

Best Practices to Save Multilateralism

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Multilateralism is under unprecedented strain. From great-power rivalry and the fragmentation of the global order to the growing contestation of norms and institutions, the international system faces profound challenges to its legitimacy and effectiveness. This panel explores the latest research on the vulnerabilities of the current multilateral order and the innovative practices that could restore trust and strengthen global cooperation. It draws on the findings of a three-year project conducted by the ENSURED consortium, which brings together universities, think tanks and civil society organizations from across Europe, Brazil, India, South Africa, China and the United States. Join us for a dynamic panel on the best practices to save multilateralism, where our panelists will address the following themes:

- How can current multilateral practices bolster more effective, robust and democratic global governance?
- What lessons can be drawn from ongoing multilateral debates, particularly the contestation surrounding global digital governance?
- Which traditional practices remain well suited to a multipolar world, and which BRICS practices could strengthen multilateralism at the global level?

Host:

Dr. Michael Franczak: Senior Researcher in Multilateralism and Global Governance, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, USA

Panel:

Prof. Hylke Dijkstra: Full Professor of International Security and Cooperation at Maastricht University, The Netherlands, and the Project Coordinator of the Horizon project ENSURED

Mr. Ettore Greco: Executive Vice President and Head of the Multilateralism and Global Governance Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy.

Dr. Federica Marconi: Researcher, Multilateralism and Global Governance Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy.

Dr. Mihaela Papa: Director of Research and Principal Research Scientist, Center for International Studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Director, BRICS Lab at MIT, USA.

Discussant:

Dr. Stella Ladi: Senior Fellow, Global Governance Innovation Platform, United Nations University Centre for Policy Research, USA; Professor in Public Policy at Queen Mary University of London, UK; and, an Associate Professor at Panteion University in Athens, Greece.

