



DIALOGUE ON THE VOLGA

International Panel Discussion

International Relations in Times of Change

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Moderator's questions

1. What are the main challenges of the emerging multipolar order?
2. What are the risks of a transition from unipolar to multipolar constellation (e.g. the "Thucydides trap")?
3. Can (sustainable) peace be achieved in the absence of a balance of power?
4. How can (regional) conflicts be contained (e.g. in North Africa / Near & Middle East / Caucasus / Central Asia / South Asia) after the end of the bipolar balance of power? (e.g. problem of proxy wars)
5. Does the United Nations Organization need to be adapted to the power constellation of the 21st century? If so, what specific measures of reform are required?
6. What are the prospects of nuclear disarmament in the face of re-emerging great power rivalries?
7. How can the community of sovereign states prevent a global confrontation between civilizations (e.g. between Islam and the West)? Is there sufficient basis for genuine dialogue among civilizations?
8. What is the importance of regional groupings (i.e. European Union, Eurasian Economic Union, African Union) for a sustainable order of peace also at the global level?
9. How can the community of states, represented by the United Nations, tackle worldwide emergencies more efficiently (e.g. Covid-19 pandemic / financial & economic crisis / environmental crisis)? Do specialized agencies of the UN (e.g. WHO) need to be reformed?
10. What are the risks and prospects of migration? What are the lessons of the migration crisis of 2015?