

# MASTERCLASS

with Professor Chris Reus-Smit

## “Cultural Diversity and International Order”



Cultural diversity looms large in contemporary world politics. Power is shifting to non-Western great powers, and diffusing to non-state actors, including transnational insurgents who justify violence in the name of religious identity and belief. For many, these new conjunctions of material power and articulations of cultural difference pose a fundamental challenge to modern international order. For others, this ‘liberal’ order is uniquely able to accommodate states and peoples of diverse cultures.

This master class explores the relationship between cultural diversity and international order. It explores four key questions:

- What do we mean by culture, and how we should understand cultural diversity?
- What is the nature of political order, and international order more specifically?
- How, historically, has cultural diversity shaped international orders?
- And can the contemporary ‘liberal’ international order accommodate new conjunctions of material power and expressions of cultural difference?

The class will be taught over two days, in four two hour sessions, and participants will be asked to read in advance a small number of well focused readings for each session.

**WHEN:** Friday 21st October and Friday 28th October, 2016

**TIME:** 10am - 12noon and 2pm - 4pm each day

**WHERE:** UQ Campus GPN39A Room 402

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