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### How does Europe walk with others?

*European Commission Framework Programme 7 project asks the big question*

The Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, at the University of Warwick, has won €8 million in the European Commission FP7 competition to lead a research on 'Europe in a Multi-polar World'. The project will focus on emerging global governance structures and Europe's place within them. Entitled *Global Re-ordering: Evolution through European Networks (GR:EEN)*, will invest €10 million over four years into exploring questions of how Europe matters and indeed if and how it can continue to matter in an increasingly multi-polar world.

**GR:EEN** is the second major European success for CSGR in five years having secured €5.4 million in the 2006 FP6 competition to establish a network of excellence on global governance, regionalism and regulation (GARNET). The success of GARNET and especially the relationship between the core partners led to the development of GR:EEN which is large-scale collaborative consortium of university research institutes from the Free University of Brussels, the University of Amsterdam, the United Nations University in Bruges, the Central European University in Budapest, the Copenhagen Business School and think tanks in Oslo, Madrid and Milan. The European researchers are teamed up with leading institutes from all points of the compass: Beijing University, Waseda University in Tokyo, Boston University, the Latin American Academy of Social Sciences in Buenos Aires, the Cape Town Business School, the Rajaratnam School of International Studies (NTU) in Singapore and the University of Western Australia all acting as research hubs for the project in their respective regions

The project will have 5 components: i) conceptual analyses of an emerging multi-polar world and the theory and practice of international organisation and networks in that world; ii) the evolution of EU policy and practice; iii) the effects of regional leadership from Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Americas on global governance; iv) and policy specific studies on the EU and multi-polarity within the fields of human rights and security, energy, resources and environment, trade and finance. It will also develop a foresight study detailing scenarios for EU policy towards the emerging world order.

Professor Richard Higgott, the director of GR:EEN, said he was "... very excited to be involved in a research project of this scale with outstanding scholars from Europe and the other key regions of the world at this time of dramatic change in the global balance of economic and political power."

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*Global Re-ordering: Evolution through European Networks*

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