From a world order perspective, the United Nations does not necessarily become better because it is becoming bigger. The understanding and appraisal of its performance in all instances are keyed to wider concerns about world order values and prospects for non-violent system transformation. From the Introduction to “The United Nations and a Just World Order,” eds. Falk, Kim, Mendlovitz

Once considered Utopian, the five core World Order Values have found their way into common use in a wide range of contemporary human security policies and practices at the United Nations and beyond. While there is some contention about the importance or even desirability of grander forms of global governance, there is little debate about the relevance of world order values to all who work in multi-lateral settings where the peace and well-being of communities and nations is a core objective.

For four hours on January 28, a group of diverse and well-known scholars and policy advocates representing different sectors of the ‘world order’ agenda will come together and examine the deep and direct impact of world order values on their teaching and research, policy and practice. The panels will discuss tangible activities and outcomes that have inspired their own and subsequent generations to think more expansively, negotiate more successfully and act with more integrity towards a more peaceful, sustainable, abundant and respectful world.

Program

Noon: Light Lunch Served

12:30 PM: Tribute to Randall Forsberg by Saul Mendlovitz, Dag Hammarskjöld Professor at Rutgers Law School, with distribution of Forsberg/Carlin’s “US Military Spending: Hundreds of Billions for Foreign Wars – How Much for National Defense?”

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM:  Panel 1, “The Implication of World Order Values for Teaching and Research,” Moderated by Dr. R. B. J. Walker, University of Victoria, Canada

Dr. Ali Mazrui, Institute for Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton University
Dr. Robert Johansen, Kroc Institute, Notre Dame University
Dr. Manuela Mesa. CEIPAZ - Fundación Cultura de Paz, Spain

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM:  Panel 2, “The Implication of World Order Values for Policy and Practice,” Moderated by Dr. Lester Ruiz, Association of Theological Schools

Dr. Richard Falk, Professor Emeritus of International Law and Practice, Princeton University
Dr. Johan Galtung, TRANSCEND International, Switzerland
Dr. Radmila Nakarada, University of Belgrade, Serbia

4:00PM – 4:15 PM:  Reception