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Editor's Note

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We are delighted to present the latest issue of *Global South Review*, featuring a collection of scholarly articles that delve into significant international issues through the lens of the Global South. These articles not only provide unique insights into specific topics but also demonstrate the interconnectedness of global dynamics and the collective experiences of Global South countries. Through diverse research methodologies and theoretical frameworks, these articles shed light on the complexities, challenges, and responses of Global South nations in a rapidly changing world.

One overarching theme that emerges from these articles is the critical role of state and non-state actors in addressing key issues. From ensuring access to education for Indonesian citizens in Singapore to navigating the multilateral response to the Russo-Ukraine crisis, the involvement and collaboration of various actors are essential in shaping outcomes and achieving common goals. These articles emphasize the importance of multi-track diplomacy, shared values, and humanitarianism in forging partnerships and generating positive responses from governments and institutions.

Moreover, these articles highlight the nuances of the Global South's perspectives, interests, and actions within the international arena. While the Global South is diverse and encompasses a wide range of nations, common threads emerge in their responses to global challenges. These include a cautious approach, an emphasis on historical experiences and differing international societies, and a commitment to preserving national sovereignty. The Global South's reactions to conflicts, such as the Russo-Ukraine war, reveal a complex interplay of factors shaped by their unique historical and geopolitical contexts.

In the article titled "The Effort of State and Non-State Actors in Ensuring Access to Primary and Secondary Education for Indonesian Citizens in Singapore" by Diah Ayu Wulandari, the author addresses the pressing issue of access to education for Indonesian citizens residing in Singapore. By examining the policy framework of Singapore's Ministry of Education and the challenges faced by international students, particularly in terms of prioritization and costly fees, the research highlights the crucial role of both state and non-state actors in ensuring equitable access to quality primary and secondary education. Through an amalgamation of qualitative research methods, including interviews and a literature review, the study sheds light on the establishment of multi-track diplomacy involving the Indonesian Embassy in Singapore, Indonesian State-Owned Enterprises, professionals, entrepreneurs, and college students. The collaborative efforts and shared values of humanitarianism have received positive responses from Singaporean government agencies and educational

institutions, signifying a step toward enhancing the quality of education for Indonesian citizens in Singapore. The study emphasizes the significance of recognizing and promoting shared values, such as solidarity, humanitarianism, and fostering cooperation between state and non-state actors to address educational disparities and support the educational aspirations of Global South populations.

We received three articles investigating the Global South dynamic in response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine. First, the article "Global South Perspective on the Threat to Multilateralism in G20 Post-Russia's Invasion of Ukraine" by Maudy Noord Fadhlia and Azza Bimantara, this article sheds light on the intricate dynamics of solidarity within the Global South in the context of political conflicts. The authors delve into the implications of the Russo-Ukraine conflict on multilateralism within the G20. Drawing upon qualitative research methods and discourse analysis, the study examines the divergent responses of Global South countries vis-à-vis the Western narrative promoted by G7 members. While the West rallied for support in condemning Russia, many Global South nations exhibited a more cautious and neutral stance, emphasizing their own historical experiences and differing international society. Through an exploration of the complexities and power dynamics within the G20, this research provides valuable insights into the challenges facing multilateralism and the battle of narratives among diverse actors within this global forum.

Second, the article titled "The Distinction Between BRICS and G7 in Responding to the Ukraine-Russia Crisis: G20 Multilateral Crisis?" authored by Ica Cahayani, Ahmad Mujaddid Fachrurreza, and Agata Nina Puspita, also analyzes the contrasting responses of BRICS and G7 countries to the Ukraine-Russia crisis. Employing interest-based theory and discourse analysis, the study examines the intricacies of trading relations and varying interests within the G20. The research reveals the complexities of consensus and compliance within the G20 framework, particularly in addressing global issues such as the food crisis resulting from the Ukrainian conflict. By shedding light on the dynamics between the BRICS and G7 nations, this article contributes to a deeper understanding of the challenges and potential crises facing multilateralism within the G20.

Third, the article "The Perilous Road Towards World Society (?): Global South in The Russo-Ukraine War" by Diandra Ayu Larasati offers a nuanced exploration of the Global South's response to the Russo-Ukraine war. Drawing upon the English School perspective and employing qualitative research methods, the author examines the lukewarm reactions exhibited by most Global South states toward the conflict. The research uncovers a perceived detachment of the conflict from the international society of the Global South, which has distinct models of interaction shaped by historical events unrelated to Russia and Ukraine. Furthermore, the article highlights shared norms and values among Global South countries that oppose interventionist policies advocated by the Global North. Through this analysis,

the study underscores the complexities surrounding the notion of “World Society” and emphasizes the continued importance placed on the principle of nation-state sovereignty by Global South nations.

The findings from these 3 articles contribute to our understanding of how political issues can disrupt solidarity and cooperation among Global South countries. Despite their shared history of military aggressions and occupations, the Global South nations in this context choose to maintain a more neutral stance, prioritizing their own national interests and relationships with superpowers. This demonstrates the delicate balancing act that Global South countries navigate in the face of political conflicts, considering their unique contexts and aspirations. These articles enrich our understanding of the Global South’s perspectives and responses to geopolitical challenges. It underscores the importance of recognizing the diversity of viewpoints and interests within the Global South and the need to foster inclusive dialogue and cooperation. The study also highlights the significance of narratives in shaping the dynamics of multilateral forums such as the G20.

Finally, the article titled “Narrative Policy Framework (NFP) Electronic System Operator Policy: Surveillance and Cyber Security” by Ambar Alimatur Rosyidah and Farah Fajriyah explores the political dynamics of technology within the Global South context. This study examines the implementation of the Minister of Communication and Information Technology’s policy in Indonesia regarding Private Electronic Systems (ESO) to achieve digital sovereignty. The policy has received negative public sentiments due to concerns about its impact on human rights and freedom of information. This qualitative study aims to understand the narrative of digital sovereignty constructed by Kominfo (the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology) within the ESO policy and explores strategies to reinforce that narrative. The research applies the Narrative Policy Framework (NFP) and collects data from reliable online sources, including the official Kominfo website, online media, and press conference videos. Agency Theory is employed to analyze the relationship between the Indonesian people as principals and Kominfo as their agent in implementing ESO policies. This study about ESO adds to our knowledge of the political dynamics of technology in the Global South and offers insights for policymakers, scholars, and stakeholders involved in shaping technology policies. It underscores the importance of aligning economic narratives with the goals of digital sovereignty and advocates for co-regulation to strengthen the narrative and address potential concerns related to human rights and freedom of information.

Overall, a key takeaway from these articles is the ongoing struggle for multilateralism within global institutions like the G20. The complexities and divergent interests among member countries pose challenges to achieving consensus and addressing global issues effectively. The articles highlight the potential crises and the battle of narratives that arise from differing perspectives and responses within these multilateral frameworks. They also underscore the

importance of understanding the power dynamics and trading relations between different groups, such as BRICS and G7, in shaping multilateral outcomes.

Lastly, these articles emphasize the significance of the Global South's voice in shaping global discourse and decision-making. They challenge dominant narratives and offer alternative perspectives that reflect the diverse experiences and interests of Global South nations. The Global South's insistence on preserving its own international society, while engaging in the global arena, reinforces the importance of recognizing and valuing the unique contributions of these nations.

We express our gratitude to the authors for their insightful contributions and to the reviewers for their valuable feedback. It is our hope that this issue fosters further academic dialogue, inspires new research endeavours, and advances knowledge in the field of Global South studies.

Sincerely,

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