo Babić, Institute of International Politics and Economics, „Place of Sub-Saharan Africa in the multipolar world: Between the Dragon, the Polar Bear, and the European 'Gateway'“.
4. Oncel Sencerman, Aydın Adnan Menderes University, “Rwanda’s Transformation Into a Regional Power“.
5. Blagica Sekovska, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, “Food security: an important factor in the time of the global changes“.

13:00-14:00 END OF THE CONFERENCE (Farewell Lunch)