

UN in Focus



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Few events have shocked the world as much as the deadly terror attacks of September 11, 2001. In the aftermath of 9/11, countermeasures, among them, the ultimately disastrous military interventions in Afghanistan and Iraq, were devised around the globe.

Today, 20 years later, we also know that the attacks of 9/11 had a decidedly negative effect on civil liberties worldwide. In a new comparative [anti-terrorism study](#) for FES New York, renowned expert Dr. Josef Braml examines the national anti-terrorism laws passed by G20 states in the wake of 9/11.

The results are worrying and remind us that fundamental democratic principles, such as the rule of law, should never be taken lightly. While authoritarian states thus continue to use the "war on terror" as a welcome excuse to silence dissent and unwanted opposition, results also show that democratic states are keeping restrictions on civil liberties and privacy - once envisioned as only temporary - in force until this day.

As we continue to reckon with the legacy of 9/11, FES New York is pleased to support an 8-part special series of [WarPod](#) podcast by Saferworld, which takes a comprehensive look at the consequences of 9/11 across the world. These include the conflicts that emerged in response, the legal and security reforms that changed people's lives, and the impact on culture and politics. Today's podcast launch is accompanied by an introductory piece in Just Security, which is available [here](#).

Looking ahead to upcoming events, the global climate crisis takes center stage. At [New Summits](#), we are pleased to support Project Syndicate to bring together leading experts in finance, economics, and civil society to discuss some of the key climate challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

The [future of global climate action](#) will also be at issue on the sidelines of the 76th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where we invite you to join us to discuss innovative governance solutions to strengthen climate action.

As always, we hope you enjoy this issue of UN in Focus and appreciate your feedback.

Sincerely,

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ANTI-TERRORISM LAWS AND POWERS

AN INVENTORY OF THE G20 STATES 20 YEARS
AFTER 9/11

FOREWORD BY GERMAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE CHRISTINE LAMBRECHT
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Anti-Terror Laws - 20 Years after 9/11: In response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, almost all G20 member states swiftly enacted emergency anti-terror laws of their own. Today, twenty years later, many restrictions on civil liberties and privacy - once envisioned as only temporary - are still in force. [Learn more.](#)

Reckoning with 9/11



All of this was brought upon us in a single day.

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Events

New Summits: The COP 26 climate conference in Glasgow this November will be a crucial test for climate action. At New Summits, leading experts in finance, economics, and civil society will discuss the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead on the eve of a crucial moment for global climate action. Register now, and tune in live on September 15 at 9:00 AM ET. [Learn more.](#)

From UNGA to COP26 & Beyond: The Future of Climate Governance

Online Discussion
23 September 2021
10:00 – 11:30 AM ET / New York

The Future of Climate Governance: Recent reports show that the world has little chance to achieve the agreed-upon climate change mitigation targets. As current global governance approaches remain weak, we invite you to join us on September 23 to discuss new approaches and governance innovations for climate action. [Learn more.](#)



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