

THE (RE)EMERGENCE OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

VII NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CONFERENCE (REDINTERCOL)

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The year 2020 marked the contemporary history of humanity as a period of profound change and uncertainty about our future. The interest to understand, explain and even interpret new forms of integration, co-operation, and to address old and new problems of a social and economic nature, invites researchers and academics to explore research routes, but especially to strengthen a dialogue between peers.

The VII National Conference of the Colombian Network of International Relationships will explore new communication channels between virtual and non-virtual modalities. Although this congress aims to review the approaches and reflections that are the focus of academic and research interests in universities and think-tanks of the Global South, traditional theories, and topics in the study of International Relations will continue to be addressed.

In turn, the Universidad Externado de Colombia and the Colombian Network of International Relations invite researchers, academics, and undergraduate and graduate students to participate with unpublished papers on the following thematic axes:

1. Theoretical reflections and methodological approaches from the global South

For decades, the discipline and, especially, the theory of International Relations have not been perceived as global, but rather as a way to reflect the experiences and conceptual approaches of Northern countries, especially the United States. Hence, there is a growing movement that questions the extent to which the existing theoretical frameworks respond to the realities of the Global South. In turn, this thematic axis aims to analyse two complementary lines of reflection. On the one hand, to delve on the applicability of the assumptions, concepts, and categories of the theories of International Relations, both the positivist and / or mainstream (realism, liberalism, constructivism, English School, neo-Marxism) and the critical and post-positivists (poststructuralism, feminism, postcolonialism, decoloniality) to the international experiences of the Global South. And, on the other, to identify conceptual approaches that have been developed from different contexts of the Global South to address global phenomena.

Sub-axes:

- a. Theoretical reflections for / on International Relations from the Global South.
- b. Key concepts and categories of International Relations as seen from the Global South (State, security, globalisation, co-operation, amongst others).

- c. Alternative contributions from the Global South to rethinking global politics.
- d. Teaching International Relations and its theories from the Global South.

2. Foreign policy, international insertion agendas and regionalism

This axis aims to exchange ideas about the advances in theoretical approaches and / or their application to foreign policy strategies. The dialogue will focus on issues such as international insertion, international politics, public policy, pragmatism, ideologisation, multilateralism, regionalisation, bilateralisation, integration and co-operation, as well as the reconfiguration of the international system. It also sets out to examine the growing role of non-governmental actors and "new" diplomacies.

Sub-axes:

- a. Analysis of the theory and / or practice of Foreign Policy.
- b. Powers (traditional, emerging, regional), leaderships, multilateralism, and the reconfiguration of the international system.
- c. Non-governmental actors and new diplomacies.

3. International security and insecurity

The objective of this axis is to analyse contemporary and historical trends in international security and insecurity, with a special emphasis on the Global South. The underlining concept for this axis is theoretical pluralism, favouring efforts in theorisation and the application of innovative methods in the field of International Relations. The axis prioritises research advances regarding regional security institutions, the persistence of traditional threats and the emergence of new challenges, and considerations on new analysis variables. It starts from the notion that the construction of security governance develops unique historical relationships between actors of different natures, with the development of practices that reflect positions of either guaranteeing the status quo or rejecting both the prevailing power relations and different degrees of institutionalisation.

Finally, the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, which is still showing its effects, has generated additional pressure on political regimes in various regions and with different implications. In turn, proposals that study or analyse the relationship between the responses given by States to the challenges posed by the global pandemic in terms of public security and insecurity will also be welcomed.

Sub-axes:

- a. Regional security governance.
- b. International biosecurity.
- c. Cybersecurity trends.
- d. Reviews of the history of international security.

- e. New theoretical, conceptual, and methodological approaches on international security.

4. International migration, environment, and global health

The current growing uncertainty, evident both nationally and internationally, makes it necessary to readdress the existing approaches to migration, the environment, and health, among other pressing issues on the international agenda. The Global South, as well as all its actors, has the challenge of taking the initiative to "turn the screw" and offer alternative perspectives on these problems. The central objective of this thematic axis is to propose and discuss these new perspectives on issues that are vital in the current situation. Also, this thematic line seeks, as a transversal conceptual axis to each of the proposed themes, to promote spaces for discussion on realities and alternatives in global governance and on the role that different actors should play in it.

Sub-axis:

- a. Migrations in the Global South: connectivities and tensions.
- b. Environment and climate change: a multilateral agenda?
- c. Health global governance in times of pandemic.
- d. New challenges for South-South cooperation.

5. International Political Economy (IPE)

The understanding and explanation of the interactions between economics and politics (both from the point of view of how political decisions affect economic performance as well as how the application of economic principles and models help understand politics) are essential for international relations scholars, particularly from a country like Colombia. This is due to their way of seeking agency and autonomy, their various roles in the global sphere, and their interests and economic potentialities. For this reason, this axis is opened for presentations and panels that address questions such as: What is the state of the art of IPE studies in Latin America, in general, and in Colombia, in particular? What methods have been promoted in IPE studies? What topics deserve more attention? Why? What are the challenges in the region as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic? What advances or setbacks can be found in the most relevant issues for the region? What is the role of the so-called global south in the discussion?

Sub-axes:

- a. Topics: international trade, monetary policy, international finance, economic crisis, development.
- b. Epistemology of IPE: methods, main studies, teaching, challenges in the discipline.
- c. Approaches: rational action approaches, dependency theory, feminism, environmentalism.

Important Dates

March 31, 2021	<p>Participants will be able to present individual papers by thematic axis or panel (one moderator and up to four panellists):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel presentation format: Include a moderator and four panellists. Individual presentation format: Participants interested in sending more than one presentation should send a format for each topic. <p>* See attached file formats: relinternacionalesfigri@uexternado.edu.co</p>												
April 30, 2021	<p>Confirmation and sending of letters of acceptance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the review by the academic committee, e-mails will be sent informing the decision to accept or reject all the received proposals for panels and individual papers. 												
May 6 – August 6, 2021	<p>Make payment of membership to RedIntercol and registration for the VII National Conference of International Relations.</p> <p>Membership fare (valid for a period of two years):</p> <table> <tr> <td>Professors, researchers, and professionals</td> <td>USD\$52,00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Undergraduate students</td> <td>USD\$26,00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Conference fare: (early bird fares)</p> <table> <tr> <td>Members of RedIntercol: Professionals and researchers</td> <td>USD\$23,00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Members of RedIntercol: Students</td> <td>USD\$ 9,00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Members of RedIntercol: Students</td> <td>US\$15,00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Members of RedIntercol: Professionals and researchers</td> <td>US\$29,00</td> </tr> </table> <p>* Along with the acceptance letter, payment instructions will be sent.</p>	Professors, researchers, and professionals	USD\$52,00	Undergraduate students	USD\$26,00	Members of RedIntercol: Professionals and researchers	USD\$23,00	Members of RedIntercol: Students	USD\$ 9,00	Non-Members of RedIntercol: Students	US\$15,00	Non-Members of RedIntercol: Professionals and researchers	US\$29,00
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September 10, 2021	<p>Deadline to send full papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name and institutional affiliation. Contact information (email and cell phone number). Paper title. Assigned table (see email April 30). Summary of 250 words; 3-4 keywords. Paper must be between 5000 and 7000 words long. Arial 12, spacing 1.5, margins 2.5 It must include references, making use of the APA standard (Seventh edition) 												
October 6, 7 and 8, 2021	<p>VII National International Relations Conference Mixed modality (virtual and non-virtual)</p>												

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