

Conference and Call for papers: Visions of World Society beyond the West

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The emerging literature on peripheral approaches to the global order has sparked debates on the contingent character of the so-called 'Liberal International Order'. It has retrieved less visible or forgotten voices in world politics, as well as reconstructed the ways in which these voices have contested international norms and institutions. However, much of this literature has focused on recovering the different forms of resistance by a so-called 'non-West' to the dominant order imposed by 'the West'. How these actors have acted beyond responding to Western scripts and practices calls for more exploration.

The aim of this workshop is to investigate the full spectrum of agency beyond the West, with a focus on how different actors have shaped and contested the normative structure of the world order, as well as imagined and constructed alternatives to it. It will seek to shed light on how a variety of actors have articulated their own visions of the relationship between states as well as the relationship between the state and the individual. It will explore the diversity of visions from peripheries, the ways in which they have been pursued, and the degree to which they have been realised. Of particular interest are visions that pertain to the ideological and/or moral dimensions of world society.

We welcome contributions from the disciplines of International Relations, History, Sociology and Philosophy, as well as multidisciplinary approaches. Contributions can be theoretical and/or empirical, but should speak to one of the following core dimensions of global order:

- i)* The political: distribution and regulation of power;
- ii)* The economic: (re)distribution of resources and wealth;
- iii)* The normative/legal: shared norms and rules that should form the basis for all countries to act on their own or collectively in pursuit of their self-interest or collective interest.

How to apply & deadline:

To apply, please send an abstract of no more than 350 words and a short bio to: beyondthewest23@gmail.com by 15 July 2023.

Participants will be notified by 31 July 2023.

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