



## **The Rise of Asia 70 years after Bandung: What possibilities to build the world anew?**

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# **The Future of Neutrality in International Relations**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

We are living in a Europe without a neutral Sweden and Finland, a neutral Ireland that allows the use of its main airport for US military transports and where the two remaining central-European neutrals, Switzerland and Austria, are in ever closer collaboration with NATO while even integrating their air-defence into the German sky-shield initiative. At the same time, we are also living in a Eurasia where Serbia, Malta, and Georgia are outrightly refusing to think about NATO membership, Turkey is playing a neutral role within the alliance when it comes to the war in Ukraine, and Asian states from Turkmenistan over Mongolia to Vietnam, Malaysia, and Indonesia are using “neutralist” foreign policy strategies in one way or another. Are we witnessing the final decline of neutrality or are we just in a period of re(non)alignment that has yet to find its concrete contours? This roundtable of experts will discuss the new shapes of neutrality in the multipolar world.

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