International Conference:
Rethinking governance in an era of global insecurities, regional tensions and rising nationalism
17 - 19 July 2017
University of Melbourne

CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS

The study of regional governance has gained momentum in recent years. The European Union, often regarded as the preeminent regional body is perceived as not only being in crisis but on the verge of disintegration. At the same time, regional bodies such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have been seeking to deepen their patterns of regional cooperation, though also experiencing challenges with the process of regional integration. Emerging powers in the global context and shifting power dynamics of the US and China suggest greater complexity in tackling global challenges. The uncertainty following the election of Donald Trump as the next US President, the shifting power dynamics of Russia and China, and rising populism all point to insecurities at the regional and national levels.

In the face of a strategic shift in the balance of power in international relations, might regional cooperation provide a means to manage global challenges? How might territorial disputes, nationalism, Brexit, a US ‘retreat’ and populism be tackled? These and other issues will be examined and rigorously debated in an international conference Melbourne in July 2017. The conference is open to academics, policy makers and practitioners from across discipline areas and to interested members of the public.

Themes to be examined at the conference will include:

1. Brexit and beyond
2. The power of populism and nationalism
3. Tackling global challenges: Regional solutions?
   a. Climate change
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   d. Refugee crisis
4. Security, instability and conflict
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- The title of each paper and abstract of 300 words
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