

First MST Annual Conference

**THE GRAY BOOK OF GLOBALISATION:
ON THE FRONTIERS OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE**

Friday 10 November 2023
CÉRIUM 6420

[Registration](#)

For its first annual conference, the *Globalization Under Strain* (MST) research team (supported by the FRQSC) will be taking a critical look at the edges of globalisation and global governance, where yesterday's obvious progress is now giving way to questioning, reversals, alternative models and challenges from all sides. Can we govern the world rationally, avoiding conflict and improving cooperation between human beings? The idea of global governance rests on a typically modernist premise: based on science and expertise, the aim is to establish mutually beneficial ways of managing globalisation that are ever more perfect. Although this model is well established, whether in the offices of international organizations or in the many networks of transnational elites, it is now coming up against its inherent limitations. Inspired by the profound upheavals brought about by the rise of China, populist protest, the Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine, as well as by the evidence of social injustice and the perpetuation of conflict and violence, our research programme calls into question the historically dominant vision of a 'governable world'.

Alongside the six members of the team, a range of national and international guests will share their research and explain how it questions the limits of globalisation and global governance. In this way, we will collectively (and metaphorically) undertake the writing of the "Grey Book of Globalisation" in an interdisciplinary perspective (International Relations, International Law, Global History, Political Sociology). The event will include presentations in French and English.

Équipe de recherche *Mondialisation sous tension*



Prof. Vincent Pouliot (McGill)
Prof. Miriam Cohen (UdeM)
Prof. Romain Lecler (UQÀM)
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9:00 Introduction

Description of the team and its research programme

9:30 Can international law redress global climate injustice?

Miriam Cohen (Montreal) and Vladyslav Lanovoy (Laval)

10:15 Coffee break

10:45 Can diplomacy adapt to contemporary social change?

Romain Lecler (UQAM) and Catriona Standfield (Worcester State)

11:30 Who benefits from global governance?

Vincent Pouliot (McGill) and Steven Bernstein (Toronto)

12:15 Lunch

13:30 Soft Power, Liberal Politics, and Philanthropy : The Case of Greece since the Nineteenth Century to the Present

Alex Tipei (Montreal) and Despina Lalaki (Baruch College/CUNY)

14:15 Can global intelligence counter transnational criminal networks?

Sarah-Myriam Martin-Brûlé (Bishops) and Walter Kemp (GITOC)

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Will the international order survive the American twilight?

Frédéric Mérand (Montreal) and Basak Kus (Wesleyan)

16:15 Closing remarks

Summary of the day