

that there is too much there for the decision-maker.

The final comments concerned the relations among states. Over the last 500 years political space has been based on mutually exclusive territorial space. The emergence of IT is causing this space to be transformed. What is emerging are neo-medieval structures, that is, the rise of local and overlapping identities. There are also the distributional consequences of power. Multinational corporations, NGOs, and other transnational actors wield a lot more power now. It is hard to predict what new equilibrium will emerge; the last 20 years may show that rapid change is the norm. In the end, globalization which has been promoted by IT does not mean the birth of a world state, but it does mean the enmeshment of states in a network of regimes and norms that will in turn fundamentally alter the nature of the international system.