

## International Conference on Global Peace amidst War and Conflict

### Concept Note

The modern world order has evolved from a bipolar one during the Cold War era to a unipolar one, which has grown to be dominated by the War on Terror. However, geo-economics remains the predominant factor in the formation of regional cooperation, alliances and the realm of International Relations at large. Recently, the rise of China and the emergence of new power centers have led to the weakening of the unipolar world order, which in turn has laid the foundation for new possibilities. The Belt & Road Initiative and CPEC have changed the domain of peace and conflict leading to new forms of cooperation as well as new forms of conflict.

Furthermore, the international security system, along with the economic system is in a state of transition. The Conference aims to analyze the emerging world order and subsequent changes in statecraft. Globalization, the BRI and the free economy have drastically changed the old order. New opportunities and new initiatives have arisen, giving birth to new alliances and new equations. These new equations may or may not lead to new conflicts, the complexities of which must also be taken into account. A rising China is seen in the West as a challenge which can turn the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia into new sites of contest.

The complexities of conflict are hence changing around the globe. In Europe, the existing system is being challenged by those who wish to redefine the basic values and the very character of the EU. The initial liberal framework is being challenged by a rise in right-wing nationalism that calls for stricter legislation on immigration. In a manner, the evolving world order is giving birth to economic power centres that are challenging the existing status quo on global economics and politics.

Currently, we are experiencing a time in which superpower rivalries and egoistic nationalism are seen to be on the rise again, along with prolonged internal conflicts. This has led to the rise in global organized crime, along with a growing insecurity, with regards to non-traditional security, which incorporates vulnerabilities such as the water crisis, or national disasters, for example. Hence, the global security discourse today must account for these vulnerabilities. These insecurities lead to the violation of human rights on a monumental scale, in turn preventing economic progress and development. In order for lasting peace to prevail, human security and peace must therefore be built upon justice and law.

The reconfiguration of the International Security System and global security perspectives has presented challenges for each and every nation. It is within this dynamic international system, states must continue to evolve to effectively address the challenges and opportunities presented to the world's nations.

The Conference aims to examine these new challenges and new opportunities by discussing the following themes:

Session One- Evolving Global Order

Session Two- Geo-Politics and Transforming State

Session Three: Transforming Socio-Economic Order

Session Four: International Security: Traditional/Non Traditional

Session Five: Hybrid Applications Impinging upon National Security