

The promise of the middle powers and the future of international order

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What role can middle powers play in shaping the future of international order? Can their diplomatic influence, partnerships and commitment to multilateral cooperation help address the tensions between great-power competition and collective action? This conversation will explore the potential and limits of middle-power leadership, with particular attention to Canada and Europe. It will consider how coalition-building and cooperation on shared priorities can help uphold international rules, strengthen global institutions and respond to common challenges. At its core is a question: can middle powers translate their ambitions into a more stable, inclusive and resilient international order?

Speakers

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