



WORLD  
POLICY  
CONFERENCE

# 16

years

For a reasonably  
open world





**Thierry de Montbrial**

Founder and Chairman of the WPC

## Our mission

---

Founded in 2008, the World Policy Conference (WPC) is dedicated to helping promote a world that is more open, more prosperous and fairer. This requires an unremitting effort, to understand the actual forces at play and the interactions between them, as well as to explore non-aggressive ways of adapting how States connect with each other at all levels, while respecting the culture and fundamental interests of each nation.

The annual meeting of the WPC is restricted in size so that participants can create lasting bonds with one another. It brings together leading figures from all five continents – political and business leaders, academics and journalists – in a spirit of tolerance that is the only one conducive to the pursuit of the common good. Beyond the participants, this meeting aims to help all populations affected in a time of constant upheaval.

# Among the WPC guests

---



H.S.H. Prince Albert II (Sovereign Prince of Monaco), H.R.H. Prince Turki Al-Faisal (Chairman of the KFCRIS), Khaldoon Al Mubarak (President of the Executive Affairs Authority), Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al-Thani (PM of the State of Qatar), Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud (Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia), Ban Ki-moon (SG of the UN), Ehud Barak (Deputy PM and Minister of Defense of Israel), Serge Ekué (President of the West African Development Bank), Heinz Fischer (President of the Republic of Austria), Fu Ying (Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China), Robert Gates (Former US Secretary of Defense), Abdullah Gül (President of the Republic of Turkey), Angel Gurría (SG of the OECD), Mo Ibrahim (Chairman of Mo Ibrahim Foundation), Toomas Hendrik Ilves (President of the Republic of Estonia), Dmytro Kuleba (Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine), Haruhiko Kuroda (President of ADB), Pascal Lamy (DG of the WTO), Dmitry Medvedev (President of the Russian Federation), Mario Monti (PM of Italy), Amr Moussa (SG of the League of Arab States), Joseph Nye (Distinguished Service Professor of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government), Alassane Ouattara (President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire), Park Geun-Hye (President of the Republic of Korea), Mary Robinson (Former President of Ireland), Herman van Rompuy (President of the European Council), Nicolas Sarkozy (President of the French Republic), Jean-Claude Trichet (President of the ECB), Paul Kagame (President of the Republic of Rwanda), Kevin Rudd (26th PM of Australia), Josep Borrell Fontelles (Vice President of the European Commission), Louise Mushikiwabo (Secretary General of the International Organisation of La Francophonie).



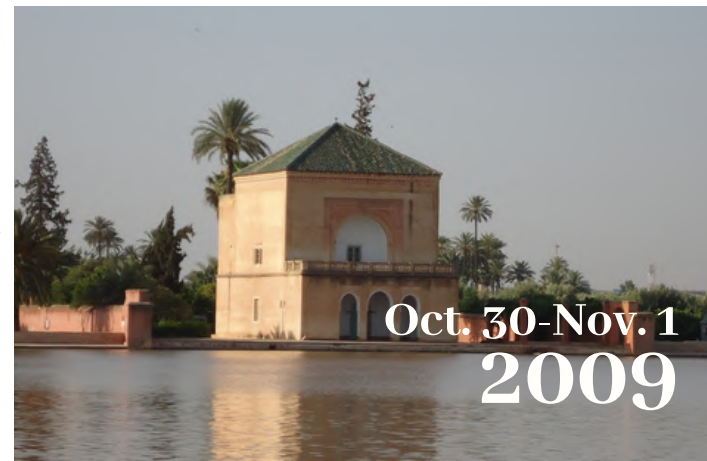
# Conference venues

From Evian to Abu Dhabi, 16 years of the WPC

Evian, France



Marrakech, Morocco



Marrakech, Morocco



Vienna, Austria



Cannes, France



Monaco, Monaco



Seoul, Korea



Montreux, Switzerland



Doha, Qatar



Marrakech, Morocco



Rabat, Morocco



Marrakech, Morocco



Abu Dhabi, UAE



Abu Dhabi, UAE



Abu Dhabi, UAE





# Appreciations

---

Japan and China, Japan and Korea cannot tackle issues through bilateral talks and negotiations. There has to be someone - the US, or even better, the WPC, this objective so-called "third-track" forum - to intervene and talk to us and them.

Yukio Okamoto

I come here very happy because I know I am going to hear different voices than the ones I hear typically at home, hear various views represented from all over the world, from folks who have both a lot of knowledge and a lot of experience.

John Lipsky

Today those who had faith in this adventure in 2008, who believed the WPC would continue through the years with brilliance and distinction, are delighted. And the best is yet to come.

Nasser Bourita

The World Police Conference is a truly multinational global conference. I think that has been the very unique nature of the WPC from its beginning.

Lee Hye Min

The WPC is becoming an institution. It is always a pleasure to come and discuss the world's issues, not just problems, but strategies. It is a great time to exchange experiences and share challenges and solutions to all the world's problems.

Aminata Touré

The WPC has been one of the first of that kind of geopolitical important forums where leaders have considered two not-that fashionable issues: the importance of the religious facts in geopolitics and Africa.

Lionel Zinsou

I like the size: it is not a very small conference, but it is not a huge one either; one gets to discuss things in some depth, not just during the sessions but also during social moments. I like the fact that it lasts two and a half-almost three-days.

Kemal Derviş

It is an extremely useful forum, particularly since this is one of the few conferences where you have a real bilingual approach, therefore coming together French and English, European and American attitudes.

Jim Hoagland

I think it is a good gathering because the theme of global governance, even though it sounds horribly wonky, sits atop something that is now deeply real for us all.

Kevin Rudd

The whole conference was imbued with a sense of honesty and sincerity. You managed to create a dense and diversified agenda and you invited panelists who knew how to captivate the audience. The conference venue was very comfortable and the logistical organization impeccable.

Karl Brauner

# Press review

---

CASSANDRA has just been taking part in the WPC in Vienna - a meeting where the great and good, from the presidents of Turkey and Estonia to the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, swap speeches and ideas on the state of the world and how to improve it.  
The Economist - Dec. 12, 2011

Israel's official state radio has reported that a "historic meeting" was held between Israeli and Saudi diplomats on the sidelines of the World Policy Conference in Monaco.  
Tehran Times - Dec. 12, 2013

La situation au Moyen-Orient, sous l'angle notamment des dossiers du terrorisme, de la guerre syrienne, des rapports avec l'Iran et du blocage du processus de paix israélo-palestinien, a occupé une large place des travaux de la 8e édition de la WPC.  
L'Orient-Le Jour - 24 nov. 2015

La rivalité croissante entre la Chine et les Etats-Unis va structurer les relations internationales des trente prochaines années, a déclaré Thierry de Montbrial, président de la World Policy Conference à l'ouverture de la 11e édition.  
Le Temps - 29 oct. 2018

Pour Thierry de Montbrial, président-fondateur de la World Policy Conference qui se tient cette année à Abu Dhabi, la nouvelle donne mondiale impose à la France de revoir les fondamentaux de sa politique étrangère  
Les Echos - 1 oct. 2021

In a speech on Monday to the World Policy Conference in Evian, France, the Russian President Dmitry A. Medvedev, called for a new global security framework.  
NYT - Oct. 9, 2008

Lancée par l'Ifri en 2008 à l'initiative de Thierry de Montbrial, est devenue depuis un rendez-vous incontournable de la scène politique internationale.  
Xinhua - 9 déc. 2012

"The establishment of a framework of trust and cooperation in the East Asian region, including the Korean Peninsula, is very important for the whole world to move into a more peaceful and secure future," Park said in a speech at the sevent WPC.  
The Japan Times - Dec. 8, 2014

Wang Jisi spoke this week at the WPC, an annual gathering of a hundred or so government officials, international financial experts and other opinion leaders organized by the French Institute of International Relations, a think tank.  
The Washington Post - Nov. 25, 2016

« Les échanges d'idées se font aussi bien lors des débats publics qu'en marge, lors de discussions en petits groupes que nous avons. La WPC nous permet de nous retrouver et d'échanger officieusement », explique au Point Afrique l'un des participants.  
Le Point - 16 oct. 2019

# Among our partners

Groupe OCP  
TotalEnergies  
Poongsan  
Banque du Liban  
Renault Group  
Airbus  
Capgemini  
KFAS

Grampet Group  
Lafarge  
EFG Group  
Korea Foundation  
Fondation Latsis  
AXA Research Fund  
Group Alcen  
Koç Holding A.S

Fondation Zinsou  
Sanofi Aventis  
Novartis  
Generali  
PwC  
Groupe Caisse des Dépôts  
EximBank  
Air France

Raiffeisen Bank  
International SK Group  
FKI  
Institut Mérieux  
CNES  
United Way  
Policy Center for the New South

L'Oréal  
Boston Consulting Group  
BOAD  
Norge Mining  
Ardian

# Media partners

Financial Times  
Bloomberg  
Businessweek  
CNBC  
The New York Times  
The Daily Beast  
Les Echos  
L'Obs

Le Figaro  
WanSquare  
L'Express  
France 24  
France Inter  
Radio Classique  
RFI  
BFM Business

TV5 Monde  
El Pais  
Thomson Reuters  
Foundation  
EURACTIV  
Euronews  
Al Jazeera  
Monte Carlo Doualiya

Jeune Afrique  
L'Orient Le Jour  
Afrika News  
Caixin Media Company Ltd.  
Nikkei  
The Chosun Ilbo  
Africa 24  
CNN

Le Matin  
Le Journal du Dimanche  
Matin Première  
Maeil Business Newspaper  
An-Nahar  
Maekyung Media Group



# WPC in numbers

---

16  
editions



90  
countries



1426  
participants



491  
speakers



487  
hours of  
debate



226  
plenary  
sessions



69  
lunch/dinner  
debates



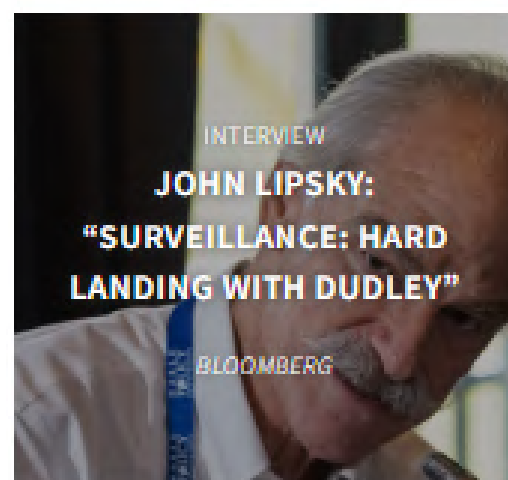
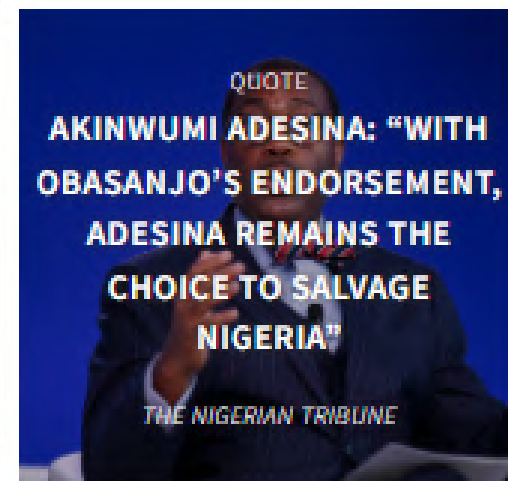
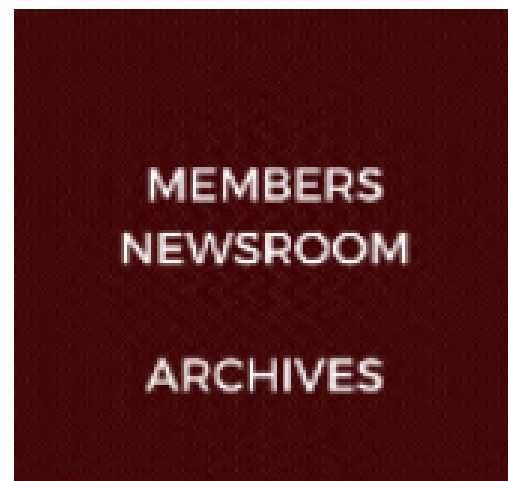
59  
workshops





# Newsroom

Keep yourself informed on the latest papers written by the members of the World Policy Conference via the [Members Newsroom](#) section of our website. Designed as a showcase for the intellectual activity of the WPC participants, this page is updated regularly with valued content on topics related to global governance, whether in the form of articles, tribunes, working papers or interviews.



# Social media



[YOUTUBE.COM/CONTENTWPCTV](https://www.youtube.com/content/wpctv)  
[WORLDPOLICYCONFERENCE.TV.COM](https://www.worldpolicyconference.tv)



[@WORLDPOLICYCONF](https://twitter.com/WORLDPOLICYCONF)  
[#WORLDPOLICYCONF](https://twitter.com/WORLDPOLICYCONF) [#WPC2023](https://twitter.com/WORLDPOLICYCONF)



[@WORLDPOLICYCONF](https://www.instagram.com/WORLDPOLICYCONF)  
[#WORLDPOLICYCONF](https://www.instagram.com/WORLDPOLICYCONF) [#WPC2023](https://www.instagram.com/WORLDPOLICYCONF)



[FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/  
WORLDPOLICYCONFERENCE](https://www.flickr.com/photos/worldpolicyconference/)

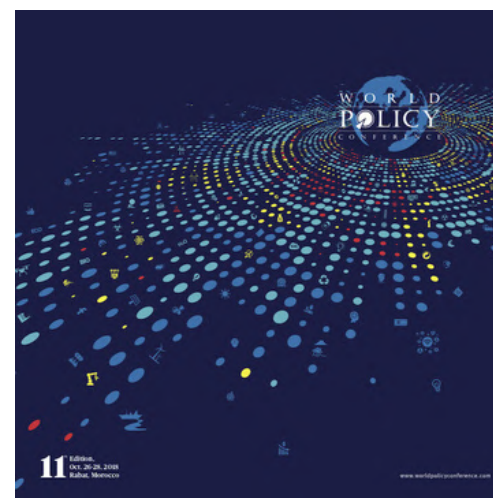
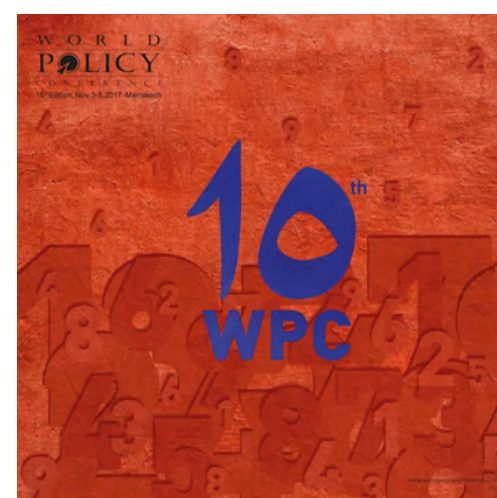
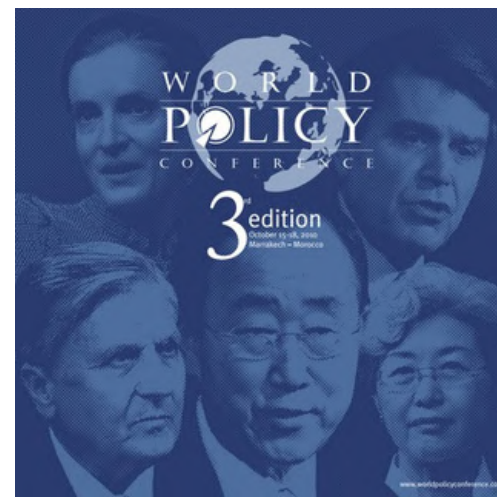


[HTTPS://FR.LINKEDIN.COM/COMPANY/  
WORLD-POLICY-CONFERENCE](https://fr.linkedin.com/company/world-policy-conference)



# Follow-up

Annual reports are available online after each conference and printed versions are sent worldwide. Full conference proceedings are available for download on our website all year round in both French and English. This content is also available as videos on YouTube.



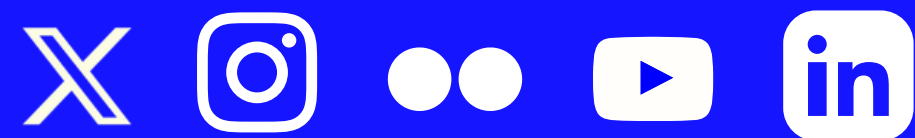




[www.worldpolicyconference.com](http://www.worldpolicyconference.com)

[www.worldpolicyconferencetv.com](http://www.worldpolicyconferencetv.com)

[www.ifri.org](http://www.ifri.org)



Tel: +33 (0)1 40 61 72 81

