

THE ARCHIBALD BAXTER MEMORIAL PEACE LECTURE

How to Invigorate the Multilateral System

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Speaker bio:

David Shearer MBE has dedicated his entire life to humanitarian assistance and relief in some of the worst conflict zones in the world. Prior to working with the United Nations, he worked with NGOs such as Save the Children Fund in different parts of the world. David's spent nearly 20 years working for the UN in a range of important leadership provisions. He pioneered work on the relationship between development and peacebuilding and led the provision of UN humanitarian assistance to many countries including Somalia, Rwanda, Liberia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Lebanon, and Iraq. In 1992, David was (together with his wife) named New Zealander of the Year by *The New Zealand Herald*. In 2009, he won the Mount Albert by-election and entered the House of Representatives. He was a member of the New Zealand Parliament for the Labour Party from 2009 to 2016. He was elected as leader of the Labour Party in 2011 and resigned in 2013, to be succeeded by David Cunliffe. He left Parliament in 2016 and was appointed to head the United Nations peace keeping mission in South Sudan in 2021. He was widely adjudged within UN circles to be more successful in this role than any of his predecessors. He has worked with war lords, politicians and a wide variety of NGO's to bring sustainable peace to many areas of intractable conflict. He is extraordinarily well placed to talk to us on how to invigorate the UN as an effective multilateral system.

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