

'Perspectives on the Changing Global Balance of Power'

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The journal *POLITICS*, with financial support from the Political Studies Association and Wiley-Blackwell, is organising a one-day workshop on 'Perspectives on the Changing Global Balance of Power.'

Two decades after the end of the Cold War the global balance of power is characterised in a variety of different ways: 'unipolar,' 'multipolar,' 'nonpolar.' While the changing nature of the global balance of power is often noted, it is rarely analysed seriously and never from the perspectives of the key protagonists. This will be the first workshop to do so by bringing together leading experts on the key world powers, both established and emerging, to reflect upon how their positions in the global balance of power have changed in the past two decades and how they are likely to develop in the next two. It is particularly appropriate to consider this issue now as the global economic crisis has arguably reinforced the global rebalancing of power.

Leading scholars will present papers on the perspectives of eight established or rising powers -- Brazil, China, the European Union, India, Japan, Russia, South Africa and the United States -- and a 'horizontal' paper looking at the implications of the changing balance of power for the legitimacy of the institutions of global governance. The confirmed participants include: Shaun Breslin (University of Warwick); Hugo Dobson (University of Sheffield); John Dumbrell (Durham University); Eduard Jordaan (Singapore Management University); Paulo Sotero (Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars); Andrei Tsygankov (San Francisco State University); Christian Wagner (SWP – German Institute for International and Security Affairs) Richard Whitman (University of Bath); and Michael Zürn (WZB – Social Science Research Centre Berlin).

The proceedings of the workshop will be published as a special issue of the UK's Political Studies Association journal *POLITICS* in December 2010. The workshop is part of the Political Studies Association's 60th anniversary celebrations.

Space is limited, but if you would be interested in attending the event, please email Alasdair Young (a.young@lbss.gla.ac.uk) regarding space availability and other details.