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The Fourth Global Institutional Reform (GIR) Workshop

June 6-7, 2014

This workshop is the fourth in an almost annual series on global governance co-sponsored by the Project on the Future of Multilateralism (WWS) at Princeton University, the Global Summitry Project at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, The International Institutions and Global Governance Program, Council on Foreign Relations and the Stanley Foundation. This year we are fortunate to have Oxford University joining the sponsors. All the sponsors are particularly appreciative of the cooperation from Andrew Hurrell. The GIR workshop will take place in the Department of Politics and International Relations, Manor Road, Oxford, beginning at 10.00 on Friday 6th June and ending at lunchtime on Saturday 7th June. The format will be brief (5, maximum 10 minute) opening remarks followed by free-flowing discussion.

Over the last number of years, beginning in 2010, this Workshop has brought together academicians, international and national officials and policy experts to explore the evolving state of global governance and global summitry. While the Workshop has shifted from a more academic to a more policy approach, as the agendas describe, the GIR Workshop has always sought to expose the current state of global institutions and policy making that make up global governance and global summitry.

This year we believe will be no different. We hope there will be intense dialogue around the current state of global institutions and global governance decision-making.

Day One: Friday, June 6

From 9.15: Coffee, Manor Road Common Room

**10.00 - 10.15: Sponsors and Opening Remarks
Manor Road Building, Seminar Room G**

Alan Alexandroff (Munk School, University of Toronto)

Andrew Hurrell (Oxford University)

John Ikenberry (Princeton University)

Stewart Patrick (Council on Foreign Relations)

Keith Porter (The Stanley Foundation)

10:15– 11:30: Panel One: Is There a Crisis of Global Governance?

Initially this session was designed to explore the loss of momentum, or the decline in urgency at the G20 Leaders Summit. For many observers the G20 Leaders Summit operated reasonably effectively as a crisis committee, after the 2008 global financial crisis, but had failed to make a transition to a global governance steering committee. Observers especially among the media have been quick to declare the various Leaders gatherings as failures. Such declarations raise the question – what would constitute success?

These questions of effectiveness now have to be seen in the light of the apparent return of great power rivalry. The recent actions by Russia, a member of the BRICS, the G8 and G20, in Crimea look an awful like traditional great power politics. As some have suggested we have come to the close of the post-Cold War era. How can the Informals act collaboratively and meet the challenges global governance – acting concert-like policymaking – when traditional great power behavior has returned.

Chair: John Ikenberry (Princeton University)

Dan Drezner (Tufts University)

Andrew Hurrell (Oxford University)

Philip Stephens (Financial Times)

Ngairé Woods (Oxford University)

11.45 - 12.00: Break

12.00 – 13.30: Panel Two: New Blocs and Coalitions in Global Governance
Manor Road Building Lecture Theater

Is There Growing Fragmentation (G20, BRICS, MIKTA, and IBSA) in the Informals and what are its consequences for global governance collaboration? Do these new groupings create oppositional groups within the Informals, especially at the G20, that in the end undermine concert-like behavior and make collaborative decision-making less likely? And if this is so do we see that the locus of governance is increasingly found elsewhere - in regions and possibly even cities such as the C40 on the question of climate change?

Or are these groups no more than caucus groupings and dialogue settings where the policy initiatives are hammered out and that then taken to the larger Informals setting?

Chair: Andrew Hurrell (Oxford University)

Chris Alden (London School of Economics)

Alan S Alexandroff (Munk School)

Amrita Narlikar (Cambridge University)

Stewart Patrick (Council on Foreign Relations)

13.45 -14.30: Lunch, Manor Road Building Common Room

14.30 – 16.00: Panel Three: Sovereignty norms versus R2P and RWP

Are the major states coming to agreement over the norms of intervention, or are we witnessing a deep clash over basic norms in such setting as Syria? And what are the consequences for the protection of vulnerable populations? How are Brazil, India, in particular as democratic rising states and other rising states defining the norms governing human rights and R2P?

Chair: Jennifer Smyser (The Stanley Foundation)

Neil Macfarlane (Oxford University)

Ricardo Soares de Oliveira (Oxford University)

Jennifer Welsh (European University Institute)

16.00 – 16.30: Break

16.30 – 18.00: Panel Four: Governing the Commons and the Transnational Forces.

Many of the global governance challenges - climate change, people movement, pandemics, and social violence – extend to the global commons or represent transnational forces that extend well beyond national borders and pose serious problems free riding. Can the Informals effectively tackle these challenges? If it is possible how?

Chair: Stewart Patrick (Council on Foreign Relations)

Alex Betts (Oxford University)

Ian Goldin (Oxford University)

Michael Grubbs (Cambridge University)

Thomas Hale (Oxford University)

19.00: Drinks. Old Common Room, Balliol College

20.00: Dinner, Hall, Balliol College

Day Two: Saturday, June 7

Manor Road Building Lecture Theater

9.30 – 11.00: Panel Five: China and/vs US and Global Governance

What is China thinking and doing? How can we interpret China's actions in the South China and the East China Seas? What can we conclude from the meeting of Presidents at Sunnylands? And what do we draw from China's reactions to Russia's intervention in the Crimea. Is China becoming a stakeholder or a spoiler? What is the nature of the clash between China and the western order? Is the United States leading from behind; or essentially not leading at all? Has dysfunction in Washington and inside the US imperiled US responsible stakeholderhood?

Chair: Alan S Alexandroff (Munk School)

Mark Leonard (European Council on Foreign Relations)

Paola Subacchi (Chatham House)

Yves Tiberghien (University of British Columbia)

11.00 – 11.30: coffee break

11.30 – 13.00: Panel Six: Is Global Governance Possible?

Is the pace of social, economic and technological change overwhelming global governance? Do the rapid changes in the above make concert-like behavior difficult, if not impossible? And further does concert-like behavior require that all states adopt similar regimes – in other words great powers some of which are authoritarian and others that are democrat cannot in fact act in concert.

Chair: John Ikenberry (Princeton University)

Robert Cooper (European External Action Service)

Mick Cox (London School of Economics)

Dan Deudney (Johns Hopkins University)

Kalyso Nicolaidis (Oxford University)

Gideon Rachman (Financial Times)

Closing Remarks

13.00: Lunch, Manor Road Common Room