A series of recent developments—Russian revisionism, China’s rise, Brexit and broader challenges facing the European Union, illiberal trends in both democratic and authoritarian regimes, and the election of President Donald Trump in the United States—have raised anxieties about the future of the liberal international order. In his presentation, Prof. MacDonald will assess these various arguments through the perspective of different theories of international order. In particular, he will argue that institutionalist theories miss some of the deeper developments and fissures in contemporary global politics. Drawing on sociological theory, he will suggest that a focus on repertoires provides a useful framework for understanding the evolution of power politics and shifting practices of international ordering.