# St. Antony's International Review – Call for Submissions

## Issue 19.2 *Hardware & Software*

St Antony's International Review (STAIR) invites authors to submit original research manuscripts on topics of contemporary relevance in international affairs. We are now accepting abstracts and submissions for **Issue 19.2 *Hardware & Software*** 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STAIR will review **manuscripts** containing original, unpublished material with a recommended word count of between **4,000 - 9,000 words** (excluding explanatory footnotes, endnotes and bibliography).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 fields which have been published within the last two calendar years. Please find a suggested book review shortlist starting on the second page.

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

### Issue 19.2 *Hardware & Software*:

In Issue 19.2, STAIR turns its attention to the multifaceted geopolitical dynamics and implications of technological innovation. We welcome exploration of the frontiers of AI, from Large Language Models (LLMs) to Computer Vision and Machine Learning. The implications of these technologies in tangible applications such as self-driving vehicles, labor automation, and cloud computing are also of interest. The realm of digital communication, with the rise of new media, deepfakes, and the prevalence of digital misinformation, provides a rich field of inquiry. How are these shaping our perception of truth and influencing our societies? This discourse naturally segues into the discussion around encryption, cybersecurity, and the escalating threats of cybercrime and cyberterrorism. What are the implications for individual privacy and state surveillance in this digital age?

The evolution of the internet, from social networks to the advent of Web 3.0, presents another interesting perspective. How is this evolution shaping societal interactions, economic models, and political engagements? Technological governance is also of keen interest, particularly in the context of digital diplomacy. How do nations and international bodies navigate this emerging landscape, and what does it mean for global power dynamics? How does technology intersect

with traditional security concerns, such as nuclear proliferation? The advancements and dilemmas in the military-technological sphere, from Autonomous Weapon Systems (AWSs) and drone warfare to bioweapons, also merit exploration. How do these developments reshape warfare, and what are the ethical, legal, and strategic implications? Finally, we encourage authors to examine the intersection of technology and global health, especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic. How has technology played a role in navigating this global crisis, and what lessons can be derived from it?

STAIR will offer special consideration to submissions made by scholars and students whose field(s) of expertise are not limited to International Affairs and its neighbors in the social sciences and humanities. We eagerly invite those in STEM fields, whose academic backgrounds more directly concern the operation and science behind the technological developments listed above – and beyond – to consider submitting. We hope contributors from these fields who seldom write to audiences like ours will embrace the challenge of breaching the walls of echo chambers which separate STEM from International Affairs.

**Submit abstracts using [our form](#) by:** April 1, 2024

**Deadline to submit:** May 1, 2024

**Email submissions in .docx format to:** [stairjournal@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:stairjournal@sant.ox.ac.uk)

## About STAIR:

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:

1. The Digital Republic: On Freedom and Democracy in the 21st Century – Jamie Susskind (2022)
2. The Age of AI: And Our Human Future – Henry Kissinger, Eric Schmidt, and Dnaiel P. Huttenlocher (2022)
3. AI Superpowers: China, Silicon Valley, and the New World Order – Kaifu Li (2021)
4. The Managerial Revolution: What is Happening in the World – James Burnham (2021)
5. Future NATO: Adapting to New Realities – John Andreas Olsen (2020)

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