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WHAT PEACE? WHICH WORLD ORDER?

Questions to the project researchers

1. BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONS

1.1. What are the main elements of your biography and intellectual development?

<http://granitopartners.com/about/team/executive-team/rodrigo-tavares/>

1.2. What are your specializations? Your research topics?

Sustainable Finance; Competitiveness, Sustainability and Foreign Policy of Cities and States; Peace and Development; Regional Security

1.3. How do you define yourself professionally?

Some who has dedicated his professional life to finding innovative solutions in the fields of human development and foreign affairs.

1.4. What major books or articles have you written?

Paradiplomacy: Cities and States as Global Players (New York and London: Oxford University Press), *Security in South America* (Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner, 2014), *International Organizations in African Security* (New York and London: Routledge, 2011, with Fredrik Söderbaum), and *Regional Security* (New York and London: Routledge, 2010). His publication record also includes some 30 book chapters and peer-reviewed articles in leading academic journals.

1.5. Are you involved in any association or civic engagement? If yes, please specify.

Yes, on poverty mitigation and literature

1.6. Do you have one or few websites?

www.granitopartners.com

1.7. Are you part of a research or action network? If yes, please specify.

Several networks on the topics of my expertise

1.8. Have you lived or worked abroad? If yes, please specify how long and where.

Ive lived in 7 different countries. Born in Portugal, currently living in Brazil.

2. SEMANTIC AND LINGUISTIC QUESTIONS

2.1. How do you define "peace" and "World order" in your language? What do these terms mean?

Peace is the creation of social systems that serve the needs of the whole population and the constructive resolution of conflict; it goes beyond absence of

violence. World order refers to the arrangement of power and authority that provides the framework for the conduct of global politics.

2.2. What are their synonyms and antonyms?

They are fairly similar, but one puts the stress on conflict and the other on power.

2.3. Do you personally use these concepts? Do you consider them relevant? Are they limited? If yes, please specify.

Yes, I use them in my academic writing

2.4. What does "harmony", "balance", "disorder", "chaos" mean in your linguistic and cultural area? Are there different interpretations? If yes, please specify.

In Portuguese, my mother tongue, they have similar meanings to English. Disorder is the lack of regular arrangement.

2.5. In which languages do you read?

Portuguese, English, Spanish

2.6. Which languages do you speak?

Portuguese, English, Spanish

2.7. In which languages can you write?

Portuguese, English

3. CONCEPTUAL QUESTIONS

3.1. Which main concepts do you use in your analysis of power?

Strength, control

3.2. Which secondary concepts do you use in your analysis of power?

Authority

3.3. According to you, what is the importance of the differences between “violence,” “force,” “strength” and “power”? Reference is made to the distinctions between auctoritas and potestas, potential and potestas, Macht and Gewalt, power and violence (Hannah Arendt), wealth and power, or economic strength and military strength (Paul Kennedy), autorité and pouvoir (Aglietta and Orlean see Glossary in progress), pouvoir and puissance? Please comment on similar words that are used in your own language to describe and explain national situations and international relations.

Violence and power are used in Portuguese in the same way than in English

3.4. What concepts do you use when describing international relations?

Decentralization, networking, lack of hierarchy

3.5. According to you, what are the main reasons of ongoing conflicts? In specific regions? In the world in general?

Unfulfillment of basic human needs

3.6. Within which theoretical framework do you make your analyses?

Several

3.7. To which fields of research, other than your own, do you often refer?

Psychology

3.8. Do you think that societies need “totems”, symbolic references, national mottos (*L’union fait la force, In God we trust...*) in order to manage conflicts? Why?

Symbolic references are used to shape identities and muster strength in times of distress

3.9. If so, do those “totems” seem universal or proper to each culture?

Each culture

3.10. If you find the question relevant, to which main symbolic references in your country do you refer in your country? In your culture? What is your culture?

Im multicultural, have lived in different countries

3.11. Do you think that the concept of Nation-State is an outdated concept? Why? If yes, with what would you replace it?

Yes, local power is gaining strenght

3.12. To which authors do you often refer? In your country? Abroad?

Several

3.13. How would you characterize the international system today?

In transition from a nation-state model to a decentralized model

3.14. Which authors and colleagues are closest to you? In your country? Abroad?

Several

3.15. Which authors and colleagues are the furthest from you? In your country? Abroad?

Several

4. GEOPOLITICAL QUESTIONS

4.1. How could we define the legitimate interests of a State that triggers or gets involved in a conflict outside its borders? What role is played by disinformation, incomplete information , and the manipulation of public opinion in the decision-making

mechanisms of government , in regard to initiating, or participating in, armed conflicts, or destabilization, or violence in certain countries?

Most states engage in armed conflicts abroad when the basic human needs of the governing elite of the population are perceived to be at stake. And these can be manipulated.

4.2. What are the “founding documents” of your country? Which dates?

Portugal independence dates back to 1143 when the Zamora Treaty was signed

4.3. What are the major events that shaped the history of your country?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_Portuguese_history

4.4. According to you, what are the major historic events of international life? Why?

Endless number of events, impossible to list down here.

4.5. To which foreign country do you feel the closest? Why?

Several countries in Europe, Africa, Latin America, North America

4.6. To which foreign country do you feel the furthest? Why?

None

4.7. What are the major internal challenges of your country today?

Portugal is facing economic recovery.

4.8. In twenty years?

Aging population

4.9. What are the main assets of your country today?

Science and technology, infrastructure, tourism

4.10. In twenty years?

Science and technology

4.11. On the scale of 1 (minimum) to 5 (maximum) indicate the appropriate position of your country today in the following areas:

Economic	1	2	3	4	5
Financial	1	2	3	4	5
Monetary	1	2	3	4	5
Political	1	2	3	4	5
Military	1	2	3	4	5
Scientific	1	2	3	4	5
Cultural	1	2	3	4	5
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4.13. What are the major threats for your country today?

Economic distress

4.14. In twenty years?

The same

4.15. Rank in decreasing order the nations that you consider to be the biggest threats to world peace?

Saudi Arabia, United States, North Korea

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4.16. Which non-state actors are threatening world peace at the present time? Tomorrow?

Terrorist organizations

4.17. What are the new forms of war today? Tomorrow?

The ones conducted by non-state actors

4.18. Are you familiar with the “non-military war operation” referred to by the Chinese authors Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui? If so, what do you think about this concept?

The term is more “unrestrictive warfare”. It is unlikely in the coming years.

4.19. What are the major threats for your continent?

Economic distress

4.20. What are the major threats for our planet?

Economic distress

4.21. Do you consider nuclear weapons as a threat? What are the main actions to be taken against proliferation? At the regional level? Globally?

Yes. Eradication is key.

4.22. How do you assess the threats of cyberwar? For your country? In the world? What solutions would you propose?

Very tangible thereats

4.23. Do you consider terrorism to be a major threat? How would you define it? What kinds of terrorism can you distinguish? How to prevent or fight them?

Yes, a major threat.

4.24. How do you assess the robotization of war?

A solid trend.

4.25. According to you, how important is the growing shortage of water within the next decades? What solutions would you propose?

Major threat

4.26. According to you, who are the main allies of your country? Why?

European countries

4.27. According to you, who are the main opponents of your country? Why?

None

4.28. According to you, what are the opportunities as well as geopolitical risks related to competition and future rivalries in the exploitation of the seas?

Several opportunities related to the economic exploration of oceans

4.29. According to you, what are the opportunities as well as geopolitical risks related to competition and future rivalries rivalry in the exploitation of outer space?

Future rivalries wont play a major role

4.30. Regarding geostrategy, what are the different schools of thought in your country?

Portugal has not specific tradition in the area as different than global schools of thought

4.31. Who are their leading personalities?

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4.32. What are their main characteristics?

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4.33. How would you define “*leadership*”, “*unilateralism*”, “*bilateralism*”, “*multilateralism*”, “*unipolarity*”, and “*multipolarity*”? In the context of today’s reality? Ideally?

The world is becoming multipolar and non-hierarchical

4.34. Do you believe that the concepts of “power” and “empire” are relevant? Why?

Power yes, empire no

4.35. Would you suggest additional or alternative concepts? If so, please specify which and why?

Networking power

4.36. What do you think about the ongoing transpacific and transatlantic trade projects? What implications and consequences for your country?

Very relevant in the case of the Pacific.

4.37. What do you think about the stakes, opportunities and risks related to the exploitation of the Arctic?

Major risks involved, could be like the pursuit of power in Africa by European powers in the 19th century

4.38. How do you conceive the future of Africa?

Optimistic

4.39. How do you see the future of Asia?

Leading the world economy soon

4.40. How do you see the future of Europe? Of the European Union?

European Union will need to be restructured in the coming future

4.41. How do you see the future of the Americas (North and South)?

Not very different from what it is today

4.42. What do you think about the creation of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank? What implications do you see? What are the implications or consequences for your country?

No major consequences for Portugal nor for Brazil.

4.43. What do you think about updating the Silk Roads? What would be the impact or consequences for your country?

No major consequences for Portugal nor for Brazil.

4.44. Do you know other projects that merit attention and commentary? Which? Why?

No

4.45. What do you think of politico-military alliances such as NATO, SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation), CSTO (Collective Security Treaty Organization), OSCE (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe), and BRICS?

No major consequences for Brazil. There is an excess of military alliances in Europe

4.46. How would you develop or transform them?

Streamlining and updating them is fundamental. Most are reliques from the Cold War.

4.47. Do you think the UN should strengthen its role in the field of peace? How? In security? How?

Through robust peacekeeping

4.48. What other international fields of activity should be developed?

Conflict prevention

4.49. What do you think about current regional and continental organizations and their probable or desired evolution?

Solid alternatives if properly funded.

5. SUGGESTIONS

5.1. What theoretical or practical paths do you advocate following in order to allow your country to face its challenges? Do you differentiate “peace” and “security”? In what way?

Peace and security should be regarded as a broad reference of values that are applied to relationships between agents. Just like a pendulum, these relationships can vary from confrontational and violent relationships to more amicable and peaceful ones.

5.2. What do you expect from your country’s allies? Which allies?

Brazil’s strong allies are in Latin and North America. They recognize the country’s leadership in South America

5.3. What economic reforms (IMF, World Bank, WTO) would you suggest at the international level?

Democratization of global economic institutions

5.4. What political reforms (UN...) would you suggest at the international level?

Security Council reform

5.5. What reforms would you suggest in the field of security and military at the international level?

Increase in robust peacekeeping

5.6. What cultural reforms (UNESCO...) would you suggest at the international level?

UNESCO has become a bureaucratic organization. It needs to be more focused and agile

5.7. In your opinion, which international projects should be given priority? In second place?

Formation of a UN-like structure with local governments as members

5.8. What would be your personal proposals in connection with regional or international reorganization?

Paradiplomacy, one of my areas of interest, advocates a stronger role of cities and states

5.9. Which language or languages will be dominant in 50 years? Why?

Mandarin, English, Arabic

6. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PROJECT “WHAT PEACE? WHICH WORLD ORDER?”

6.1. Which books would you recommend to your project colleagues?

Henry Kissinger, World Order, 2015

6.2. Which websites do you recommend about your country? About a foreign country? About a subject related to the project?

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6.3. According to you, which issues should be discussed with priority at the workshop on peace and world order? Please draft, at your convenience, a table of subjects.

What is the role of market (asset owners and asset managers) in contributing to social, environmental and economic development

6.4. What type of project, related to the theme of peace, would you like to carry out with which partner?

On sustainable finance. Sustainable finance refers to any form of financial service integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into the business or investment decisions for the lasting benefit of both clients and society at large.