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Forced to navigate variegated experiences of harm, loss, and ruination, various populations across the Global South are violently excluded from an 'international' which seeks to relegate them into the periphery. As they face irreversible forms of injury, these populations also enact possibilities of recovery and rehabilitation. This panel examines the extent to which exclusionary definitions of 'the international' are themselves 'injurious'. How do communities navigate the margins into which they are forced? In what ways do they imagine presences and futures beyond the cycles of violence to which definitions of 'the international' inevitably subject them? What forms of justice do they seek both imaginatively and materially? In answering these questions, this panel engages in various interdisciplinary and methodological approaches. These not only allow for a critical departure from the way in which 'the international' and 'international studies', as broadly defined, engage with the individual case studies in question, but also recentre Global South contributions within global understandings of a number of concepts, ranging from harm and ruination to care and rehabilitation.

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