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TRANSCEND

TRANSNATIONAL CHALLENGES AND EMERGING NATIONS DIALOGUE

A Global Partnership for Research and Action on
Transnational Challenges, Multilateralism and
Governance



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Our Goals:

TRANSCEND is a worldwide network of academic research centers, policy think-tanks, government agencies and non-governmental organizations dedicated to developing new approaches to global governance. It specifically aims to forge a shared understanding among the developed and developing countries of how to manage the current diffusion of world power in the face of growing transnational challenges.

We live in an era of increasing mutual vulnerability of nations to transnational challenges, such as climate change, drug trafficking, people smuggling, competition for scarce energy resources, new forms of pandemics, terrorism, and the spread of technologies of mass destruction. We are also witnessing a gradual diffusion of world power, triggered not just by the “emerging powers” (e.g. China, India, Brazil, South Africa), but also by a host of transnational actors and institutions. Despite the uncertainty and risks caused by any power diffusion, the shared need for confronting common global challenges offers opportunities for new forms of multilateral cooperation in which emerging actors play a central role.

TRANSCEND creates a collaborative research, teaching and training framework to study the nexus between transnational challenges and emerging nations, and help scholars and policymakers from the emerging nations to better understand and respond to these challenges.

UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance

TRANSCEND is managed by the UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance, established at the School of International Service at American University in Washington, D.C., under the agreement between UNESCO and American University.

Major Themes of TRANSCEND:

TRANSCEND is concerned principally with five issues:

Concepts and Approaches: Ideas and approaches to global and transnational governance.

Human Insecurity and Non-Traditional Threats: The nature and impact of transnational threats, e.g. climate change, financial crises, pandemics, human trafficking etc., and responding to them with the help of emerging nations.

Multilateralism and Diffusion of Power: The role of emerging forums, especially the G-20, and how they reshape North-South relations.

Governing Regional Worlds: The role of regional institutions in the management of transnational issues.

Ideas and the Unity of Civilizations: History tells us that civilizations do not necessarily clash, but learn and benefit from each other. How to translate these lessons into concrete policy tools to arrest the perceptions of a clash of civilizations?

Our Activities: TRANSCEND, TRANSFORM, TRANSACT

TRANSCEND: The management of the overall network.

TRANSFORM- Transnational Forum: Global and regional conferences on the network’s themes.

TRANSACT: Transnational Action: Policy studies and practical solutions to transnational problems.

The activities and projects undertaken by TRANSCEND will be disseminated in a variety of forms, including: (1) a website, (2) a virtual organizational structure based on the model of a “policy collaboratory,” called TRANSCEND Collaboratory, which will link all the network members for the sharing of ideas, electronic and video conferences and seminars, (3) publication of policy papers and briefings for policy-makers, and (4) research reports, books and journal articles.

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Host Institution:

TRANSCEND is based at the School of International Service (SIS) at American University, Washington, D.C., one of the most internationally-oriented among American schools of international studies. Its location in the US capital facilitates networking with both developed and developing countries as well as with key multilateral institutions.



Membership:

TRANSCEND is an open and inclusive network. Depending on interest and commitment, members may be designated either as full or affiliates. It also opens participation to scholars, leaders, media, and governments. TRANSCEND’s membership reflects the voices of developing countries in defining their own role in responding to the global power shift