

Future Peace: Peacemaking in an era of multipolar geopolitics, authoritarianism, and “new” actors

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This roundtable seeks to discuss the prospects for peace and peacemaking amid the collapse of the Liberal International Order. The current peacemaking landscape lies somewhere between the fragmentation of the existing system, the remnants of that system (e.g., the UN Permanent 5) and emergence of apparently new peacemaking actors and modalities. The roundtable discussion will revolve around where to place the BRICS, authoritarian peacemakers, regional organisations and others in a changing peacemaking landscape in which ideas and practices of international cooperation, democracy, rights and civil society seem under threat. Practical, conceptual and ethical concerns attend the decline of liberal internationalism and the rise of alternative forms of peacemaking. These real world changes also pose questions for Peace and Conflict Studies – especially its critical branches – and how issues of sustainability, redistributive justice, and rights can fit within emerging paradigms for peace. The Roundtable will be structured via a set of questions from the chair and involves a mix of established and early career scholars as well as scholars originating from the global north and the global south.

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