

Special Issue

Possibility of Peace in the Age of the Return of Geopolitics

Message from the Guest Editor

Amid today's global turmoil, the "return of geopolitics" has become a frequent theme, often paired with concerns about the decline of the "liberal international order." Yet this order has long been criticized for weak respect for local ownership and its potentially "neo-colonial" character. If the West-led liberal international order is declining because of these flaws, its demise may not necessarily be regrettable. This does not mean, however, that the "return of geopolitics" should be welcomed. Rather, if this reflects today's reality, we must seek new visions of peace that take this condition seriously. This Special Issue invites contributions that explore the prospects for peace in the 21st century through the lens of the "return of geopolitics." Diverse approaches are welcome, provided they engage with geopolitical realities. Papers may examine how geopolitical theories inform new frameworks of peace, analyze contemporary geopolitical conditions to identify pathways toward peace, or critically assess the limits of anti-geopolitical approaches, such as liberal peacebuilding theory, to develop more realistic visions of sustainable peace. Global views welcome!

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