

Book proposal: “The Great Convergence and the Remaking of World Order”

Call for contributions

The global world order, both as a concept and as a practice, has long been dominated by a few established powers, primarily the United States (US) and Western European countries. Currently, the Western-led international order based on the core-periphery power gap is gradually being replaced by a decentred multi-order. The Great Divergence, which characterised the explosive gap growth of per capita incomes between the West and the rest of the world starting the nineteenth century until the early 1970s, has been gradually replaced since the 1980s, by its opposite, the Great Convergence. In fact, in recent decades, the dynamics of international relations and economic influence have undergone significant transformation due to the rise of emerging powers such as BRICS (Brazil, Russia China, India, and South Africa), and, more recently, BRICS+ (besides the BRICS five founding states, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates).

The book will explain how through their foreign policy action according to their interests, values, and norms, their hard and soft power strategies, and the various local reactions to them, both established and emerging powers shape new global and regional economic, political-military, and normative agendas and orders.

The book will address but will not be limited to the following topics:

1. The shift of the geo-economic paradigm
2. Proxy wars and conflicts at peripheries in the great power competition and the remaking of world order
3. The US-China power transition and global governance
4. The future role of the European Union in the new world order
5. The roles of BRICS/BRICS+ in the new world order
6. Financial systems in the new world order
7. The Belt and Road Initiative and its alternatives’ impact on the future world order
8. The new international society in a more sustainable and resilient world order
9. The emerging powers’ quest for greater global influence through soft power tools
10. Scenarios of future world order

Target readers: The book will be useful for researchers, economic and political analysts, students and faculty specialising in international relations, geo-economics, development economics, international business management, geopolitics, security, strategic foresight and future studies. Other professionals at government and non-governmental levels, especially economy strategists responsible for business and foreign policy, policymakers, and business people interested in the impact of the emerging powers on the new world order will find this book particularly important in their professional work and study.

Target contributors: Target contributors include primarily faculty, scholars, and researchers, but may include also policymakers, industry and NGO practitioners of various countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and other regions of the world.

Estimated number of:

- Words: 180,000-200,000
- Pages (please note that each page will consist of 600-650 words): 300
- Line drawings/figures: 10-20
- Photographs (black/white): 00
- Photographs (colour): 00
- Tables: 20
- Others: 00

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Requirements for contributors:

12 Times New Roman, space 1.0, sources under the tables and figures. Each chapter should include an abstract, an introduction, references to the theories, discussion and references (APA style). British English is preferred. The figures should be editable. A chapter's maximum number of pages should be 20 and not less than 15.

For more information, to discuss possible topics, and to submit chapter proposals please contact the Editors.

Please submit your abstracts (150-200 words) **by the 15th of August 2024** to the Editors, Adrian Pop at pop@politice.ro, and Robert Dygas at rdygas1@sgh.waw.pl