



GLOBAL CHANGES CENTER

## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The Global Changes Center, hosted by the Faculty of Philosophy at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, extends a warm invitation to scholars and researchers worldwide to participate in the upcoming international conference titled “Cooperative Multipolar System: In Quest for a New World Order,” scheduled for 3 and 4 October 2024 in Skopje.

In conceptualizing the conference's central theme and guiding discussions, we draw inspiration from the cautionary words of Antonio Gramsci: “The old world is dying, and the new world struggles to be born: now is the time of monsters.” With this in mind, our conference aims to confront the challenges posed by the potential disastrous scenarios. Instead, our goal is to explore visions and ideas for the establishment of a just, harmonious and peaceful multipolar order. Recognizing that unipolarity is a relic of the past and that Cold War mentalities linger, our conference provides a platform for critical thinkers and courageous scholars to envision a more promising global future. Our primary objective is to assemble intellectuals from around the globe, fostering academic openness and a willingness to engage in multifaceted debates across various disciplines.

The conference places a significant emphasis on addressing pressing global issues, particularly the ongoing crisis in global governance. The apparent inability of institutions like the UN and other international actors to maintain international peace and security is a matter of paramount concern. We will delve into topics such as escalating militarization, the harrowing specter of genocidal policies, the looming threat of nuclear holocaust, and the growing apprehensions surrounding the ecological devastation of life on Earth. These critical challenges demand thoughtful examination and collaborative efforts to formulate effective solutions.

The conference is designed to attain ambitious and multifaceted goals, such as:

- **Enhancing Understanding:** Our primary goal is to foster a deeper comprehension of the root causes contributing to the current global crisis. By delving into the complexities of these issues, we aim to facilitate insightful discussions that can pave the way for informed solutions.

- **Fostering Global Scholarly Collaboration by Breaking Geopolitical Barriers:** We seek to dismantle the artificial divisions within academia that align with geopolitical spheres of interest. The conference provides a unique platform for the exchange of ideas from diverse corners of the world, transcending traditional boundaries and encouraging a more holistic approach to academic discourse.

- **Amplifying Academic Influence:** In recognizing the pivotal role of the academic community, we aspire to explore avenues through which scholars can effectively voice their perspectives and influence centers of power. By leveraging collective intellectual prowess, we aim to contribute to shaping policies and decisions that impact our global landscape.



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- **Collaborative Research Initiatives:** The conference serves as a nexus for the exchange of ideas regarding collaborative research projects. We encourage participants to explore possibilities that transcend geopolitical faultlines, fostering cooperative efforts to address shared challenges and contribute to the advancement of knowledge.

- **Fostering Solidarity and Empathy:** Beyond academic discourse, our conference aims to make a tangible impact on the broader global community. By raising public awareness, we aspire to cultivate international solidarity and empathy for those who are oppressed and endangered. Through shared understanding, we hope to inspire collective action for positive change.

From the wide array of potential discussion themes, we highlight just a few as guiding points:

- *Theoretical Foundations of Multipolarity*
- *Political, Economic and Security Dimensions of Multipolarity*
- *Democracy, Peace, and Cooperation in a Multipolar World*
- *Cultural Foundations of Multipolarity*
- *Deconstructing the Second (or Third) Cold War*
- *UN Crisis: Pathways to Repair*
- *Neocolonialism and Neo-Orientalism in Today's World*
- *Dealing with Geopolitical Barricades and Cancel Culture in Academia, Culture, and Intellectual Spheres*
- *Peace Education, Peace Journalism, and Global Civil Society*
- *Ecological Sustainability in Times of Crisis.*

These carefully selected themes aim to stimulate thought-provoking discussions, encourage interdisciplinary perspectives, and contribute to the overarching goal of envisioning a just and harmonious multipolar world. The interested scholars are welcome to propose different topics as well.

## CONFERENCE FORMAT

We enthusiastically invite both oral and written contributions, fostering a diverse range of perspectives. The conference format will embrace thematic panel sessions and remains flexible to incorporate round table discussions on specific issues of paramount importance. The final configuration of the conference will be thoughtfully crafted once the submission process concludes.

This inclusive approach seeks to accommodate various modes of scholarly expression, facilitating dynamic exchanges that enrich the depth and breadth of



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our discussions. By remaining open to different formats, we aim to provide a platform that caters to the varied preferences and strengths of our contributors. We believe this adaptability will contribute to a vibrant and engaging conference experience, fostering collaborative exploration and insightful dialogue among participants.

We look forward to assembling a program that reflects the diversity of thought and expertise within our global community of scholars, ensuring a rich and multifaceted exchange of ideas.

## DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION

- Submission of presentation (or paper) titles and abstracts (max. 300 words) by February 15, 2024
- Notification about the acceptance by March 1, 2024

## SUBMISSION OF TITLES AND PAPERS

Titles, abstracts and papers should be sent to Biljana Vankovska at [biljanav@fzf.ukim.edu.mk](mailto:biljanav@fzf.ukim.edu.mk), Toni Mileski at [toni@fzf.ukim.edu.mk](mailto:toni@fzf.ukim.edu.mk) or to the Global Changes Center at [gcc@fzf.ukim.edu.mk](mailto:gcc@fzf.ukim.edu.mk).

For conference participants planning to present papers, we kindly ask them to submit full papers no later than August 31, 2024.

Your timely submission will enable our organizing committee to thoroughly consider each proposal, ensuring a well-crafted and diverse program.

Should you have any queries or require additional information, do not hesitate to reach out to the provided contacts. We eagerly anticipate your contributions and look forward to hosting a conference that showcases the depth and breadth of research and ideas within our global academic community.

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