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Political Ideologies After Unipolarity: Navigating Power and Ideas in a Multipolar World

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The erosion of U.S.-led unipolarity has catalyzed a multipolar world, reshaping political ideologies and their geopolitical consequences. This panel examines how liberalism, populism, neo-socialism, and techno-nationalism evolve amid global challenges—climate change, tech rivalries, and economic fragmentation—challenging IR theories (realism, constructivism, critical geopolitics). Papers explore how Trump’s 2025 “America First” policies, China’s state capitalism, Europe’s green liberalism, and Global South neo-socialism redefine sovereignty, national interest, and global governance. Do these ideologies entrench zero-sum rivalries or foster cooperative frameworks? How do rising powers and non-state actors shape ideological landscapes? Discussing conflicts such as the U.S. CHIPS Act, China’s Standards 2035, and EU climate policies, the panel interrogates whether ideological pluralism can address existential risks or exacerbate global tensions. By bridging theory and practice, presenters offer critical insights into how ideologies influence state strategies, global value chains, and crisis responses, illuminating the future of international order in a post-unipolar era.

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