THE CENTURY OF MEGA-DAGUOS. THE CHARTER OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AMONG THE MEGA-DAGUOS¹

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Abstract. The current paper discusses the origins of the concept of "daguo", a term used in the Chinese academic literature to refer to the "great powers". We will use a particular concept, i.e. "mega-daguo", to refer to entities higher than the great powers (states, in the classic sense), that is new, trans-state or super-state actors of transcontinental or continental dimensions. Such entities create fusions among different civilizations; they have a specific behaviour, distinct from the behaviour of great powers, as currently perceived by us, in the traditional sense of the term. The current paper analyses the typology of mega-daguos; we will refer to the post-Huntingtonian age, that of a world which has overcome the dualist paradigm of the "inevitable conflict" among the civilizations, a world which has turned the principle of dialogue among the mega-daguos into a fundamental principle underlying a world of colossi. The last part of the paper proposes a fundamental document of the new world of post-state actors (mega-daguos), for the 21st century. We will call it the "Charter of peaceful coexistence among the mega-daguos", with an approach to the issue of reorganizing the UN, in order to be able to come to terms with such reality, in the 21st century post-state world based on a global law, in which post-state actors are also legally responsible for their behaviour and their decisions, at global level.

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1. Types of Mega-daguos

The mega-daguos of the 21st century *can come in the most diverse shapes*, resulting in variety of types (the groups of actors of continental or multicontinental, oceanic or transoceanic size are characteristic to all mega-daguos, as well as the colossal economic, military, civilizational force, exceeding by far the force of the "great powers", in the sense currently accepted in international relations).

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