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The possibility of governing nuclear technology, climate change and other global challenges is currently predicated on the assumption of liberal international order informed by an understanding of state responsibility. However, this order is experiencing a period of disruption that has placed stress on extant and emerging global governance regimes and brought the assumption of their efficacy and viability into doubt. This panel will focus on how cooperative, effective governance of potentially planet-altering issues like nuclear weapons, climate change, or emerging technologies and exploration can be fostered or derailed by the international political context in which it develops and whether and how that context contributes to exploitative, exclusionary governance by domination or imposition.

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