

## Global Health Governance, Equity, and Justice: What can IR contribute?

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The field of global health politics is now well-established within International Relations (IR), including as a working group within BISA. Over the past 20 years, much of IR's contribution to global health has taken a critical approach, highlighting how global politics can create and exacerbate health inequities. However, there has been less progress in proposing actionable visions for achieving a more just and equitable world. What would 'global health equity' or 'global health justice' look like in practice, and how would we recognize it? What contributions can current global health governance structures make, and where do their limitations lie? What are the global political obstacles to achieving health equity and justice, and where are the opportunities for meaningful progress? This Roundtable brings together leading scholars from the fields of IR, global health politics, international law, and philosophy in a critical dialogue to address these conceptual and empirical questions. It explores potential points of connection between IR and other disciplines that grapple with similar challenges. Acknowledging the unique challenges faced by individuals at the intersection of various marginalised identities, the Roundtable will also discuss frameworks that support agency and justice, promoting more nuanced, equitable, and inclusive global governance. In doing so, it directly responds to the conference theme, examining whether IR as a discipline is equipped to meet the challenges of the future, and exploring what IR can contribute to—and learn from—other disciplines.

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