

Perpetual Crisis, World (Re)Ordering and Peace: Perspectives from the Margins

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In this panel, we bring together contributions examining the recent crisis and critiques of the Liberal International Order in Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS) and IR. Questioning conceptions of a 'universal' world order centered around geopolitics and 'unitary' conceptions of peace, we focus on processes and contestations emanating from the margins (e.g. from the Global South). We seek to (un-)cover critiques of and possible alternatives to existing conceptions of world order and peace emanating from groups, practices and discourses at the margins of the established world polity. These are often easily overlooked as colonial, imperial, patriarchal and heteronormative power structures have influenced academic knowledge production in PACS and IR. The papers focus on alternative perspectives from the 'margins' across North and South to facilitate a better understanding of the plurality of world orders and discourses on peace, examining how imaginations that emerge from the margins critically engage with the status quo. The panel brings together interdisciplinary views in PACS and IR to show how dialogic encounters between different epistemic spaces (North-South; disciplines; concepts and methods) enable us to find crucial perspectives in the face of the multiple crises that current imaginations of world order and peace seem unable to address.

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