

Shifting global power

Start date	9 June 2018	Time	10:00 – 16:45
Venue	Madingley Hall Madingley Cambridge		
Tutor	Ian Shields	Course code	1718NDX037

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Tutor biography

Ian Shields spent 32 years in the Royal Air Force as a navigator initially on the Vulcan bomber, but latterly on the Hercules transport aircraft. He deployed to theatres as diverse as the Falkland Islands and Afghanistan, and commanded No 47 Squadron from 2001 – 2003. In the latter stages of his military career he entered a very academic stream, gaining 2 post-graduate degrees and ending his career in an MoD think-tank where he led a team looking forward 40 years to consider the use of air and space power. Ian is presently working on his PhD on British Media-Government Relations, is a regular commentator in the Media, and is employed as a part-time lecturer and supervisor within the fields of International Relations and Security Studies.

Course programme

09:30	Terrace bar open for pre-course tea/coffee
10:00 – 11:15	Introduction: The Role of Power in the International Order and How Did We get to Where We Are Today?
11:15	Coffee
11:45 – 13:00	A Period of Transition – American Decline, The Rise of Others?
13:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	Power Today: Is It Still All About The State?
15:15	Tea
15:30 – 16:45	Shifting Global Power: Future Trends?
16:45	Day-school ends

Course syllabus

Aims:

This is a general-interest course that aims to introduce those attending to the general concepts surrounding how power is exercised at the level of international politics. It will seek to introduce you to the ideas of a vertical, rules-based international order that is dominated by powerful state(s), and consider what happens when a hegemonic power is in decline. It will examine whether the idea of the State is as all-powerful as it once was, consider the increasing role of non-State bodies, such as International Organisations (the UN) and Non-Governmental Organisations (the Charity sector, the Media) and consider how these shifts are playing out in contemporary shifts in global power. It will seek to provoke a more nuanced understanding of today's globalised world, and where threats – and opportunities – might arise in the future.

Content:

The course will examine the development of the international order as we recognise it today, with the State at its centre. It will ask what happens when a hegemonic power declines, and consider how this increases instability. It will consider who the rising powers are, and ask what their intentions might be, and look at challenges to this established order from both powers that are not States, and whether indeed the very order we have so painstakingly created over the past half century is still fit for purpose. Throughout the day there will be plenty of time to explore other topics and issues, and the course is designed to be flexible.

Presentation of the course:

The course will be delivered through 4 classroom-based sessions, each comprising a lecture and discussion period, although the nature of the topics invites participation throughout the day.

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

Develop their analytical skills through exploring a contributory factor to today's world order.

Evaluate the changing role, importance and longevity of today's State-based international system.

Identify the challenges the world faces in this period of transition

Consider the effects of the possible decline of state-based hegemonic power.

Reading and resources list

Listed below are texts that might be of interest should you wish to supplement your learning on the course. Any essential reading is marked with an asterisk *

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Ferguson, Niall, (2011),	<i>Civilization: The West and the Rest</i> ,	London: Allen Lane, 2011.
Jacques, Martin (2009),	<i>When China Rules the World: The End of the Western World and the Birth of a New Global Order</i> ,	New York: Penguin.
Khana, Parag, (2008)	<i>Second World: How Emerging Powers are Redefining Global Competition in the Twenty-First Century</i> ,	New York: Random House.
Kupchan, C., (2012),	<i>No One's World: The West, the Rest, and the Coming Global Turn</i> ,	Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Mahbubani, K. (2008),	<i>The New Asian Hemisphere: The Irresistible Shift of Global Power to the East</i> ,	New York: Public Affairs.
Nye, Joseph, (2011),	<i>The Future of Power</i> ,	New York: Public Affairs.
Nye, Joseph, (2005),	<i>Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics</i> ,	New York: Public Affairs.
Rachman, Gideon, (2010),	<i>Zero-Sum World: Politics, Power and Prosperity After the Crash</i> ,	London: Atlantic Books.
Zakaria, Fareed, (2008),	<i>The Post American World</i> ,	New York: Norton.

Website addresses

www.un.org is the starting point for the UN's enormous website which includes all its specialist agencies, and also has map resources to access.

www.globalpolicy.org is dedicated to monitoring global policy-making via UN organisations.

www.carleton.ca/cifp this is a database of Country Indicators for Foreign Policy, which includes economic, social and political factors.

www.oecd.org Website of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, containing access to lots of information on its programmes and member states.

www.oneworld.org provides a very useful analysis by a number of NGOs of development issues and global problems.

www.worldbank.org is the official website of the World Bank.

www.wto.int is the official website of the World Trade Organization.

www.opec.org is the official website for the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

www.g77.org is the official site of the Group 77, a coalition of Third World states that promote collective economic interests.

www.theglobalist.com is an online daily newspaper on issues relating to the global political economy.

Additional information

Venue

Details of how to find Madingley Hall can be found on our website:
<http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/who-we-are/how-to-find-the-institute>

Refreshments

Tea and coffee and lunch will be provided. If you have any specific dietary requirements or allergies and have not already advised us, please inform our Admissions Team on ice.admissions@ice.cam.ac.uk or +44 (0)1223 746262.

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