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## *Polycentrism in a post-hegemonic world and the future of the European Union*

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This report\* reflects the main issues faced by the international system and the challenges that it entails, in view of the dynamism of the international relations and the new multipolar or polycentric configurations that characterise such system. The report is based on the Serralves conferences (2016) dedicated to the topic *2030 Global Trends: The Futures of Portugal*, scientifically coordinated by Álvaro de Vasconcelos, on the European Union reports *2030 Global Trends: Can the EU meet the challenges ahead?*<sup>1</sup>, and on the *Global trends 2030: Alternative worlds* by the National Intelligence Council.<sup>2</sup> One of the main guidelines that is repeatedly present throughout the Serralves Conferences was the polycentric and post-hegemonic trend in the international relations

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<sup>2</sup> *National Intelligence Council*, “Global Trends 2030: Alternative worlds”. December 2012. Available at: <https://globaltrends2030.files.wordpress.com/2012/11/global-trends-2030-november2012.pdf>.