

# The International Spectator

## The International Spectator - Call for Young Scholars

*The International Spectator* aims to provide academics, practitioners, opinion- and decision-makers, as well as interested laymen with thought-provoking, analytically sound, theoretically informed and policy-oriented research articles, opinion essays and book reviews on foreign policy issues. Topics cover the entire spectrum of international affairs from ongoing international politics, economics and security affairs to rising questions on the international agenda such as climate and energy, global migration and development.

In order to encourage the contribution of new generations of scholars to the scientific debate, *The International Spectator* currently welcomes the submission of proposals for **THEMATIC SPECIAL CORES** of 4-6 articles by **teams of young scholars (under 35 years of age)**, to be considered for publication in the journal.

The call is open to proposals on any topic within the scope of the journal, but the Editorial Board would especially welcome submissions on the notion of 'Westlessness', that is, critically engaging with the idea of the 'West' and its limitations, its internal contestation, as well as its loss of global influence. What are future perspectives in a global scenario in which other regions and alternative models/modernities are rising? What does/should this mean for EU foreign policy?

All special core proposals must address a relevant topic from a well-defined perspective. They must include a coherent set of 4-6 articles that contribute to moving the understanding of the topic forward, in both a research and policy perspective.

The contributions must be authored by young scholars **from a number of different countries and institutions**; multiple articles by the same author(s) or co-author(s) are not accepted. **All authors must be under 35 years of age** except for the first article of the core (introducing the relevant topic), which can be co-authored by a young and a senior scholar.

Each proposal for a special core should include:

- A title clearly stating the subject matter and the chosen approach
- Rationale (500 words, outlining the scope and significance of the proposed topic and approach)
- A list of contributions (from 4 to 6) including, for each article, a short abstract (100 words) and the name(s), affiliation(s) and bio(s) of the author(s).
- The proposed timeline for the submission of the full set of papers to the journal editors
- Any further relevant information (multimedia, promotional opportunities, e.g. relevant conferences)

The editors and the editorial board of the journal will select the successful proposals based on their quality, originality and completeness.

Please note that the acceptance of a special core does not entail acceptance of all individual contributions. Each article (7000 to 8000 words in length) will go through a peer review process as do all individual submissions, [following the journal's guidelines](#).

Proposals for special cores should be sent to [tis@iai.it](mailto:tis@iai.it) by January, 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact *The International Spectator* for any pre-submission inquiries.