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Conference-Roundtable—Coronavirus and International Affairs: Participant and Contributor Interviews

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In the days leading up to the Conference/Roundtable, CPE had an opportunity to sit with some of the Conference participants as well as some important Conference participants for short interviews. Most of the interviews may be accessed here:

Larry Catá Backer Interview (speaks to the rationale for focusing in international rather than national approaches to the COVID-19 pandemic; the semiotics of the virus in terms of imposing meaning through nationality, through morality, and through responsibility); access interview at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9jgYvKzy_qg&t=48s].

Yuri Hernandez Gonzalez Interview (speaking to COVID-19 in Cuba and the Caribbean; the role of Cuban medical diplomacy abroad; economic repercussions respecting pharma and the tourist sector); access interview at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYZSlkwrsHU&list=PL6 pg8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=3].

Alice Hong Interview (speaking about COVID-19 from the perspective of a foreign student at a US university; reflections on the way that the great drivers of international relations produce personal and individual effects); access interview at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuYj251Ujyo&list=PL6p g8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=4].

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GAO Shan interview (speaks about life under COVID-19 across the US-China divide. Dr. Gao grew up in Wuhan where his parents still live and work. He is currently working in the US Midwest. He speaks to us about the situation in Wuhan from the perspective of an insider from the outside and then relates those experiences in thinking about the differences in the way that the pandemic is experienced in Wuhan and in the US Midwest); access interview at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KWypsBCBJw&list=PL 6pg8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=5].

Keren Wang interview (Dr. Wang, who researches in the areas of rhetoric and discourse, provides a superb interview that started with a wide ranging discussion of the difference between the US and China in terms of their response to the Pandemic. He then considered how that response and this pandemic has shaped its own discourse in both countries, contrasting the way that discussion is constructed by officials, the media, and among common people); access interview at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uoFAPF_LKs&list=PL6 pg8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=6].

Jonathan Kiwana interview (Mr. Kiwana is a lawyer and constitutional scholar in Uganda (and a former student), he speaks to the way that Uganda and neighboring states confronted COVID-19 and the pandemic. He spoke as well to the substantial differences in approach. He also considered the role of the African Union and IFIs, as well as the role of Multinational Enterprises in meeting the COVID-19 challenge. He ends with a reflection on the post pandemic future of international relations from an African perspective); access interview at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88nkCaSZLrk&list=PL6p g8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=7].

Pini Miretski interview (speaks to the state, technology and the response of Russia, Ukraine, Israel, Turkmenistan, and Belarus in meeting the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. He first considers the current responses among these states form a comparative perspectives, and then considers the role of technology in each nation's response. He ends by examining some positive aspects–the spike in volunteerism in these states, as well as the role of business and civil society); access interview

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at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8RABBqDN-0&list=PL6pg8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=8]

Nicolas Scholz interview (spoke to the situation in Germany, a federal Republic with its own brand of center-periphery issues that are different from that between the US States and federal government. He spoke as well to COVID-19 from a European historical perspective, situating it within a century of shocks that adds perspective. And he considered the implications of COVID19 on social cohesion pulled between nationalism and globalization. Lastly he considered the way that COVID-19 might play a role in the contradictions between politics and administration, reacting to the debating point: does COVID-19 inaugurate the age of the technocrat and institutional administrator displacing the political actors at the center of the organization of the state),, access interview at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHWntp8CflQ&list=PL6 pg8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=9].

Bethany Salgado interview (spoke to issues of the challenges of COVID-19 for business with particular focus on the consumer products industry. She considered COVID-19's effects on supply chains, on supply chain diversification, and on the possibility of returning supply chains "home." Lastly she spoke about business and human rights in two respects: the first was relating to corporate responsibility for the integrity and welfare of stakeholders in its supply chain; the second touched on the responsibility of enterprises for worker protection in the form of PPE and obligations to sanitize workplaces); access interview at
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hgw1kyecjfo&list=PL6p g8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=10].

Yuri Gonzalez Hernandez interview (For this 2nd interview Mr. Gonzalez Hernandez speaks to us around the broad theme of "Cuban doctors and medicines in the fight against pandemic"/"Médicos y medicamentos cubanos en la lucha contra pandemia." The object was to consider four broad questions: 1. Médicos Cubanos/Cuban doctors and medical internationalism 2. Medicamentos/ medicines and medical treatment advances 3. Lo que están haciendo los médicos en Cuba/what doctors are doing in Cuba 4. Médicos cubanos en el exterior (Latinoamérica)/Cuban doctors abroad (especially in

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Latin America); Access interview at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6heNyNltHk&list=PL6p g8c3VR_wPL4EtXwvoPYiD7VDy1YDb9&index=13].

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