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**‘Towards Multipolarity? New models for international cooperation’**

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After World War II, multilateral organisations were the main channel for cooperation by their member states. Many of these international institutions have been unable to address new challenges and are having difficulty adjusting to geopolitical shifts, new forms of civil society organisation, expanding power of global corporations, and growing numbers of overlapping regional and sub-regional institutions. In this fluid multipolar setting, how can states, NGOs, corporations and citizens collaborate on issues that require global cooperation? Will states cede some of their authority to supranational organisations or will participation remain essentially voluntary? Are new forms of international cooperation emerging in which the role of the state may be secondary to other social actors? How might existing international organisations evolve to fill new roles?

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**Evelijne Bruning**, director of The Hunger Project, will lead the discussion.

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