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The *Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Development* is currently welcoming submissions for its special issue theme of “China’s Belt and Road Initiative and the Global South.” **The deadline for submissions is August 1, 2023.**

Special Issue Theme: China’s Belt and Road Initiative and the Global South

In the past four decades, China has unleashed remarkable growth and development, transforming from one of the poorest countries in the world to one of the wealthiest and lifting hundreds of millions out of poverty along the way. The emergence of China as a leader of the global economy will continue to shape our world in profound ways for decades to come. One such impact is the Belt and Road Initiative, a multi-trillion-dollar international development plan that involves the financing and construction of various types of infrastructure. The BRI has already begun to assist other countries of the Global South in lifting themselves out of poverty, while transforming infrastructure, relationships, and ways of life. However, the impact of China’s BRI on Global South countries is not exclusively positive and involves potential drawbacks. Drawbacks in terms of sovereignty, in terms of the environment, and in terms of certain societal groups who may be adversely impacted. Additionally, there is a concern that China’s broadening economic footprint may encourage greater military expansionism, heightening the risk of international conflict. The topic of China’s growing engagement in the Global South continues to attract attention from a diverse array of stakeholders including commercial interests, policymakers, NGOs, and scholars. It is also a thematic that traverses the boundaries of academic disciplines, involving questions of economics, politics, development, history, culture, society, the environment, and much more. This special issue of *The Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Development* invites submissions from scholars and practitioners who aspire to advance our collective understanding of what China’s Belt and Road Initiative means for countries of the Global South.

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