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Foreign Policy Analysis Challenges in South America: Links and gaps between theory and practice

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Political dynamics in South America are complex and imply constant polarization and extreme shifts. In this context, teaching, learning, and making foreign policy decisions show the need of wider tools to address multilevel challenges. There is an increasing number of IR graduates that access leading political positions. However, there is not a strong relation between academia and governments yet, in a region where other actors such as military forces or even the private sector have more influence in foreign policy decision making. Additionally, the analytical tools themselves, being based mostly in cases from the Global North, seem far from the local reality, which make urgent the proliferation of analysis from local perspectives.

This roundtable aims to discuss the situation of Foreign Policy Analysis in the region and to what extent there is a real link between theory and practice, as well as the possible ways of overcoming the existing gaps, which in turn make FPA contributions to decision making effective and relevant.

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