



The Center on US Politics and Power at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs has the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar:

ANNUAL U.S. DAY AT FIIA

**On Wednesday 11 May 2016, at 10:00–16:00
At the Finnish Institute of International Affairs
Kruunuvuorenkatu 4, 2nd floor, Helsinki**

During the past decades, the transatlantic community has had a large impact on the global governance system. The Western liberal world order has been a prevailing model. However, there are many who claim that this era is in decline. The panel will examine this claim as well as the consequences of the post-Western era. On the one hand, the post-western can mean that power itself is transforming in such ways that all states are losing power to new processes and transnational dynamics. What is the political meaning of this power diffusion? How does it affect the U.S. position in the global hierarchy of old and new actors? How should we view state agency in this new situation? On the other hand, there are claims that power is flowing in a more traditional sense to new rising states. What is the role of BRICS in the new world order? Is it still defined by the American primacy or should we instead speak about a multipolar world? What is the role of the West? How will the global governance system reflect the underlying dynamics of power?

Please note that this invitation is personal. We kindly ask you to register by **Friday 6 May** to Anna Wikholm (anna.wikholm@fiia.fi, +358 9 435 7748).

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10:00–12:00

Transatlantic Relations in a Post-Western World Order (Open Seminar)

Opening remarks:

Mika Aaltola, Programme Director, Center on US Politics and Power, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Keynote:

Raymond Seitz, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Europe
“*A Messy Election in a Messy World*”

Comments:

Michael Haltzel, Visiting Senior Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Katarina Tracz, Director, Stockholm Free World Forum

Juha Käpylä, Senior Research Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Kaarle Nordenstreng, Professor Emeritus, University of Tampere

Teivo Teivainen, Professor, University of Helsinki

Chair:

Teija Tiilikainen, Director, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs



13:30-14:45

Panel: The Future of US Studies in Finland

Panelists:

Benita Heiskanen, Director, John Morton Center

Katri Sieberg, Erkkö Professor of North American Studies, University of Tampere

Markku Henriksson, Professor Emeritus

Mika Aaltola, Programme Director, Center on US Politics and Power, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Mikko Saikku, North American Studies Professor, University of Helsinki

Raimo Väyrynen, Professor Emeritus

14:45-15:00

Coffee break

15:00-16:00

Views from the Research Field

Anna Kronlund, Senior Research Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Jani Kokko, Doctoral Student, University of Jyväskylä

Lassi Jyrkkiö, Doctoral Candidate, University of Turku

Lauri Kangasniemi, M.A. student, University of Tampere

Oscar Winberg, PhD Candidate, Åbo Akademi

Sonja Kuosmanen, Doctoral Student, University of Helsinki

Teemu Mäkinen, PhD Candidate, University of Tampere

Ville Sinkkonen, Doctoral Student, University of Turku