

UN in Focus



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Thirty years after Francis Fukuyama's famous hypothesis on the "end of history," we once again find ourselves in a time of ever-intensifying power rivalries and collisions – a time of crisis in which history itself appears to come alive.

In these turbulent times, FES NY looks toward the United Nations. Is Russia's war in Ukraine further proof that the world organization is unfit for purpose? Or are we at an inflection point that brings not only monumental challenges but also a window of opportunity to ready the UN for future storms to come?

As our office reopened its doors to visitors this spring, we were honored to host a delegation of Ukrainian decision-makers, including members of parliament, in New York. The all-female delegation met with high-ranking UN officials, such as Under-Secretary-General Rosemary di Carlo, and other experts to exchange views and share first-hand experiences of the war in Ukraine.

Last week, FES NY and the Clingendael Institute brought leading political thinkers to New York to discuss current geopolitical trends and what we ought to make of them. Please stay tuned for updates.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Bröning
Director, FES New York



The Return of the West?: As one crisis chases the next and great power rivalries intensify, it is time to ask the big questions. What is the future of world order? Are we witnessing a return of the West? Thirty years after Francis Fukuyama's famous hypothesis on the "end of history," FES NY and the Clingendael Institute brought leading political thinkers to New York to discuss current geopolitical trends and what we ought to make of them. Stay tuned for updates.

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GRUNDSTEIN ODER GRABSTEIN DER UN?

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Was eine kleine Reform des Vetos
im Sicherheitsrat für die Handlungsfähigkeit der
Vereinten Nationen bedeuten könnte

Kleine Reform, große Wirkung?: Wer wie Russland oder China im Sicherheitsrat ein Veto benutzt, muss sich dafür künftig vor der UN-Vollversammlung

rechtfertigen. Warum die Reform zwar kein Allheilmittel ist, die Handlungsfähigkeit der UN aber dennoch bedeutsam erhöhen könnte, beschreibt Volker Lehmann in der neuen FES *Perspektive* „Grundstein oder Grabstein der UN?“ [Hier herunterladen](#).



Ukraine Delegation: In May, we were honored to host a delegation of Ukrainian decision-makers, including members of parliament and other government representatives, in New York. The all-female delegation met with high-ranking UN officials, such as Under-Secretary-General Rosemary di Carlo, as well as think tank leaders, journalists, and experts to exchange views and share their first-hand experiences of the war in Ukraine. For a more detailed view of the current situation, we highly recommend the FES Ukraine report “[100+ Stories of Women & Girls from Russia’s war against Ukraine.](#)”



Don't give me truth: The pitfalls of fighting misinformation: Confronted with an epidemic of misinformation, governments are increasingly embracing the role of arbiters of objective reality. But when authorities are in charge of objectivity, who will object to the authorities? Read Michael Bröning's new think piece in *POLITICO* [here](#).



The potential of a UN Tax Convention: At a time when all governments are desperately trying to increase their tax income, a growing number of OECD countries might discover it is in their self-interest to join forces with developing

countries in pursuit of truly global and UN-led tax solutions. Find the new blog post by international tax experts Tove Ryding (Eurodad) and Bodo Ellmers (Global Policy Form) [here](#).



Tax certainty options in the context of BEPS 2.0: As corporate tax dodging continues, the need for a coherent set of clear and simple rules is greater than ever. A new and thought-provoking paper by Natalia Quiñones will be of particular interest to tax specialists and related experts. The paper presents options for developing countries to propose design features in dispute resolution mechanisms that will offer both tax certainty and a reduction of negative impacts for developing countries that sign up to the BEPS 2.0 process. [Download here](#).

MEDIA MENTIONS

Media Mentions: From the role of the United Nations in the war in Ukraine to Liechtenstein's initiative for more transparency in the Security Council, find our latest media mentions in both U.S. and international press [here](#).

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