

Section 8– Relazioni Internazionali

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Panel 8.2 World order down. Great powers confrontation up. Again. What next?

The world order that the coalition of the United States and the Western countries created after the Second World War has been losing grip on the world political system in the past 50 years. The world policy-making institutions like the UN, IMF, and WTO have been less and less capable of restraining violence, maintaining stability, and providing growth. Is the American order going to an end or does it have the support of states resolute and able to turn down the expectation of those who want to go beyond? Is the coalition of the states that will set up the next world order now in the making? Who will be the leader and who the members of the defiant coalition? What international values and principles and what policies the next world hegemon country and coalition will oppose to the present ones? What kind of confrontation the two coalitions will run?

The panel papers will explore such questions by any theoretic, conceptual, empirical, and forecasting perspective. The power transition theory as well as the hegemonic stability theory and the structural realist theory are the mostly used explanatory framework. Yet, the features of the current world politics challenge altogether or partially existing theories and concepts. In the 'globalised' world, the science of international politics has to make concept-reshaping in order to refer to, and empirically test hypotheses about, relevant pieces of reality like what and who discredited the American world order, what status quo and revisionist politics are today, what power and coalition strategy will prize the countries that want to exit from the present disorder. Last, the panel papers will tackle the most intriguing forecasting questions. Which coalition of countries, led by which revisionist country, is going to promote the new project of world order? Will the revisionist and status quo coalitions prevail on one another at the cost of the third world war? Or will they opt for merging their own world order project into a compact, and jointly provide the resources needed to sustain the process?

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