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CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL
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DEVELOPMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

THE Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD) is a public policy think-tank registered in Belgrade and New York. Its mission is to provide high-quality, independent analysis and offer innovative, practical recommendations with the aim of

- strengthening peaceful cooperation between States and increasing responsiveness to changing global circumstances;
- encouraging a more inclusive and equitable international system;
- advocating sustainable development as the foundation of the UN post-2015 agenda.

CIRSD is committed to help deepen the understanding of economic, social, environmental, and foreign and security policy choices of different States and organizations.

KEY PROGRAM AREAS

In pursuing its mission, CIRSD organizes its activities around three primary program areas:

1. The CIRSD Program on International Relations focuses on examining the strategic dynamics that shape international developments in addition to analyzing the day-to-day challenges faced by policy-makers. It also provides insight into increasingly complex global circumstances, helping to deepen understanding about the widening gap between expectations and results as well as their multiplying effects on growing perceptions of unpredictability and overall uncertainty.

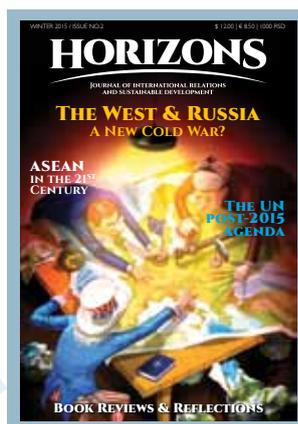
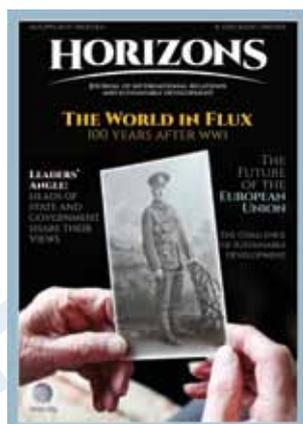
2. The CIRSD Program on Sustainable Development helps international actors embrace a more holistic approach to defining and implementing the United Nations post-2015 agenda, whilst fostering debate on how to effectuate the transformations necessary for sustainable development to take hold at the technological, organizational and strategic level.

3. The CIRSD Program on Global Security Policy aims to heighten understanding of how global security is defined and addressed in the contemporary world, whilst taking into account various historical perspectives and the myriad contributions of globalization to security issues.

CIRSD'S FLAGSHIP MAGAZINE *HORIZONS*

In furtherance of its mission and in support of its key program areas, in September 2014 CIRSD launched its flagship English-language quarterly magazine *Horizons – Journal of International Relations and Sustainable Development*.

Horizons serves as a high-level platform for influential voices from around the world to provide informed analysis and conduct reasoned exchanges on the full spectrum of issues that shape international developments.



Horizons Editorial Statement

Horizons is an independent journal devoted to the broad theme of international relations and sustainable development. We are guided by the impression that few existing publications seek to engage this topic as a single conceptual and methodological whole, or, for that matter, from a truly global perspective. *Horizons* seeks to contribute to filling this void by treating development questions (economic, social, and environmental) as integral parts of the practice of contemporary international relations.

Selected Authors from the first two issues of Horizons



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MAJOR CIRSD CONFERENCES & ROUNDTABLES

CIRSD is committed to hosting world-class conferences and roundtable debates to foster debate on pressing issues in international relations and sustainable development. Through such events, CIRSD brings together high-level government officials, senior diplomats and policy-makers, top business executives and entrepreneurs, outstanding thinkers, prominent scholars and academics, and distinguished elder statesmen to discuss critical topics on the global agenda.

- **First World War Centenary:** In May 2014, CIRSD organized a two-day international conference in Belgrade entitled “The European Tragedy of 1914 and the Multipolar World of 2014: Lessons Learned.”
- **Sustainable Development:** In November 2014, CIRSD and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) co-organized in Belgrade a major conference on “Climate Change and the Green Economy.”
- **New Silk Roads:** In December 2014, CIRSD organized a high-level international conference entitled “Silk Roads: Inspirations and Opportunities” in Istanbul in partnership with the Development Research Center (DRC) of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, the Center for Strategic Research (SAM) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, and the Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA).
- **Horizons Roundtable Discussions:** In the wake of the publication of each issue of its flagship English-language quarterly magazine *Horizons*, CIRSD organizes a Davos-style panel discussion on the main theme of the issue in question. These high-level events feature *Horizons* authors as well as other renowned international figures and are held in Belgrade around the world.

CIRSD'S BOOK PUBLISHING IMPRINT

CIRSD publishes Serbian-language translations of path-breaking books in the field of international relations and sustainable development.

- *The Age of Sustainable Development* by Jeffrey Sachs
- *The Great Convergence: Asia, the West, and the Logic of One World* by Kishore Mahbubani
- *Superpower: Three Choices for the Next America* by Ian Bremmer

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

CIRSD is an institutional partner of an innovative, first-of-its-kind advisory group jointly established by the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN). The President of CIRSD, the CIRSD Board of Advisors, and CIRSD Senior Staff are members of the Columbia University Earth Institute–UN SDSN Advisory Group on International Relations, having been designated “Earth Institute SDSN Senior Advisors.”

The goal of this joint initiative is to capitalize on the collective knowledge and experience of renowned scientists and prominent political and diplomatic leaders from different parts of the world. The Advisory Group aims to provide high-level analysis and advice to governments and international organizations on how to manage the transformation to sustainable development in the context of national, regional, and global governance.

This partnership helps create an effective mechanism for the translation of scientific evidence and technical knowledge into progressive yet realistic policy prescriptions, helping to advance the post-2015 agenda.



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