Is the current *democratic deficit* of the international system the simple result of some previous mismanagement? If so, could it be corrected without overcoming national/international parameters of global governance or is it rather an intrinsic dimension of every nation-state-centered structure? In this case, can the democratic deficit of the existing world system be solved without shifting the governance paradigm towards a more democratic one? Is the United Nations a useless tool destined for the dust bin of history or, in spite of its democratic deficits, can the UN play a relevant role in the democratization of the global order?

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