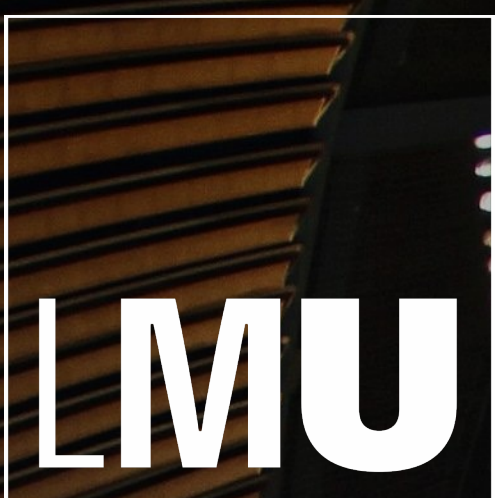




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Taking stock of the Challenges Facing the UN's 81st General Assembly

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How broke is the
UN?



Who pulls back,
who steps up?



Who will lead the
UN next?



What role for
Europe?



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