

STRATEGIC PLENARY I

The Transforming Global Order:

POWER, GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGIC AUTONOMY

14TH SEPTEMBER 2026

1115 – 1300 HOURS (PST)

MONDAY

SESSION OVERVIEW

Understanding how intensifying US–China competition is reshaping the global order – through tariffs, export controls, investment screening and control of critical minerals, and through the visible weakening of the UN, WTO and other rules-based institutions. The scope assesses how Europe, Pakistan and the wider Global South are responding: by hedging, pursuing strategic autonomy, or pressing for reform of multilateral institutions.

*To view speakers' profile of panelists, click on their names***Dr Huma Baqai (Chair)****Mr Nicholas Hopton**

The UK and Europe in a Bipolarising World: Power Transition, UN Reform, and the Defence of Inclusive Multilateralism.

**Prof Zhou Jianren**

China's View of the Emerging Global Order: Multipolarity, Multilateral Reform, and Cooperation with the Global South.

**Mr Christian Caryl**

The United States in an Era of Strategic Competition: Managing the China Challenge, Sustaining Alliances, and Redefining Global Leadership.

**Amb. Munir Akram**

Pakistan's Strategic Choices Amid Great-Power Competition: Autonomy, Economic Connectivity, and Enhanced Global Relevance since May 2025.

**Mr Fyodor Lukyanov**

Evolving Global Order: Perspective From Russia
(Online)