

## **“Visions of a New Global Order – A View from China”**

**Professor Wang Hui (Tsinghua University) in dialogue with Marina Rudyak (Heidelberg University)**

The “Community of shared future for mankind” (Renlei mingyun gongtongti 人类命运共同体) has been promulgated by Chinese policy intellectuals as a new concept of global governance and as an alternative to the “old” (Western-dominated) type of international relations, which they consider to echo a Cold War mentality and a confrontational zero-sum game. In Europe and the U.S., the term has received a mixed reception: while some have interpreted it as China’s commitment to multilateralism – especially during Donald Trump’s tenure – others see the promulgation of the term, especially in UN organizations, as an attempt to undermine the liberal international order. In dialogue with Marina Rudyak (Institute of Chinese Studies), China’s leading intellectual historian Wang Hui 汪晖, Changjiang Scholar and Professor at Tsinghua University, will reflect on Chinese perspectives of what is wrong with the old order (or disorder) as well as on questions that have arisen in response, both in Europa and the United States. As power relations are shifting, what are the alternatives for international relations in the 21st century – and is a “shared future” possible?

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His books include

- The End of Revolution: China and the Limits of Modernity (Verso, 2010)
- China's New Order: Society, Politics, and Economy in Transition, (Harvard University Press, 2003)
- The Politics of Imagining Asia, translated by Theodore Hutters, (Harvard University Press, 2011).

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