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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), Noura Al Kaabi (Minister of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE), 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), Josep Borrell Fontelles (Vice President of the European Commission), 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 Türkiye), Angel Gurría (SG of the OECD), Toomas Hendrik Ilves (President of the Republic of Estonia), Paul Kagame (President of the Republic of Rwanda), 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), Kevin McCarthy (55th President of the US Chamber of Representatives), Amr Moussa (SG of the League of Arab States), Louise Mushikiwabo (Secretary General of the International Organisation of La Francophonie), 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), Kevin Rudd (26th PM of Australia), Nicolas Sarkozy (President of the French Republic), Jean-Claude Trichet (President of the ECB), Aleksandar Vučić (President of the Republic of Serbia).

Conference venues

From Evian to Chantilly, 18 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



Abu Dhabi, UAE



Chantilly, France



Appreciations

It is an honour for our country to be hosting the World Policy Conference in Chantilly. At a time when the very principle of international cooperation is being called into question by some, your mission, which is to envisage a more open, prosperous and fair world, one respecting every nation, is an absolute necessity.

Emmanuel Macron

I was listening very carefully to all your panelists and guests, and I have learnt a lot from some of the data and got some new ideas.

Aleksandar Vučić

The beauty of this conference for the last few years I have been attending is that every time I come wearing my lenses, I change them for three days. As a result, instead of looking at an 'O', it becomes a 'P' or a 'Q', because I am seeing it from someone else's perspective.

Kamel Abdallah

It is not so easy, in the French tradition, to turn a conference dealing with international issues into a must-attend event when it does not come from the executive. But that is exactly what you have achieved: the audience you have built up speaks for itself! This result is all the more remarkable given that I am struck by the general loss of content, analysis and nuance in foreign policy, as in so many other areas of intellectual endeavour. And yet, there is a pressing need to reconnect with a high intellectual standard in order to better grasp the scope of the complex issues facing us. The World Policy Conference meets this need perfectly. Because it aims to understand the world as it is, and not to describe a world as it should be and will not be; the World Policy Conference opens eyes and helps to build a governance of what is possible.

Gérard Larcher

I would like to commend your foresight in sustaining, edition after edition, a space where such essential conversations remain possible. The theme you have chosen - "Between fragmentation and interdependence: rethinking global governance"- is not merely academic. It is a precise and compelling diagnosis of the state of global governance in our time.

Nialé Kaba

To begin, I want to commend you for continuing to steer the debate about global governance in the right direction. You have managed to do this by bridging different perspectives and I applaud you for this.

Paul Kagame

It was a real pleasure to take part in the WPC. As always, the conference was truly impressive, and I came away with many valuable insights. Many thanks again for making the event such a success.

Hiroyuki Akita

I think the WPC should be thanked for enabling us to debate, exchange views and explore possibilities. It is this force which, wherever it may be, brings together people capable of conceiving of what is possible.

Haïm Korsia

Thanks to the organizers of this conference here in a beautiful castle with many eminent people in this room. It is always good to come back to the WPC community.

Yuichi Hosoya

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 - Nov. 24, 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 - Oct. 19, 2018](#)

Since gaining independence, Kazakhstan has pursued a multivector, pragmatic, and balanced foreign policy, Kazakh Deputy Foreign Minister Roman Vassilenko said at the 17th annual World Policy Conference (WPC), organized by the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), on Dec. 13-15 in Abu Dhabi.
[The Astana Times - Dec. 17, 2024](#)

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 - Dec. 9, 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 - Oct. 16, 2019](#)

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WPC in numbers

18
editions



90
countries



1877
participants



625
speakers



530
hours of
debate



267
plenary
sessions



72
lunch/dinner
debates

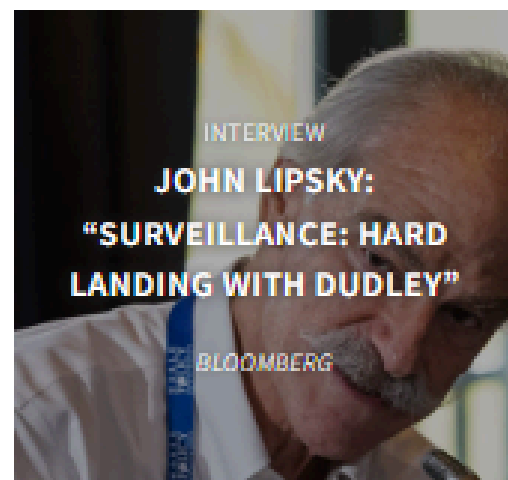
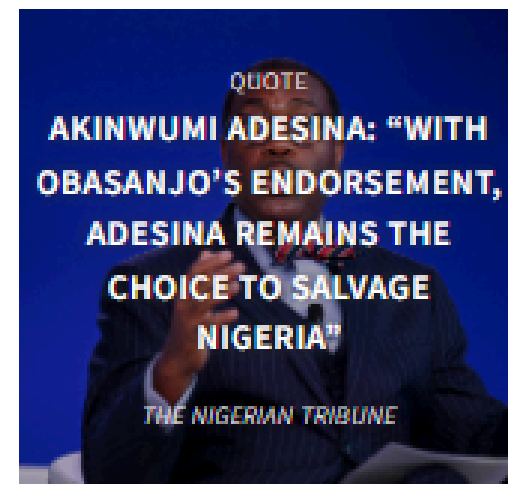


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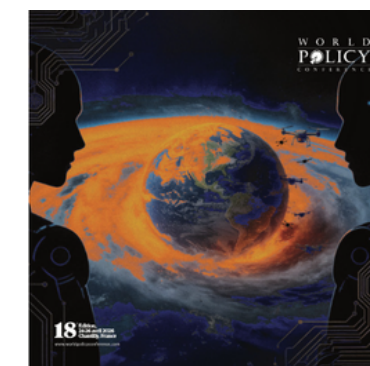
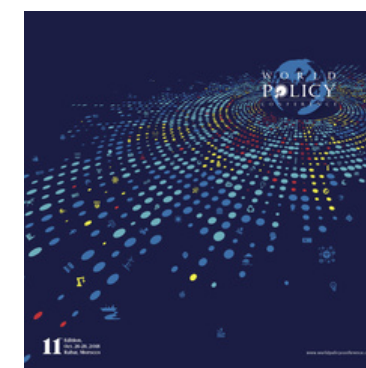
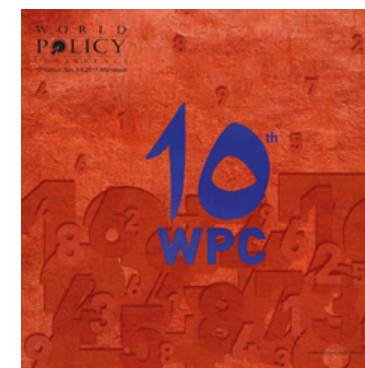
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