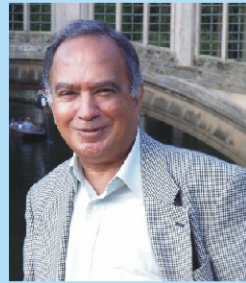


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A new world order is taking shape. In the aftermath of the World Wars and the Cold War, optimists hoped that the multilateral system envisaged by the UN Charter could finally be realised. Now this vision appears utopian. International cooperation based on a commitment to constitutional government, human rights and the rule of law was a product of eighteenth century Enlightenment and underwritten first by the European great powers and then by the United States. How will it survive the decline of the predominance of the USA and the rise of new power centres in this century?

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