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Beyond Editorial Cold Wars: Ideas, institutions and AI in next generation global policy and IR

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Around the world, there is a growing debate about the cultural context of knowledge production, with some arguing that the ongoing contentions and transitions must also be evident in the institutions of academic publishing. As the editors of Global Policy: Next Generation, a journal that aims to enhance the profile of early career scholars, especially those from beyond the Global North, we seek to consider and engage with these debates and find answers to the core issue: what is next for scholarship on global policy in times of growing polarization within and across world orders? As editors from different regions of the world, we want to showcase ways in which academic publishing is adjusting to the new world realities, bringing into focus themes and trends, while also comparing and contrasting these with the wider trends in international relations and within the specific field of global policy. We aim to open a dialogue about radical divisions in the global ideological environment, new models for collective action that transcend the state, and both the potential and threats of new technological and AI based infrastructure. This will take place alongside a discussion about the shifting publishing environment for young scholars, on subjects like academic gate-keeping, the ever increasing demand to publish, and the unjust, and even violent, impact the IT revolution has had on knowledge production.

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