

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Defining Fair & Inclusive International Relations

In this chapter, Dr Brian Wong shared his definitions of fairness and inclusivity in the context of international relations, emphasising the need for a more inclusive world order that addresses historical and systemic inequities.

1. Historically, the nature of international relations has been parochial, limited by narratives of national exceptionalism that ultimately hinder true global cooperation by “othering” different groups.
2. Inclusive international relations entail recognising the differences present across all nations, while also acknowledging and compensating for injustices stemming from historical and contemporary inequities.
3. Fair international relations entail more than just inclusive participation and necessitate robust institutions that ensure equitable decision-making processes between and within countries, which help give a platform to marginalised voices.