Podcast: World Government and Other Trends in International Political Theory

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Lucy Vernall from the ideas lab chats to **Dr Luis Cabrera (#contensis)** , senior lecturer in Political Theory in the Department of Political Science and International Studies, about the Millennium Development Goals, the recent launch of Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP), developments around global democracy, and the prospect of a World Government.

Studies in International Political Theory will feature three significant developments in the coming years, according to Luis Cabrera, Reader in Political Theory in the POLSIS Department.

The Millennium Development Goals effort will expire in 2015. Countries, global governance bodies and grass-roots organizations worldwide will strive to make their voices heard on the replacement for coordinated efforts at improving the lives of the world's worst off.

Efforts to create a directly-elected **United Nations Parliamentary Assembly** have gained steam and should be increasingly prominent. The body would only be advisory at first, but it could have a real role to play as globalization intensifies pressures on domestic democracy in coming years.

Serious scholars are once again thinking seriously about **World Government**. In the 1940s, leading thinkers, from Albert Einstein to Bertrand Russell and MP Henry Usborne called for world government to prevent global nuclear war. Today, some of the most prominent thinkers in International Relations and Political Theory are revisiting the topic in some provocative ways.

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