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Global Perspectives: Exploring the Impact of Great Power Rivalries on the South

Featuring Dr. Sophal Ear, Tenured Associate Professor at Thunderbird School of Global Management, Dr. Glen Goodman, Senior Director for Latin America, International Development Initiative, Arizona State University, Dr. Okechukwu Iheduru, Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University (ASU)

The Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations is excited to present a program that invites you to participate in a stimulating discussion led by renowned experts who possess a deep understanding of Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. This thought-provoking dialogue aims to explore the complex dynamics of the competition between major powers in the East and West, and how it impacts nations in the Global South.

The competition between these powerful forces for influence and valuable resources presents both challenges and opportunities for countries in the Global South. Through this engaging conversation, we aim to gain insights into the profound effects of this competition on various aspects, including economic growth, political structures, diplomatic relations, societal concerns, and more, within the Global South.

This event provides a unique opportunity to unravel the geopolitical intricacies that countries in the Global South navigate as they strive to shape their own brighter and more equitable futures.

We encourage you to join us for this enlightening occasion, where you can indulge in delicious appetizers and enjoy a cash bar while we delve into the complexities of our ever-changing world.

Let's delve into the dynamics of competition between major powers in the East and West and its impact on the Global South, as well as the policies that have emerged as a result:

- 1. The Foreign Policy of Great Power Competition:** This policy focuses on the interactions between major powers such as the United States, China, and Russia, especially in regions like Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. The competition has led to increased geopolitical maneuvering in the Global South, with major powers vying for influence and strategic partnerships. This has implications for regional stability, trade, and diplomatic relations.
- 2. Resource Diplomacy:** This policy addresses how nations negotiate and collaborate to access and control valuable resources. The Global South, being resource-rich, has become a focal point for major powers. This competition has sometimes led to tensions, but also opportunities for collaboration and mutual benefit.
- 3. South-South Cooperation Policy:** This policy emphasizes collaboration between countries in the Global South across various sectors. Amidst the competition between major powers, this policy offers a counter-narrative, promoting regional cooperation and shared growth, reducing dependency on major powers.
- 4. Trade and Investment Policies:** With the fierce competition for economic influence, these policies have shaped the economic landscape of the Global South. Major powers have pursued trade agreements, investments, and partnerships, leading to economic growth but also concerns about neocolonialism and economic dependency.
- 5. Development Assistance and Aid Policies:** Major powers provide financial and technical assistance to the Global South, often with strategic geopolitical objectives in mind. While this aid can spur development, it sometimes comes with strings attached, influencing the recipient countries' foreign and domestic policies.
- 6. Security and Defense Cooperation Policies:** Due to the geopolitical importance of regions like Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia, these policies focus on defense and security. Major powers have established military bases and alliances, impacted regional security dynamics and sometimes led to an arms race.
- 7. Diplomatic Engagement Strategies:** These strategies shape diplomatic interactions amidst the competition between major powers. The Global South often finds itself balancing relations, ensuring they benefit from ties with all major powers without being ensnared in their rivalries.
- 8. Sustainable Development Policies:** These policies aim for sustainable growth, environmental conservation, and social equity in the Global South. Amidst major power competition, they offer a roadmap for holistic development, ensuring that growth is inclusive and sustainable.

In summary, these policies have intricately shaped the interactions and engagements of countries in the Global South. They provide guidance as these nations navigate the challenges and opportunities arising from the competition between major powers in the East and West. The Global South, while influenced by these dynamics, also plays an active role in shaping its destiny, leveraging these policies for its benefit.

While Arizona might appear geographically removed from the Global South, grasping the intricacies of great power competition from this vantage point is vital. **For Arizona's policymakers, businesses, and academics, this understanding offers numerous advantages:**

1. **Enhanced Geopolitical Awareness:** Recognizing the geopolitical shifts and dynamics in the Global South can help Arizona stakeholders make informed decisions that align with global trends.
2. **Economic Opportunities:** By understanding the economic landscape of the Global South, Arizonan businesses can identify potential markets, partnerships, and investment avenues.
3. **Security Concerns:** Awareness of the security dynamics in the Global South can help Arizona prepare for and address potential threats and challenges.
4. **Environmental Strategies:** Arizona can glean valuable lessons from the environmental policies and practices of the Global South, potentially adopting sustainable strategies locally.
5. **Academic Exchange:** Academics in Arizona can foster collaborations, research partnerships, and student exchanges with institutions in the Global South, enriching the state's educational landscape.
6. **Humanitarian Efforts:** With a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by the Global South, Arizona can tailor its humanitarian initiatives to be more impactful and relevant.

By actively engaging with these insights, Arizona positions itself to contribute more effectively and knowledgeably to the global community, ensuring its actions are both informed and constructive.

Speakers

Dr. Sophal Ear

Professional Background: Dr. Sophal Ear holds the esteemed position of a tenured Associate Professor at the Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University. His lectures encompass global affairs, International Organizations, and Asia. Additionally, since 2023, he has taken on the role of President of the International Public Management Network (IPMN).



Previous Teaching Experience:

Before joining ASU Thunderbird, Dr. Ear imparted knowledge at several prestigious institutions. These include Occidental College, the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, and the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

Advisory and Organizational Roles:

Dr. Ear's leadership roles are vast. He was the inaugural Chair of the Asian American Pacific Islander Advisory Board for the Los Angeles County District Attorney during 2021-22. His consultancy contributions extend to the World Bank, and he served as the Assistant Resident Representative for UNDP in East Timor. He's also been associated with the Council on Foreign Relations, Leopard Capital, Nathan Cummings Foundation, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, Southeast Asia Development Program, and the Crescenta Valley Town Council.

Recognitions and Board Memberships:

Dr. Ear's accolades include being a TED Fellow, a Fulbright Specialist, and a Young Global Leader under the World Economic Forum. He actively contributes to the boards of several organizations like Refugees International, Partners for Development, the PPIA Program, IPMN, and the Center for Khmer Studies.

Published Works:

Dr. Ear has made significant contributions to literature and media. He authored "Viral Sovereignty and the Political Economy of Pandemics" and "Aid Dependence in Cambodia." He also co-authored "The Hungry Dragon" and co-edited a virtual issue on Coronavirus for the journal Politics and the Life Sciences. His storytelling prowess is evident in the award-winning documentary "The End/Beginning: Cambodia," which he wrote and narrated. This documentary was inspired by his 2009 TED Talk, and he has been featured in four other documentaries.

Personal Background:

Dr. Ear's academic journey led him through the hallowed halls of Princeton and Berkeley. However, his life story is one of resilience and determination. He relocated to the US from France as a Cambodian refugee when he was just 10 years old. In essence, Dr. Sophal Ear's journey, both professional and personal, is a testament to his dedication, expertise, and resilience. He continues to play a pivotal role in shaping global perspectives and contributing to the academic and global community.

Speakers

Dr. Glen Goodman

Dr. Glen Goodman holds the position of Senior Director for Latin America within ASU's International Development Initiative. In collaboration with the Latin America team, Dr. Goodman leverages ASU's extensive expertise and resources to undertake funded projects across various development sectors in the Latin American region.



Responsibilities at the School of International Letters and Cultures (SILC):

Dr. Goodman serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Brazilian Studies in SILC. He offers a range of courses centered on Brazilian and Latin American culture and history. Additionally, he plays a pivotal role in coordinating research funding opportunities for faculty members within SILC.

Research Focus:

Dr. Goodman's historical research delves into the topic of German migration and ethnicity in Brazil. His scholarly contributions have been featured in esteemed journals, including "German History," "The Americas," and "Global Food History."

Previous Positions and Research Funding:

Before his tenure at ASU, Dr. Goodman was an Assistant Professor of Brazilian Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also held the esteemed position of a Fulbright Visiting Professor of History at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil. Dr. Goodman has successfully obtained research support from prominent funding organizations such as the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Fulbright, and Fulbright-Hays.

In summary, Dr. Glen Goodman has a multifaceted role at ASU, encompassing both administrative and academic responsibilities. His research on German migration in Brazil has garnered significant recognition, and he has secured funding from top-tier sources to support his scholarly endeavors.

Speakers

Dr. Okechukwu Iheduru

Educational Background:

Professor Iheduru began his academic journey at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He pursued his master's degree at the University of Akron. His academic pursuits culminated with a doctorate from the University of Connecticut.



Publications:

He authored the book titled "The Political Economy of International Shipping in Developing Countries" in 1996. Apart from this, Professor Iheduru has contributed numerous chapters to various books. His scholarly articles have been featured in esteemed journals, including:

- International Studies Review
- Review of International Political Economy
- Commonwealth and Comparative Politics
- African Affairs
- Journal of Modern African Studies
- Journal of Developing Areas
- Ocean Development and International Law
- Maritime Policy and Management

Professional Involvements and Achievements:

In 2005, he was honored with the position of chair for the Executive Committee of the Southern Interdisciplinary Research on Africa (SIRAS). He was recognized as a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Scholar in South Africa for the academic year 2000-2001. Professor Iheduru has also offered his expertise as a consultant for renowned institutions like the World Bank and the Canadian International Development Agency/SPCS Transport Consortium, focusing on the maritime policies of African nations.

Additional Roles and Research Interests:

He holds the title of visiting professor-at-large of national security governance at the Nigerian Defense Academy in Kaduna, Nigeria. His teaching interests encompass both comparative politics and international relations. His research is currently centered on:

- Social transformation and military leadership
- State-mediated and comparative capitalism
- The role and impact of cross-border non-state actors on changes in the African political economy and regional integration.

In essence, Professor Okechukwu Iheduru has a rich and diverse academic and professional background, with significant contributions to the fields of politics, international relations, and African studies.