



Call for Articles:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL BLOCS IN THE 21ST CENTURY: MULTILATERALISM, FRAGMENTATION AND THE NEW GEOPOLITICS OF POWER

The **Observatory for the Analysis of International Systems (OASIS)**, an indexed and peer-reviewed journal, invites submissions for its second edition of 2027 (OASIS No. 46) under the theme: **“Intergovernmental Blocks in the 21st Century: Multilateralism, fragmentation, and the new geopolitics of power”**.

Over the past decade, the global order has entered a period of profound transformation, driven by the rise of new powers and the erosion of traditional hegemonies. Regional and intergovernmental blocs — such as the G20, BRICS, ASEAN, CELAC, the African Union, the European Union, the Pacific Islands Forum, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, and CARICOM, amongst others — have become central arenas where struggles over influence, legitimacy and representation are unfolding.

While some of these groupings attempt to redefine global governance in more plural and inclusive terms, others reveal tensions between cooperation and competition, regionalism and nationalism, inclusion and exclusion. The contemporary architecture of global governance is thus being tested: can it adapt to a world marked by multipolarity, economic fragmentation, digital rivalry, climate emergencies and geopolitical instability, or are we instead witnessing a return to hegemonic dynamics where certain actors and governments undermine and dismantle the very foundations of multilateralism?

This issue of OASIS seeks to explore how intergovernmental organisations and regional coalitions are reshaping — or failing to reshape — the global order. Are we witnessing the rise of “strategic multilateralism”, or the disarticulation of the international system? How are regional powers from the Global South redefining agency and solidarity? What roles do middle and emerging powers play within this evolving landscape? And how is the Global North adapting — politically, economically and normatively — to these shifting configurations of power?

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR THIS EDITION:

- ◆ Transformation and adaptation of intergovernmental organisations in the new world order.
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- ◆ The role of intergovernmental organisations in peacebuilding and conflict resolution
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This edition of OASIS is the result of a joint academic initiative between the Universidad Externado de Colombia in Bogotá, Colombia, and Óbuda University in Budapest, Hungary. As a collaborative issue, it encourages the submission of articles that address themes of multilateralism and intergovernmental blocs with particular reference to Colombia and Hungary, as well as topics related to Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Africa or the Visegrád Group. Contributions examining comparative perspectives, cross-regional dynamics, or interactions between these regions are especially welcome.

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