



The Challenges of the Global Governance and The European Union

an abstract to develop a practical
methodology for new beginnings

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No AI generative pre-trained transformers were used for the syllabus.

“The vision of an overhaul of the planetary system based entirely on international law has shown its limits; no matter how much the post-World War II model is amended; it is doubtful that international law will prevail over the use of force when interests considered vital are at stake.”

Source: “Europe is defending itself poorly in the confrontation dominated by the United States on the one hand and China and Russia on the other.”

Brussels, March 8, 2023

Paul N. Goldschmidt, Director, European Commission (ret);
Member of the Advisory Council of “Stand Up for Europe”.

The world is a troubled place (1). Violence, threats and harsh words from autocratic leaders gives us cause for concern, force us to awake and to take appropriate action.

But what are we doing about it? Mechanisms of international cooperation, capable of acting on behalf of interests of humanity and the planet, are due, but there are serious major deficiencies within the systems that are equipped to prevent major destructions and to preserve the balance between different interests.

We must face and resolve the challenges, the deficiencies must be repaired. More and smart diplomacy and evidenced-based solutions are needed to govern globally and to achieve more peace and justice.

2 People met regularly to discuss to come up with an abstract, meant to develop a practical methodology for new beginnings.

The aim during these conversations has always been to recognize, to deepen and complete the challenges, to explore (mutual) connections, to overcome different perceptions of the content, to make choices and to formulate questions in order to give an impetus for development of the practical methodology.

Selections and priorities had to be made: challenges with the greatest impact were discussed. Various situations, such as EU-Japan strategic partnership, the influence of the developing Indonesia, the Arab Israeli conflict, Brexit and its impact, causes of civil wars in Africa and elsewhere, are not (extensive) treated in the abstract. Nevertheless, and if related to one of the themes, papers on this are welcomed.

You can argue and draw the conclusion that there are gaps and that policy, implementation or compliance is not or not properly applied, while it comes to areas within which current tools theoretically should lead to a more just and secure world. Thinking along and participating to find solutions for new beginnings, that is the challenge.

In his book **'The New World Order'** Rob de Wijk writes: *"In Germany, thousands of demonstrators exercise freedom of expression and the right to demonstrate. They want to make it clear that globalization only leads to poverty, NATO to war and the West equals exploitation."*

And

"You would think that everyone would be happy with Mahbubani's (2) statement that the West has brought about an unprecedented increase in prosperity, security and a higher standard of living around the world. But that's not true. Apparently, the Western world order is not a shining example for everyone."

So there are very serious and dangerous issues at stake. This project will seek to deepen the knowledge of the existing thematic research in the field of foreign and defence policy, and diplomacy from the perspective of the tools for the prevention of conflicts, as a consequence of migrations and as a reduction of inequality.

Based on existing research, objective is to develop a practical methodology and a toolkit that can help identify elements of the various EU foreign policy instruments that can effectively contribute to a greater collective capacity for a more integrated EU external action.

- (1) War(s), conflict, pollution, attacks on freedom and democracy and human rights, expensive and scarce food and energy, migration flows, and undermining of international institutions;
- (2) Singaporean diplomat and geopolitical consultant who served as Singapore Permanent Representative to the United Nations between 1984 and 1989, and again between 1998 and 2004, and President of the United Nations Security Council between 2001 and 2002.

Biographies

Dr. Javier A Ruiz is a legal Expert in Public International Law (TMC Asser Institute and Leiden University) and International Law of Human Rights (Utrecht University and American University Washington College of Law).

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Change of morals and values triggered the sharing of European values and affairs, which is done via the website www.feelingeurope.eu, social media, campaign material, networking, and by taking part in meetings focused on all learning departments, science and the arts.

Required knowledge was obtained through training on EU-organization, decision-making and governance, international politics, geopolitics, music history, history of art (colloquium) and an introduction of philosophy. Participation in (international) meetings and events provided self-taught skills and experience.

Erik has worked for decades in several professions and sectors at financial institutions, mainly within the internal control sector, as well as in leadership positions. He was closely involved in the different stages of the classic financial bubble.

Endorsements

The syllabus has been read and endorsed by 3 professionals for which we sincerely thank them:

Prof.dr. H.J. van den Herik, emeritus professor of Legal informatics: "it is impressive", "my compliments", "a very, very nice contribution to the description of the developments in recent years".



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When?

Where? In person, (free of charge?)

Do you want to help solve big issues? Inspired to participate in (parts of) the program and to think and to work about solutions that pursue peace and stability?

To register and for questions: contribute@feelingeurope.eu

(specifying name, address and short motivation why you want to participate. Upon completion you will receive (~~A certificate of participation / ECTS~~).

