

Rising Powers in the Emerging World Order

Abstract

This lecture surveys the emerging world order in terms of decentered globalism: a less uneven distribution of power within an ever-intensifying context of combined development and shared fate interdependence. Within that it also looks at the diversity of regions and their possible rising importance with the emerging world order. It then turns to rising powers, focusing mainly on China and India, looking at their similarities and differences. A key theme here is whether and how these two (and others) can combine their claims for great power status with their claim for continued status as developing countries. This combination raises the risk that as great powers their behaviour will be autistic: shunning global management responsibilities and being largely driven by domestic political dynamics and imperatives.