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Speaker	Dr. Paul G Buchanan
Topic	Systemic Realignment and the Long Transition. Some thoughts on contemporary international relations.
Date & Time	Monday 10 October 2022
Location	Lecture Theatre, Old Government House (University Of Auckland), Princes Street, Auckland. Masks and social distance are OPTIONAL for this event in the venue.
Synopsis	<p>The international system has been in a 30-year moment of transition, from a bipolar to a unipolar to a multipolar world. The liberal world order based on a combination of market economics and liberal democracy is under challenge.</p> <p>Uncertainty characterises transitional moments, with rising and declining great powers competing for dominance and smaller states readjusting positions. Conflict becomes the systems regulator. The Italian theorist Antonio Gramsci foresaw charismatic ‘men of destiny’.</p> <p>All this flows in part from rapid technological change, which has increased social interaction inside and outside the global system of production, distribution, consumption and exchange. Non-State social media add complexity. COVID and supply chains disruption act as precipitants.</p>
Biographical Details	<p>Dr Buchanan is the director of 36th Parallel Assessments, a NZ-based geopolitical and strategic analysis consultancy (36th-Parallel.com). He specializes in international and comparative politics, with sub-specialties in strategic thought, terrorism and unconventional warfare, intelligence analysis, democratization, régime change, and comparative labor politics</p> <p>Raised in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay, he holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago. He created the Western Hemisphere Area Studies program at the US Naval Postgraduate School, training intelligence officers on Latin America. For 10 years he alternated academic appointments with US government service (e.g. at the State Department, the Department of Defense, and the CIA). He held a Top Secret clearance.</p> <p>He has taught in Auckland and Singapore. He has written 3 books, and 60 articles, reviews and monographs. In New Zealand he has lectured in NZDF Colleges, advised on Government intelligence reform, and worked in the Inspector General of Security and Intelligence Reference Group.</p>

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