

Introduction:

Journal of China and International Relations (JCIR)

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Announcement

It is my great pleasure to announce the establishment of the *Journal of China and International Relations (JCIR)*: a scholarly journal that is institutionally attached to the Research Center on Development and International Relations (DIR) at the Department of Culture and Global Studies (CGS) in the Faculty of Social Sciences at Aalborg University in North Jutland.

JCIR is also internationally affiliated with the joint research center – on China and International Relations – a collaboration between Aalborg University (AAU) of Denmark and the University of International Relations (UIR) in Beijing, China.

We plan to publish *JCIR* twice a year (in April and October) with one issue each in English and in Chinese. *JCIR* uses the online Open Journal System (OJS), through which submission, reviewing, revising and acceptance are carried out electronically. Most importantly, *JCIR* is an open-access journal that gives readers globally access to its articles.

JCIR is being published by Aalborg University Press, a partnership that can safeguard the standard and profile of the *Journal* and help ensure its continued high quality.

Scope and Objective of *JCIR*

Forgotten is the triumphalism of the “End of History” as the world has been greatly transformed since both the terrorist attack of 11 September 2001 and the global financial crisis starting in 2008, when the “First World” - i.e. the US-led international order and its own security and economy, along with the Eurozone of Europe - suffered the worst of the critical downturn and economic recession. At the same time, the world is witnessing the upsurge of emerging economies, the so-called “Second World”, such as the BRICS, especially China, that are reshaping the international order to suit their interests and reflect their rising status.

Since the dawn of the new millennium, China’s rise has become one of the central focii of global attention; the evolution of Chinese society and its external role are opening a new phase of relations on the world scale. Heuristically, the long and dramatic transformations that

have taken place in China in the 20th and 21st centuries make it an ideal “case study” for research on political and economic development and social change. Over the past decade, China’s “indispensable” role in influencing international politics and national policies has been increasingly recognized.

With regard to international relations as defined by the existing US-led international order, China’s size and integration with the world economy and polity are seen to contribute to growing uncertainties concerning the future of the capitalist world system and the established norms, values and rules of the game. China’s dynamism has unleashed intended and unintended challenges and consequences for the functioning of the liberal world order. One of the contemporary global pivotal concerns is about how external factors helped to shape China’s internal transformations and how China’s inner changes now contribute to reshaping the world.

Against this background, the establishment of *JCIR* aims to present timely and in-depth analyses of the nexus between major developments in contemporary China and its international relations. *JCIR* intends to give special attention to views and issues that do not receive sufficient attention in mainstream discourses, particularly on themes that are related to the rise of China in the capitalist world order. The *Journal* is committed to publishing informed and insightful analyses from both Western and Chinese authors worldwide; to stimulate scholarly debate on present-day China in connection with its new role in the current transnational era of international relations and international political economy.

JCIR has a specific initiative to publish innovative critical works by both young scholars and established writers. Special encouragement is given to those authors who endeavor to develop non-conventional China-generated theories of international relations and international political economy, aiming to make innovative methodological and theoretical contributions. The *Journal* stimulates discussion and debate between different academic disciplines, offers a platform to express controversial and dissenting opinions, and promotes research that is historically embedded and contemporarily relevant.

Call for Papers

JCIR invites the submission of original articles on China and international relations in the social sciences and humanities within a wide range of single- and multi-disciplines. All submissions that embrace China-related political, economic, social and cultural topics and its

external relations are welcome. Submissions will be refereed and revised before acceptance. Book reviews are also invited.

For detailed information about submission and reviewing, please refer to the *Journal's* homepage: <http://ojs.aub.aau.dk/index.php/cir/about>

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