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You are cordially invited to a SIPRI event on the topic

States, power and the future of conflict: What role can soft balancing play?

Instead of engaging in active military alliances and arms buildups, states are turning to international institutions, informal alignments and economic sanctions to achieve their goals. However, the familiar military strategies states deploy to balance power often overshadow these other, softer options they could take. By prioritizing non-military instruments, leading powers have been able to restrain threatening powers without war or arms races. What are the hopes and limits of the soft balancing approach to power? Is it sustainable? Can it truly facilitate long-term cooperation? Or, is it just prelude—a staving off of inevitable conflict?

This event will address the key findings of Professor T.V. Paul's book *Restraining Great Powers: Soft Balancing from Empires to the Global Era* (Yale University Press).

**Wednesday, 24 April 2019, 14.00–15.30
at SIPRI, Signalistgatan 9, Solna**

Tea and coffee will be served at 13.30 and the discussion will begin at 14.00.



Speaker

T.V. Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations, Department of Political Science, McGill University



Discussant

Ashok Swain, Professor of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University



Moderator

Luc van de Goor, Director of Studies, SIPRI's Conflict and Peace research theme

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