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Questions to the project researchers

1. BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONS

- 1.1. What are the main elements of your biography and intellectual development?
- 1.2. What are your specializations? Your research topics?
- 1.3. How do you define yourself professionally?
- 1.4. What major books or articles have you written?
- 1.5. Are you involved in any association or civic engagement? If yes, please specify.
- 1.6. Do you have one or few websites?
- 1.7. Are you part of a research or action network? If yes, please specify.
- 1.8. Have you lived or worked abroad? If yes, please specify how long and where.

2. SEMANTIC AND LINGUISTIC QUESTIONS

- 2.1. How do you define "peace" and "World order" in your language? What do these terms mean?
- 2.2. What are their synonyms and antonyms?

- 2.3. Do you personally use these concepts? Do you consider them relevant? Are they limited? If yes, please specify.
- 2.4. What does "harmony", "balance", "disorder", "chaos" mean in your linguistic and cultural area? Are there different interpretations? If yes, please specify.
- 2.5. In which languages do you read?
- 2.6. Which languages do you speak?
- 2.7. In which languages can you write?

3. CONCEPTUAL QUESTIONS

- 3.1. Which main concepts do you use in your analysis of power?
- 3.2. Which secondary concepts do you use in your analysis of power?
- 3.3. According to you, what is the importance of the differences between "violence," "force," "strength" and "power"? Reference is made to the distinctions between auctoritas and potestas, potential and potestas, Macht and Gewalt, power and violence (Hannah Arendt), wealth and power, or economic strength and military strength (Paul Kennedy), autorité and pouvoir (Aglietta and Orlean see Glossary in progress), pouvoir and puissance? Please comment on similar words that are used in your own language to describe and explain national situations and international relations.

- 3.4. What concepts do you use when describing international relations?
- 3.5. According to you, what are the main reasons of ongoing conflicts? In specific regions? In the world in general?
- 3.6. Within which theoretical framework do you make your analyses?
- 3.7. To which fields of research, other than your own, do you often refer?
- 3.8. Do you think that societies need “totems”, symbolic references, national mottos (*L’union fait la force, In God we trust...*) in order to manage conflicts? Why?
- 3.9. If so, do those “totems” seem universal or proper to each culture?
- 3.10. If you find the question relevant, to which main symbolic references in your country do you refer in your country? In your culture? What is your culture?
- 3.11. Do you think that the concept of Nation-State is an outdated concept? Why? If yes, with what would you replace it?
- 3.12. To which authors do you often refer? In your country? Abroad?

3.13. How would you characterize the international system today?

3.14. Which authors and colleagues are closest to you? In your country? Abroad?

3.15. Which authors and colleagues are the furthest from you? In your country? Abroad?

4. GEOPOLITICAL QUESTIONS

4.1. How could we define the legitimate interests of a State that triggers or gets involved in a conflict outside its borders? What role is played by disinformation, incomplete information, and the manipulation of public opinion in the decision-making mechanisms of government, in regard to initiating, or participating in, armed conflicts, or destabilization, or violence in certain countries?

4.2. What are the “founding documents” of your country? Which dates?

4.3. What are the major events that shaped the history of your country?

4.4. According to you, what are the major historic events of international life? Why?

4.5. To which foreign country do you feel the closest? Why?

4.6. To which foreign country do you feel the furthest? Why?

4.7. What are the major internal challenges of your country today?

4.8. In twenty years?

4.9. What are the main assets of your country today?

4.10. In twenty years?

4.11. On the scale of 1 (minimum) to 5 (maximum) indicate the appropriate position of your country today in the following areas:

Economic	1	2	3	4	5
Financial	1	2	3	4	5
Monetary	1	2	3	4	5
Political	1	2	3	4	5
Military	1	2	3	4	5
Scientific	1	2	3	4	5
Cultural	1	2	3	4	5
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4.13. What are the major threats for your country today?

4.14. In twenty years?

4.15. Rank in decreasing order the nations that you consider to be the biggest threats to world peace?

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4.16. Which non-state actors are threatening world peace at the present time? Tomorrow?

4.17. What are the new forms of war today? Tomorrow?

4.18. Are you familiar with the “non-military war operation” referred to by the Chinese authors Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui? If so, what do you think about this concept?

4.19. What are the major threats for your continent?

4.20. What are the major threats for our planet?

4.21. Do you consider nuclear weapons as a threat? What are the main actions to be taken against proliferation? At the regional level? Globally?

- 4.22. How do you assess the threats of cyberwar? For your country? In the world? What solutions would you propose?
- 4.23. Do you consider terrorism to be a major threat? How would you define it? What kinds of terrorism can you distinguish? How to prevent or fight them?
- 4.24. How do you assess the robotization of war?
- 4.25. According to you, how important is the growing shortage of water within the next decades? What solutions would you propose?
- 4.26. According to you, who are the main allies of your country? Why?
- 4.27. According to you, who are the main opponents of your country? Why?
- 4.28. According to you, what are the opportunities as well as geopolitical risks related to competition and future rivalries in the exploitation of the seas?
- 4.29. According to you, what are the opportunities as well as geopolitical risks related to competition and future rivalries rivalry in the exploitation of outer space?
- 4.30. Regarding geostrategy, what are the different schools of thought in your country?

- 4.31. Who are their leading personalities?
- 4.32. What are their main characteristics?
- 4.33. How would you define “leadership”, “unilateralism”, “bilateralism”, “multilateralism”, “unipolarity”, and “multipolarity”? In the context of today’s reality? Ideally?
- 4.34. Do you believe that the concepts of “power” and “empire” are relevant? Why?
- 4.35. Would you suggest additional or alternative concepts? If so, please specify which and why?
- 4.36. What do you think about the ongoing transpacific and transatlantic trade projects? What implications and consequences for your country?
- 4.37. What do you think about the stakes, opportunities and risks related to the exploitation of the Arctic?
- 4.38. How do you conceive the future of Africa?
- 4.39. How do you see the future of Asia?

- 4.40. How do you see the future of Europe? Of the European Union?
- 4.41. How do you see the future of the Americas (North and South)?
- 4.42. What do you think about the creation of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank? What implications do you see? What are the implications or consequences for your country?
- 4.43. What do you think about updating the Silk Roads? What would be the impact or consequences for your country?
- 4.44. Do you know other projects that merit attention and commentary? Which? Why?
- 4.45. What do you think of politico-military alliances such as NATO, SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation), CSTO (Collective Security Treaty Organization), OSCE (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe), and BRICS?
- 4.46. How would you develop or transform them?
- 4.47. Do you think the UN should strengthen its role in the field of peace? How? In security? How?
- 4.48. What other international fields of activity should be developed?

- 4.49. What do you think about current regional and continental organizations and their probable or desired evolution?

5. SUGGESTIONS

- 5.1. What theoretical or practical paths do you advocate following in order to allow your country to face its challenges? Do you differentiate “peace” and “security”? In what way?
- 5.2. What do you expect from your country’s allies? Which allies?
- 5.3. What economic reforms (IMF, World Bank, WTO) would you suggest at the international level?
- 5.4. What political reforms (UN...) would you suggest at the international level?
- 5.5. What reforms would you suggest in the field of security and military at the international level?
- 5.6. What cultural reforms (UNESCO...) would you suggest at the international level?
- 5.7. In your opinion, which international projects should be given priority? In second place?

5.8. What would be your personal proposals in connection with regional or international reorganization?

5.9. Which language or languages will be dominant in 50 years? Why?

6. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PROJECT “WHAT PEACE? WHICH WORLD ORDER?”

6.1. Which books would you recommend to your project colleagues?

6.2. Which websites do you recommend about your country? About a foreign country? About a subject related to the project?

6.3. According to you, which issues should be discussed with priority at the workshop on peace and world order? Please draft, at your convenience, a table of subjects.

6.4. What type of project, related to the theme of peace, would you like to carry out with which partner?