



St. Antony's International Review – Call for Submissions

Issue 19.1 *Globalism & Multipolarity*

St. Antony's International Review (STAIR) cordially invites prospective authors to submit original research manuscripts on topics of contemporary relevance in international affairs. We are now accepting abstracts and submissions for **Issue 19.1 *Globalism & Multipolarity*** by the deadlines noted below.

STAIR will review manuscripts containing original, unpublished material with a recommended word count of between **4,000 - 9,000 words** (excluding explanatory footnotes, endnotes **and** bibliography). Authors are asked to include a **word count** and an abstract of no more than **300 words**. Manuscripts are sent to external reviewers for comment. STAIR also accepts book reviews of **up to 2,000 words**. Prospective authors should follow the referencing guidelines for the 'humanities style' set out in **The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th Edition**. For further information on referencing, manuscript preparation, and diction, please refer to the "Notes for Contributors," document available here: <https://www.stairjournal.com/publish>

STAIR is accepting submissions to the following sections:

General Section: manuscripts on topics in the fields of International Relations/ Affairs, Political Science, Contemporary/International History, Area Studies, Development Studies, and related fields. Articles may take theoretical or policy-oriented approaches.

Book Review: reviews of books in the aforementioned fields which have been published within the last two calendar years. Please find a suggested book review shortlist on the third page.

Theme Section: manuscripts pertaining to the theme of *Globalism & Multipolarity* as outlined in the description below:

Issue 19.1 *Globalism & Multipolarity: The search for new Grand Narratives*

When STAIR was founded in 2005, Grand Narratives abounded. 'The Clash of Civilizations,' 'New World Order,' 'New Internationalism,' 'The End of History,' and others were applied by students and scholars of International Affairs as heuristics to frame developments around them in historical context. Amid growing attention to the question of unipolarity, its decline, and the rise of China as a new Great Power and other middle powers from the Global South, Issue 19.1 seeks to investigate whether Grand Narratives, both and in general, remain widespread and/or useful tools with which to analyze International Affairs. STAIR seeks contributions about a comprehensive set of issues cohered by an investigation into the extent those who study International Affairs have taken for granted assumptions about their field which are now outdated. In other words, are the issues which top global agendas conceivable using the frameworks popular among STAIR contributors of one or two decades ago?

Why are major parties on the Western political right, often associated with military intervention and free trade, now hesitant to provide military aid to Ukraine and increasing advocates for protectionism? Have multinational institutions of governance, diplomacy, and war such as the



EU, NATO, the G7/20, and the United Nations (including the Security Council), lost legitimacy they once possessed? Has a transnational populism reframed domestic politics from classification along a left-right continuum to one for and against an 'establishment,' or 'globalism'? What connects January 6th, 2021, in Washington D.C. to January 8th, 2023, in Brasilia? What links may be uncovered between the Trucker Convoy in Canada and the *Gillet Jaunes* in France? Were major political mass movements in the wake of the 2008 Financial Crisis, including Occupy Wall Street, the Tea Party, the anti-Austerity Movement, the Pink Tide, and the Arab Spring regional expressions of the same phenomenon? Are Euroscepticism, climate change denial, and vaccine hesitancy variations of a common, underlying suspicion?

Is democracy in peril? Is BRICS a Global South analogue to the G7, or are expectations of zero-sum competition between them unnuanced? Will other reserve currencies ever seriously challenge the predominant use of the US dollar in global trade? Is the normalization of relations occurring among Iran, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Egypt, Turkey, and Gulf States in the Middle East capable of reshaping the regional balance of power? Will the world's various Indo-Pacific Strategies successfully contest Chinese regional hegemony? What explains the emergence of rapid and sustained regime change across the so-called "coup belt" from Niger to Somalia? Has there ever been a 'rules-based international order,' and has our fascination with the concept clouded our ability to understand actually existing International Affairs? Do we live in a multipolar world, and if so, what will become of the global supply chains and financial system which traverse acrimonious spheres of influence?

Submit abstracts using [our form](#) by: December 1, 2023

Deadline to submit: January 1, 2024

Email submissions in .docx format to: stairjournal@sant.ox.ac.uk

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STAIR is the only peer-reviewed journal of international affairs at the University of Oxford. Founded in 2005 by graduate students at St Antony's College, STAIR has carved out a distinctive niche as a cross-disciplinary outlet for research on pressing contemporary global issues, providing a forum for emerging scholars to publish their work alongside established academics and policymakers. A range of notable individuals have contributed to STAIR issues in the past, including Dame Minouche Shafik (LSE's first female Director), Sir Anthony Giddens, Prof. Noam Chomsky, Prof. Valerie Bunce, Prof. Robert Keohane, Prof. Amitav Acharya, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya (Belarussian opposition leader), Prof. John Baylis, Prof. Todd H. Hall, Prof. Alfred Stepan, Prof. James Rosenau, and more. Our events have featured highly influential global figures such as: Dr. Nikos Christodoulides (President of Cyprus), Boris Johnson, and Victor Yushchenko.

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Book Review Shortlist:

Populism

1. Populism: Before and After the Pandemic - Michael Burleigh (2021)
2. Strongmen: Mussolini to the Present - Ruth Ben-Ghiat (2020)
3. How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them - Jason Stanley (2018)
4. The Populist Temptation: Economic Grievance and Political Reaction in the Modern Era (2018)

Globalism

1. The Great Convergence: Information Technology and the New Globalization - Richard Baldwin (2016)
2. COVID-19: The Great Reset - Klaus Schwab and Thierry Malleret (2020)
3. Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism – Anne Case (2021)

Ukraine War and NATO

1. Ukraine and the Empire of Capital: From Marketisation to Armed Conflict – Yuliya Yurchenko (2018)
2. The Moscow Factor: U.S Policy Toward Sovereign Ukraine and the Kremlin - Eugene M. Fishel (2022)
3. The Economic Weapon: The Rise of Sanctions as a Tool of Modern War - Nicholas Mulder (2022)
4. Deploying Feminism: The Role of Gender in NATO Military Operations - Stefanie von Hlatky (2022)

China and Taiwan

1. The Trouble with Taiwan: History, the United States and a Rising China - Kalley Wu Tzu Hui and Kerry Brown (2019)
2. The Invention of China - Bill Hayton (2020)
3. Cross-Strait Relations Since 2016: The End of the Illusion - J. Michael Cole (2020)
4. Indo-Pacific Strategies: Navigating Geopolitics at the Dawn of a New Age - Brendon Cannon and Kei Hakata (2022)

Middle East and BRICS

1. Iran and Saudi Arabia: Taming a Chaotic Conflict - Ibrahim Fraihat (2020)
2. Queer Palestine and the Empire of Critique - Sa'ed Atshan (2020)
3. The Withdrawal: Iraq, Libya, Afghanistan, and the Fragility of U.S. Power – Noam Chomsky, Vijay Prashad, and Angela Y. Davis (2022)
4. This Brave New World: India, China and the United States - Anja Manuel (2016)
5. Russia, BRICS, and the Disruption of the Global Order - Rachel S. Salzman (2019)