

Upcoming Conversations

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Thursday, 26 February
18:30–19:30

Migration in the World Today

Ambassador William Lacy Swing

Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

IOM is the world's leading intergovernmental body in the field of migration, with 157 member states, a staff of more than 8,400 and offices in over 150 countries. Working closely with governmental and non-governmental partners, IOM coordinates efforts to meet the growing challenges of migration management, advance understanding of migration issues, promote economic and social development through migration, and uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants.

Ambassador William Lacy Swing will join Sebastian von Einsiedel, Director of the UNU Centre for Policy Research, for a conversation exploring the current myths and reality of global migration trends, the challenges and opportunities of migration policy, and the processes at the top of the international agenda that influence policy. The conversation will consider some of IOM's cross-cutting efforts to manage today's complex migration issues at the intersections of human rights, international law, peace and security, gender equality and health.

Monday, 2 March
18:30–19:30

The Rise of Asia and the Revolt Against the West: a Retrospective View

Mr. Pankaj Mishra

Author

Decolonization was a central political event of the 20th century, which outlined the present shape of the world and set the stage for the rise of China and India. More than half a century later, what are its successes and failures? And what do they portend for the world at large?

Mr. Pankaj Mishra will join UNU Rector David M. Malone for a conversation exploring Asia's response to Western imperialism and its influence on the intellectual, political, and socioeconomic trajectories of the non-West. Through the lens of Mr. Mishra's recent acclaimed books — *From the Ruins of Empire*, and *A Great Clamour: Encounters with China and its Neighbours* — the conversation will survey Asia's colonial experience, the resulting setbacks, and the contradictory wave of ideas that it created, which challenge long-held assumptions of Western power and now underpin ideologies ranging from the Chinese Communist Party and Al Qaida, to Indian nationalism and the Muslim Brotherhood.

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