

SHAPE

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Warmly invites you and friends to a special international gathering

RESHAPING OUR MALFUNCTIONING WORLD: Change is in the Air

Sunday 20 October

New York 8:00 am – Rio 9:00 am – London 12:00 noon – Rome/Geneva 1:00 pm – Johannesburg 2:00 pm
Istanbul/Athens/Cairo 3:00 pm Tehran 3:30 pm – New Delhi 5:30 pm – Jakarta 6:00 pm
KL/Beijing/Perth 8:00 pm – Seoul 9:00 pm – Melbourne 11:00 pm – Auckland 1:00 am (Monday)



RICHARD A. FALK

Professor Emeritus of International Law at Princeton University. He served as United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories (2008-2014). He is the author of over 50 books including *This Endangered Planet* (2021), *Public Intellectual: The Life of a Citizen Pilgrim* (2021), and co-author of *Liberating the United Nations: Realism with Hope* (2024).



HANS VON SPONECK

Educated in Germany, the UK and the US; UN civil servant (1968-2000); head of UN missions in Botswana, Pakistan and India; Director, UNDP European Office in Geneva; UN Assistant Secretary-General for Iraq. Professional interests: political accountability, multilateral sanctions and the linkage between human rights and human responsibilities. and co-author of *Liberating the United Nations: Realism with Hope* (2024).



GRACE NALEDI PANDOR

South Africa's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation 2019-2024 and led the country's historic genocide case of December 2023 brought against Israel in the International Court of Justice; an ANC MP since majority rule in 1994; she held several ministerial positions, including Minister of Higher Education and Training (2018-2019), Minister of Science and Technology, and Minister of Home Affairs. *Hope* (2024)



VIJAY PRASHAD

Executive Director of The Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research and Chief Correspondent for *Globetrotter*; an Indian historian and journalist, author of forty books, including *Washington Bullets*, *The Darker Nations*, *A Possible History of the Global South*, and recently *The Withdrawal: Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, and the Fragility of U.S. Power* (2022) and co-authored with Noam Chomsky *On Cuba* (2024).

**MODERATOR: DR IVANA NIKOLIĆ HUGHES,
PRESIDENT OF THE NUCLEAR AGE PEACE FOUNDATION**

The discussion will address the troubling questions raised by the virtual impotence of the UN and the almost complete disregard of international law by governments right across the spectrum. What we're focussing on is: where to from here? What might be promising new approaches, new ideas, new initiatives - ways of reforming the UN system.

Following the four presentations we will distil a strategic direction for future engagement with the focus on concrete initiatives that SHAPE, together with other civil society organisations and perhaps some likeminded governments and international agencies, can pursue in coming months and beyond.

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