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on

The Global South and the polarizing world: What role for Africa and Latin America?

It has been 80 years since the post-Second World War international system – including both the Bretton Woods framework and the United Nations-centred institutional architecture – was established. During this period, the global population has grown from approximately 2.3 billion in the mid-1940s to over 8 billion today, while nominal global GDP has expanded exponentially. The number of internationally recognised sovereign states has nearly tripled. These transformations reflect profound demographic, economic and geopolitical shifts. Yet, despite these systemic changes, the foundational architecture of global governance has proven remarkably resistant to substantive transformation.

Although calls for institutional restructuring have intensified, consensus among major powers and across regions remains limited. As a result, reform has frequently taken the form of ad hoc coalitions, institutional layering, or partial adjustments rather than structural transformation. This pattern has generated growing dissatisfaction among governments and political constituencies, particularly in regions commonly described as the Global South.

In parallel, new forms of coalition-building and strategic coordination have emerged, ranging from South–South cooperation frameworks to expanded multilateral groupings such as BRICS. These developments raise important analytical questions regarding whether the current moment represents systemic fragmentation, gradual reconfiguration, or the early stages of a more profound transformation of the liberal international order.

At the same time, shifts in major power foreign policy – including a more transactional and interest-driven orientation in recent U.S. external engagement – have introduced additional uncertainty into established patterns of cooperation. These shifts have implications not only for global governance structures, but also for regional security dynamics, economic partnerships, and development financing across Africa and Latin America.

This thematic issue of JCEEAS seeks to examine the role, agency, constraints and strategic options of the Global South – with particular attention to Africa and Latin America – within an increasingly polarised and competitive international environment. Contributions are encouraged to engage critically with conceptual debates surrounding the Global South, multipolarity, strategic autonomy, and institutional transformation, while offering empirically grounded analysis of cross-regional and comparative dynamics.

Suggested topics for the thematic issue:

1. Reconfiguring Global Order and Institutional Transformation

- Fragmentation, adaptation, or transformation of the liberal international order: is the Global South reshaping, bypassing, or strategically engaging existing institutions?
- Institutional counter-responses of the Global South: African Union, CELAC, BRICS expansion, AfCFTA, and alternative multilateral or South–South frameworks.
- Strategic autonomy and coalition-building across Africa and Latin America.
- Reform prospects within Bretton Woods institutions and the United Nations system.
- Comparative regional leadership claims and norm entrepreneurship.

2. Geoeconomics, Resources, and Financial Statecraft

- Structural economic competition over critical minerals, energy resources, and supply chain realignments.
- Financial statecraft beyond tariffs: sanctions regimes, dollar dominance, asset freezes, sovereign debt restructuring, and alternative payment mechanisms.
- Tariffs, trade coercion, and economic conditionality as instruments of global and regional influence.
- Development finance, infrastructure competition, and shifting aid paradigms.
- Monetary diversification debates and the politics of de-dollarisation.

3. Security Competition and Strategic Rivalries

- Intensified geopolitical competition, particularly U.S. – China and U.S. – Russia dynamics in Africa and Latin America.
- Regional security architectures and external military presence.
- Counter-terrorism cooperation and sovereignty dilemmas.

- Maritime security, hemispheric defence, and evolving doctrines of regional pre-eminence.
- Strategic implications of sanctions, embargoes, and coercive diplomacy.

4. Foreign Policy Realignments and Regional Political Dynamics

- Shifts in U.S. foreign policy toward transactional and interest-driven engagement models.
- Restructuring of foreign assistance and development partnerships.
- Bilateral tensions and realignments in migration, trade, and security cooperation.
- Comparative analysis of Africa–Latin America diplomatic engagement.
- Case studies examining cross-regional political, economic, or security dynamics.

This thematic issue of JCEEAS emerges from a joint academic initiative between Óbuda University in Budapest, Hungary, and Universidad Externado de Colombia in Bogotá, Colombia. As a collaborative endeavour bridging Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America, the issue seeks to foster cross-regional dialogue and comparative scholarship.

Contributions are particularly encouraged to engage with cases related to Colombia and Hungary, as well as to broader dynamics involving Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, and the Visegrád Group. Submissions that adopt comparative, cross-regional, or theoretically informed perspectives examining interactions among these regions, particularly where such approaches extend beyond predominantly Anglo-American theoretical traditions. By bringing these geographical and analytical lenses into conversation, the issue aims to advance a more nuanced understanding of Global South agency within evolving global power configurations.

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