UNILATERAL – MULTILATERAL – GLOBAL DECISION-MAKING

• Critical Security Studies
  • Security is socially constructed by context, process, actors
  • Ends justify means vs. sustainability and inclusivity

• Global Security Community
  • Vital interests securable only in community (e.g. NATO)
  • Shared values and identity as key factors for security communities
  • Communication based on collective meanings, shared codes and values

• International Organizations
  • Reflexive authority based on demands, not orders
  • Low legitimacy by delivering results and representation of concerns
UNILATERAL SCENARIO

• Legal obstacles
  • Space as province of mankind, missions ought not to threaten others, rights to state sovereignty and non-intervention
  • Weakening of international legal regime, norms and risks of its disintegration

• Planetary defense as a unilateral matter
  • States rid of possibility to ensure their own security, interests, survival
  • Competition over who saves the world
  • Good intentions not a source of legitimacy, nor free of power and self-interest
MULTILATERAL SCENARIO

• Nuclear Dilemma
  • Dependence on five nuclear weapon states
  • Destabilization of the nuclear non-proliferation regime

• United Nations Security Council
  • Five permanent members decide over the rest of the world
  • Countries affected not included

• United Nations General Assembly
  • Challenges in reaching complete consensus of conflicting interests
  • Inequality of vote distribution, unequal value of life?

An asteroid is a threat to people, not to states
GLOBAL SCENARIO

• Inclusive, representative and global decision-making
  • Shared global threat perspective, no matter where an asteroid hits
  • Legitimate global authority representing all people

• Pooling capabilities, knowledge and execution
  • Shared practices to construct shared vision for a global community

• Decision-making based on the threat
  • Geographically indiscriminate (space) and long-term sustainable and constant (time)
CONCLUSION

Is relying on the dinosaur form of decision-making the best way for planetary defense?

Sustainable decision-making is not based on geography, history and identity but on functionality, reality and principles.