

Newsletter

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Welcome

to the first issue of the Global Research Network on Peaceful Change (GRENPEC) Newsletter.

GRENPEC is a research network launched in 2019 by a group of scholars from some major universities across the world to promote the study of peaceful change in international relations at the global, regional, and domestic levels.

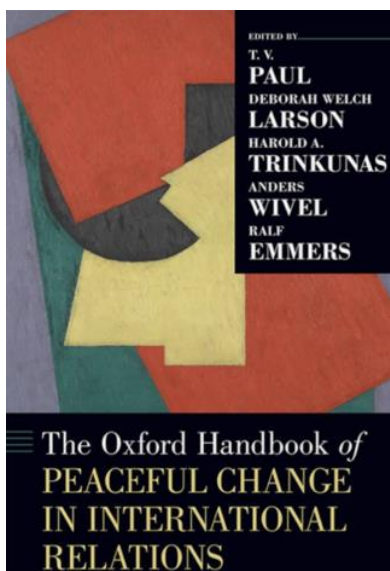


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Recent Publications

The Oxford Handbook of Peaceful Change in International Relations

Edited by T.V. Paul (McGill), Deborah Larson (UCLA), Harold Trinkunas (Stanford), Anders Wivel (Copenhagen), and Ralf Emmers (RSIS, Singapore), Oxford University Press (August 2021).



This Handbook is the most significant effort by GRENPEC affiliated scholars to map out the critical dimensions of this neglected subject area. The 41 chapters of the Handbook examine the subject matter of peaceful change in international relations in their historical, theoretical, global, regional, and national foreign policy dimensions. It contains a treasure of ideas on the problem of change in the international arena and the reasons why at times change happens peacefully while other times, violently. As the world enters a new round of power transition conflict involving a rapidly rising China and relatively declining US, this Handbook will be a must on the desks of every decisionmaker and scholar interested in this vital area of research.

Endorsements

“Too much commentary on war and peace from pundits and the DC foreign-policy ‘blob’ is based on an anachronistic set of clichés and anecdotes and is ignorant of the growing scholarship on peaceful change from a variety of perspectives. This handbook is a vital resource for introducing depth and fresh ideas into this arena.”

Steven Pinker, Harvard University, and author of *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence has Declined* (2011).

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Journal Special Issue: *De-globalization? The Future of the Liberal International Order*

A double special journal issue was recently published by [International Affairs](#) (Chatham House), edited by T.V. Paul (McGill University) and Markus Kornprobst (Vienna School of International Studies). **All articles in the issue are available for free download until November 30, 2021.**



In this special issue, 17 articles explore the interplay of (de-)globalization and the resilience of the liberal world order. How pervasive are deglobalization forces? What is their impact on the liberal world order? Vice versa, how do contestations about the liberal world order affect globalization and deglobalization? The issue makes three contributions. First, it examines globalization and deglobalization systematically. Second, we embed the liberal international order in broader globalization and deglobalization processes, thus opening up new vistas for research on the future of this order. Third, the contributors, taken together, provide novel insights on the forces that drive and halt epochal changes in world politics.

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Journal Roundtable: *International Institutions and Peaceful Change*

A special issue Roundtable was published in the journal, *Ethics & International Affairs* in December 2020, co-edited by Kai He (Griffith University), Anders Wivel (University of Copenhagen), and T.V. Paul (McGill University).



Articles in this roundtable attempt to bridge the gap between theory and practice in understanding international institutions and the future of the international order transition. Challenging power transition theory that predicts military conflicts or the so-called “Thucydides trap” between the ruling hegemon and rising powers, we argue that despite attempts to scuttle, peaceful institutional competition and transformation are becoming central features of international order transition. Consequently, this project focuses on the sources, mechanisms, and processes of possible peaceful change of international institutions and by international institutions in the current and future international order.

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Events

[Roundtables on *The Oxford Handbook of Peaceful Change in International Relations*](#)

-- McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies ([CIPSS](#)), September 17, 2021. Speakers: Jennifer Welsh, T.V. Paul, Joshua Shifrinson, Anne Clunan, and Xiaoyu Pu.

-- Stanford University, Center for International Security Cooperation (CISAC), see [event](#) on June 9, 2020. Speakers: Harold Trinkunas, T.V. Paul, Deborah Larson and Alexandra Gheciu.

[Navigating International Order Transition](#)

A two-day workshop was organized by Kai He and Huiyun Feng on August 26, 2021 and September 10, 2021 at the Centre for Governance and Public Policy (Griffith University) with the support of the Korea Foundation on the theme of how different states are navigating power transition in the Indo-Pacific.

[Sources of Peace in East Asia](#)

A one-day [workshop](#) was organized by Bhubindar Singh at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore on January 29, 2021. It focused on understanding how peace can be achieved in East Asia, the sources that have sustained peace in the region, and how these features can be harnessed in the current geopolitical landscape.

[10th Eurasian Peace Science Conference](#)

GRENPEC is pleased to co-sponsor the 10th Eurasian Peace Science Conference on January 13, 2022. The Conference is co-sponsored by [The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations](#), Jerusalem, in cooperation with the Israeli Association for International Studies; the [World International Studies Committee](#); the [Global Research Network on Peaceful Change](#); and [Peace Science Society \(International\)](#).

Other

[Conversations on Peaceful Change](#)

Conversations on Peaceful Change is an ongoing series of interviews initiated by GRENPEC Founding Director, T.V. Paul. Prominent scholars discuss their work in light of major developments in world politics. The interviews cover a wide variety of topics which offer useful classroom resources and should be of interest to scholars, students, and policymakers. The series is available on our [YouTube](#) channel as well as a podcast series on our website.