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Call for Abstracts



## **The Politics of Energy and Natural Resources**

*Abstracts of 500 words to be submitted by 15 February 2021.*

*Final Articles of maximum 8000 words to be submitted by 28 February 2021.*

How are energy politics changing in the face of the climate crisis? What is the role of energy and natural resources in contemporary international conflicts? How has the Covid-19 pandemic impacted international energy politics?

Since its emergence during the 1970s oil crisis, the field of contemporary energy politics has undergone drastic changes. The scientific consensus on climate change and related issues of transition to renewable sources, in particular, have altered the focus of scholarly attention in the last decades. More recently, scholars have begun to look into the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on international energy politics. Focusing roughly on three sub-topics, STAIR's May 2021 issue will examine a wide variety of questions related to energy policies, the role of natural resources in global conflict and their changes due to the pandemic and the climate crisis.

❖ Contemporary Energy and Natural Resource Politics in a Changing Climate

Accelerating processes of climate change have altered our understanding of energy politics and contributed to the increased salience of the topic. Despite the climate crisis, fossil fuels continue to play an important role in global energy supply and energy politics. This section looks into different sources of energy and their significance in contemporary global energy politics. What is the future of fossil fuels? Which technologies are the most promising in the field of renewable energy? How do countries cooperate in the field of green energy? What role does the transition to renewable energy play for different countries and their relations? What is the role of nuclear power in contemporary energy politics? How do countries' foreign policy strategies relate to their energy goals?

❖ The Role of Energy and Natural Resources in International Conflict

In what ways do energy and resource competition contribute to the development of international conflict? How will oil scarcity affect international conflict? How do conflicts surrounding water shape international relations? How does the rise of renewable energy change patterns of international conflict? What is the role of climate change in energy- and natural resource-related conflicts?

❖ The impact of Covid-19 on energy politics and the role of natural resources

This section examines challenges that Covid-19 creates for energy politics. How will the pandemic affect energy policies? How will states that depend on oil-exports cope with Covid-19? Will the pandemic change the role of natural resources in the world economy and politics? How will measures adopted by states in response to the pandemic influence the transition towards renewable energy?

This issue of STAIR aims to encourage contributions that will generate interdisciplinary dialogue about current role changes and prospects for energy politics and the role of natural resources within it. We welcome submissions from across different disciplines, including: International Relations, Political Science, Area Studies, Comparative Politics, Law, History, Strategic Studies, Economics and Political Economy, Sociology, Development Studies, Political Theory; as well as more technical fields, such as Environmental Science and Engineering. Moreover, STAIR is dedicated to the diversification of debate on the topic, so we strongly encourage women and non-binary scholars to join the discussion and share their expertise.

Founded in 2005 by graduate students of St Antony's College, STAIR has carved out a distinctive niche as a cross-disciplinary outlet for research on pressing contemporary global issues, providing a forum for emerging scholars to publish their work alongside established academics and policymakers. We encourage innovative, interdisciplinary thinking and diverse, global perspectives and welcome you to submit an application for our May 2021 issue.

Please submit your abstract of at least 400 words by 15 February via the [STAIR Submissions Form](#). For more details regarding the submissions procedure and the style guide, please consult [our website](#). For any other inquiries, please email [stair-journal@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:stair-journal@politics.ox.ac.uk).