Call for Papers

Dear colleague,

The Review of International Organizations will publish a special issue on “International Organizations in a New Era of Populist Nationalism,” and we would like to invite you to submit an article for the issue.

Recent economic and political developments in the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Eurozone have raised serious challenges to globalization and the multilateral economic and security institutions that have been the bedrock of the liberal international order since World War II. President Trump’s withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), his threatened pullback from the UN and NATO, and his intent to adopt major protectionist trade policies and immigration restrictions have cast doubts on the future of American hegemony and US participation in global governance. In Europe, Brexit, the refugee crisis, and the persistence of the Eurozone financial crisis threaten to fracture the European Union, to trigger the breakup of the United Kingdom, and to re-divide Europe along new economic and geopolitical lines.

This special issue seeks to publish papers that employ new theories, innovative methods, and/or new empirical evidence that can help us better understand the domestic and international political economy of this surge in populist nationalism and its implications for the governance, policies, and impact of IOs, broadly defined. Papers may address a range of different questions, issues, and organizations including, but not limited to:

1. How have IOs and their policies contributed to the rise of anti-globalization sentiment domestically?
2. To what extent do citizens perceive IOs as the source of the problems fueling populist nationalism?
3. To what extent is populist nationalism driven by material economic concerns? To what extent is it driven by ideas and normative beliefs? Are there implications that flow from this distinction for international cooperation and policymaking in IOs?
4. What is the role of IOs in mediating international or domestic conflicts arising from populist nationalism and anti-globalization sentiment?

5. Have compliance, bargaining, and commitment problems in international cooperation become more severe in the wake of rising populist nationalism?

6. Does anti-globalization sentiment constrain IO autonomy or empower supranational actors? Is rising populist nationalism within powerful member-states a threat or opportunity for the WTO, IMF, World Bank, etc.?

7. Is the populist backlash against IOs emerging in western countries today distinct from the backlash in the developing world against the IMF, development banks, and other IOs over the last three decades?

8. Does the apparent pullback of western, industrialized countries from global governance provide an opportunity for an increased role for emerging economies to govern?

9. Are new regional and multilateral organizations emerging in this new era complements or competitors to existing IOs?

The deadline for submissions for the special issue is April 15, 2018. Submissions should be made through Editorial Manager (http://www.editorialmanager.com/roio/), indicating that the submission is to the special issue (“SI: Populist Nationalism”).

Sincerely,

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