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Up to Our Necks: International Relations and Existentialism

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This Roundtable showcases a forthcoming Review of International Studies Special Issue.

There has been almost no systematic treatment of Existentialism in IR theorising, and leading existentialist lights remain on the margins of IR discourse. Yet concepts derived from Existentialism permeate and even structure how we typically think and talk about international relations. From freedom and subjectivity to the “existential” in “existential threats,” ideas derived from the existentialist lexicon have long pervaded and shaped IR discourse—even if IR scholars have not always acknowledged their provenance. Existentialism also speaks directly to some of the most pressing concerns in world politics today. It wrestles with the relation between violence, coloniality, resistance, and gender; offers a guide to surviving pandemics and environmental catastrophes; and provides a resource for thinking through questions about what it means to live under threat of nuclear apocalypse in a post-truth society. This roundtable, therefore, explores the relation between IR and Existentialism.

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