

Does the World Need a Government?

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The meeting programme and abstracts will appear on this page once they have been finalised.

Confirmed invited speakers include:

- Daniele Archibugi: Professor of Innovation, Governance and Public Policy, Birkbeck College London; co-editor of [*Global democracy: normative and empirical perspectives*](#)
- Andreas Bummel: Executive Director, [*Democracy without Borders*](#); co-author of [*A World Parliament: Government and Democracy in the 21st Century*](#)
- Alex Colas: Professor of International Relations, Birkbeck College, London; co-author of [*Capitalism and the sea: The maritime factor in the making of the modern world*](#)
- Ian Crawford: Professor of Planetary Science and Astrobiology, Birkbeck College London; editor of [*Expanding Worldviews: Astrobiology, Big History and Cosmic Perspectives*](#)
- Dorothea Christiana: Chair of the Executive Board, the United Peoples; author of [*The United Peoples*](#)
- Eva Erman: Professor of Political Science, University of Stockholm; co-author of [*The Practical Turn in Political Theory*](#)
- Nils Gilman, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President at the Berggruen Institute; co-author of [*Children of a Modest Star*](#)
- Maja Groff: Convenor of the Climate Governance Commission; co-author of [*Global Governance and the Emergence of Global Institutions for the 21st Century*](#)
- Mathias Koenig-Archibugi: Associate Professor of Global Politics, London School of Economics and Political Science; author of [*The Universal Republic: A Realistic Utopia?*](#)
- Aishwarya Machani: United Nations Foundation and [*Convenor of the Next Generation Fellows for Our Common Agenda*](#)
- Thomas Moynihan: Historian of Ideas and Research Affiliate at the [*Centre for the Study of Existential Risk*](#); author of [*X-Risk*](#)

- Heikki Patomäki: Professor of World Politics, University of Helsinki; author of [World Statehood](#)
- Stefan Pedersen: Research Fellow, University of Sussex; co-author of [Introducing geological wonder: Planetary thinking as a disruption of narcissism](#)
- Nikola Schmidt: Head of Centre for Governance of Emerging Technologies, Institute of International Relations, Prague; editor of [Governing Emerging Space Challenges](#)
- Clément Vidal: Philosopher, Free University of Brussels; author of [The Beginning and the End](#)
- John Vlasto: Executive Board Chair, [World Federalist Movement – Institute for Global Policy](#)