

‘International Order Strategies, Past and Present’

- Research Workshop -

Workshop Date: 8 May 2024.

Paper Proposal Deadline: 27 March 2024.

The new era of “strategic competition” widely noted by policymakers in Washington and allied capitals has produced a new wave of strategic thinking and evolving strategic practices aiming to maintain international order.

- How are strategies for international order being formulated and implemented in a new era of war, disorder, and geostrategic competition?
- How do these changes in practice differ and compare to past eras of disorder and competition?
- How are changing practices of international order strategy best conceived and understood?

In eras of strategic competition, states and coalitions implement strategies for the maintenance or revision of international order. Today, new geo-economic security dimensions of statecraft, combined with new forms of strategic interaction in a globalized context are reshaping how international order is pursued in practice. This era has remarkable changes in practice, including evolving nuclear deterrence and adaptations in grand strategy, but little conceptualization in theory as a gathering wave of scholarship aims to assess it. In studying this emerging era of strategic practice, moreover, new revisionist histories of past eras, including the 1930s and Cold War, are reshaping our understandings of the past, for comparative analysis with the present. New practices, histories, and theory suggest that the study of how states and coalitions aim to maintain international order in eras of strategic competition is overdue for reconsideration.

Accepted participant proposals will be invited to present concept memos in a research workshop held at the London School of Economics and Political Science, travel and accommodation not included, hybrid participation possible. Proposals from practitioners are encouraged.

This research workshop will be followed by an evening public lecture on ‘The Unfinished Quest: India’s Search for Major Power Status from Nehru to Modi’ by Professor T.V. Paul.

This research workshop and public lecture are convened by the [International Orders Research Unit](#), LSE IDEAS.

To submit a participation proposal, please email a memo title and description (up to 300 words), to: a.mckeil@lse.ac.uk