

## EUROPE'S POSSIBILITIES TO FORGE MULTILATERALISM

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As the world is moving from an era of US leadership in multilateral forums to one of confused multipolar competition, the efficacy of key multilateral organisations has been called into question. Moreover, the legitimacy of these organisations has been challenged by states seeing themselves in a disadvantageous position and by many populist governments and parties. Yet common solutions to global problems are acutely needed. Could the “crisis of multilateralism” be an opportunity for those that remain committed to international cooperation and multilateralism? Can the EU and its member states turn the tables and increase their influence by building coalitions to defend the rules-based order?

This seminar marks the publication of the ECFR Policy Brief “*Three crises and an opportunity: Europe’s stake in multilateralism*” by Anthony Dworkin and Richard Gowan. An earlier draft of the paper was discussed in a brainstorming session organised jointly with FIIA and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in spring 2019.

*Welcoming  
remarks:*

**Mika Aaltola**, Director, FIIA

*Speakers:*

**Anthony Dworkin**, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

**Richard Gowan**, Associate Fellow, ECFR; UN Director, International Crisis Group (ICG)

*Comments:*

**Kristi Raik**, Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

*Chair:*

**Juha Jokela**, Programme Director, The European Union research programme, FIIA

## Speakers' biographies



**Mika Aaltola** is the Director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) and Editor-in-Chief of *Ulkopolitiikka* – the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs. Previously, Dr Aaltola worked as the Programme Director of the Global Security research programme at FIIA (2011–2019). His areas of expertise include US foreign and domestic policies as well as the international system and major-power relations. Aaltola is a professor (part-time) at the Tallinn University since 2012 and holds the rank of docent at the University of Tampere. He acted as visiting professor at the University of Minnesota (2006–2008) and as visiting fellow at Cambridge University in 1997. Aaltola has also been a visiting researcher at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (fall 2013) and at the CERl Sciences Po (fall 2010). He obtained his PhD in social sciences from the University of Tampere in 1999.



**Anthony Dworkin** is Senior Policy Fellow at ECFR, where he leads the organisation's work in the area of human rights, democracy, and justice. Among other subjects, he has conducted research and written on European and US frameworks for counterterrorism, on the European Union's human rights strategy, and on the pursuit of justice in the international response to mass atrocities. Since 2011, he has also followed political developments in North Africa after the Arab uprisings, with a particular focus on Egypt and Tunisia. Before joining ECFR in 2008, Mr Dworkin was Executive Director of the Crimes of War Project, an NGO that worked to raise public and media awareness of the laws governing armed conflict. He has also worked as a producer and reporter for BBC Current Affairs.



**Richard Gowan** is an Associate Fellow at the ECFR. He is currently UN Director at the ICG, and was previously Research Director at New York University's Center on International Cooperation. He has taught at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and Stanford in New York, and wrote a weekly column on multilateralism ("Diplomatic Fallout") for *World Politics Review* from 2013–2019. He has acted as a consultant to the UN on peacekeeping, political affairs, and migration.



**Kristi Raik** is the Director of the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute at the International Centre for Defence and Security since 1 February 2018. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Turku. Kristi has previously served, inter alia, as a Senior Research Fellow and Acting Programme Director at FIIA; as an official at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union in Brussels; and as a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels and the International Centre for Policy Studies in Kyiv. Kristi has a PhD from the University of Turku. She has published, lectured and commented widely on European foreign and security policy.



**Juha Jokela** is the Programme Director of the European Union research programme at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. His current research interests include political implications of Brexit, differentiated integration (in EU's external relations), and the EMU reforms. His previous projects and publications include political and security developments in the Arctic, EU's role in the G20, EU's Asia policy, Europeanization of foreign policy, and Finland's EU policy. Previously he has worked in the EUISS as a Senior Associated Analyst and Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Advisor in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and Research Fellow and Director of the Network for European Studies in the University of Helsinki. Dr. Jokela holds a PhD from the University of Bristol (UK).