Global Politics in the Era of Disruptive Technologies. 
New Scenarios in an Old World?

Global politics is undergoing a radical transformation. Technological advancements are gaining a prominent role in international affairs. Indeed, machine-learning algorithms, earth observations satellites, unmanned aerial vehicles and cyber-weapons play a crucial role in the enactment of security and warfare.

At the same time, the resurfacing of old international rivalries, the cracks of traditional alignments and the rise of emerging powers are changing the international system of the XXI Century, if not the approach and theoretical tools IR scholars use to understand it.

While power politics changes, non-traditional threats are also on the rise: seemingly never-ending conflicts in Africa and the Middle East, global migrations, environmental issues and the threat of transnational terrorism are unavoidable elements that every possible future scenario must take into consideration.

The increasingly close relationship between social and technological knowledge should push scholars towards a deeper integration of different fields of study, including psychology, sociology, economics and engineering.

If the pervasive use of technology requires a better understanding of global political dynamics, geopolitical transformations render the task of understanding the interactions between political and social change and technological progress ever more pressing for International Relations.
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Enrico Fiorentini, Consulting Advisor, Office of Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, MAECI, Italy

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Nation-states’ Points of Contact for Addressing Cyber Security Threats and Actions

Gian Piero Siroli, University of Bologna, Italy

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