

PhD Conference

Security in a multipolar world: legal challenges and opportunities

Date: 27 May 2022

Venue: Zoom

The dawn of the twenty-first century brought with it post-cold war, post East-West power relations, and the growing influence of non-state actors on the international scene. It has been suggested that whilst the traditional international threat of external aggression retains certain credibility, it is no longer the sole challenge to states' security. There are also suggestions that the current global security dialogue goes beyond traditional national policy objectives and focuses on relative human well-being.

The past decade has witnessed considerable change to the established international order. Possibly the most prominent of these has been the emergence of China as a major economic power, a change that threatens to shift geopolitical power away from the US, more or less hegemonic since the end of the Second World War, and towards a more multipolar world.

This picture is further complicated by the rise of large 'Big Tech' companies taking on state-like capabilities and emerging tensions in Eastern Europe. These and other global events and patterns threaten to alter current conceptions of security.

The conference aims to provide a forum for discussion of these issues. It seeks to consider possible responses to the challenges that a rapidly changing world will bring from various legal perspectives. Speakers will be drawn from several disciplines and will deliver papers that seek to identify and analyse the legal challenges and opportunities to security in a multipolar world.

Call for Papers

We invite abstracts (max. 400 words) from research students in all relevant disciplines.

Papers are especially welcome which touch upon any of the following issues:

- Collective security
- Human rights
- The use of force
- The role of international governmental organisations
- Digitisation/Tech regulation
- International financial governance
- Global Health crisis
- The global migrant crisis
- Censorship and cancel culture
- The growing gender divide/debate
- The media's role in democracy
- Global security in a multipolar world
- The climate crisis and the emerging green energy revolution
- The China/Taiwan question

Abstracts should be emailed to Emmanuel Ebikake (E.E.Ebikake@2017.ljmu.ac.uk) or Andrew Munro (A.B.Munro@2019.ljmu.ac.uk).

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 6 April 2022

Who Should Attend?

The conference will be of interest to legal scholars, political scientists, historians, sociologists, military experts, diplomats, and policy-makers.

Registration

Interested attendees will be able to register online shortly.

For further information...

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