



Global Governance Research Group

Building Alternative Coalitions for Global Governance

Online conference, Wednesday 17 June 2026 (9 am to 5 pm CET)

8:45 Zoom connection

8:55 am to 9:05 am: Welcome by Sarah Wolff, Professor of International Studies & Global Politics, Leiden University, member of the UNA Europa Self-Steering Committee on Europe and the World

9:05 am to 10:00 am: Session 1 – Evolving perspectives on global governance: chair Sarah Wolff

9:05 am to 9:20 am: *Rules-based order: charmed existence or chimera and challenge?*, by Keith Best, Chair Universal Peace Federation (UK), convenor of International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace; Chair & CEO Wyndham Place Charlemagne Trust, trustee Commonwealth Countries League, One World Trust; Patron of European-Atlantic Movement.

9:20 am to 9:35 am: *International Relations Fail, While Interpopular Connections Prosper*, by Wolfgang Pape, currently an author in Bruxelles after Fellowships in Seoul and Taipei.

9:35 am to 9:50 am: *The EU-Canada Partnership as an Alternative Global Governance Coalition?*, Jan Wouters, Full Professor, Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven.

9:50 am to 10 am: Discussion

10 am to 10:15 am: Break

10:15 am to 10:45 am: Session 2 – Tackling Climate Change and the Reduction of Poverty: chair to be confirmed

10:15 am to 10:30 am: *Local and Regional Governments in Alternative Climate Coalitions: Scale, Functions and Implications for the Future of Global Climate Governance*, Michał Dulak, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Political Science and International Relations at the Jagiellonian University.

10:30 am to 10:45 am: *The New Wars and the Pursuit Poverty Reduction*, Nicholas Sowels, Senior Lecturer in English for economics, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University.

10:45 am to 11:45 am: Session 3 – The Arctic as a New Domain of Global Security and Geopolitical Tension: chair Michał Dulak

10:45 am to 11:00 am: *Governing China's Polar Silk Road: Balancing Trade, Investment and Sustainability*, by Qingxiu Bu, is Reader in Global Law at the School of Law, Politics and Sociology at the University of Sussex.

11:00 am to 11:15 am: *The European Union Looking North: An Arctic Vision*, by María Lozano Vicario, European Union Studies from the National University of Distance Education (UNED).

11:15 am to 11:30 am: *Greenland and the Geopolitics of Law: The Arctic as a Testing Ground for a Fragmenting International Order*, by Elena Conde, Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

11:30 am to 11:45 am: Discussion

11:45 am to 12 noon: Break

12 noon to 1:15 pm: Session 4 – South–South Cooperation: chair Michał Dulak

12:00 pm to 12:15 pm: *Mapping the New Order: The Distribution of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the Belt and Road Initiative's Projects in the Global South*, by Unai Gomez-Hernandez, Joint PhD at the University of Edinburgh and KU Leuven.

12:15 pm to 12:30 pm: *The BRICS Between Assertiveness and Attractiveness: Climate Leadership and Global Governance in a Transforming Global Order*, by Francesco Petrone, Lecturer in International Relations at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya and Professor of Global History and History of Philosophy in Italy.

12:30 pm to 12:45 pm: *Competing Norm Entrepreneurs in BRICS: Prospects for an Alternative Global Governance Order*, by Harjeet Singh, Director of the Middle East & West Asia Department at Geo Strata Foundation.

12:45 pm to 1 pm: *The Indian Strategic Gaze upon the Global South: Indian Participation, Prowess and Potential in the Global South*, by Shreya Pandey, Assistant Professor of Political Science, and Dhiraj Mani Pathak, Assistant Professor in Economics, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi.

1 pm to 1:15 pm discussion

1:15 pm to 2:30 pm: Lunch pause

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm: Session 5a – Creating a Coalition of the Willing in Trade: Maria C. Latorre

2:30 pm to 2:45 pm: *Rethinking EU Trade Policy under Open Strategic Autonomy: The Anti-Coercion Instrument, Economic Deterrence and Coalition Alternatives in the Age of Weaponised Interdependence*, by Eugenia Baroncelli, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Bologna, Department of Political and Social Sciences.

2:45 pm to 3 pm: *Open Strategic Interdependence: Building a Coalition for Predictable Trade in Strategic Technologies*, by Joel Christoph, Fellow at the School of Government of the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and a Technology & Human Rights Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School.

3 pm to 3:15 pm: *Prototyping a 'coalition of the willing' to manage trade and investment in critical minerals needed for the green transition*, Maciej Jastrzebiec-Pyszynski, Ph.D. Jagiellonian University.

3:15 pm to 3:30 pm discussion

3:30 pm to 3:45 pm Break

3:45 pm to 4:30 pm: Session 5b – Creating a Coalition of the Willing in Trade: Maria C. Latorre

3:45 pm to 4 pm: *Building 'Coalitions of the Willing' for Second-Best World Trading Systems Protecting Public Goods*, by Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann, emeritus professor for international and European law and former head of the Law Department at the European University Institute Florence (Italy)

4 pm to 4:15 pm: *The Multilateral Trading System at a Crossroads: Lessons from its Origins for its Revival*, María Moreno Sancho, PhD student in International Trade Law, Complutense University.

4:15 pm to 4:30 pm *The EU's Capacity to Deter and Counteract Economic Coercion with the Anti-Coercion Instrument*, by Jing-Syuan Wong, PhD candidate in political and social science at Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm Discussion and conference conclusion, chaired by Kolja Raube, Programme Director of the Bachelor of European Studies at KU Leuven