

From the Editor's Desk

Fueled by a seismic shift in global wealth, the emergence of new power structures have altered the dynamics of the international system, giving rise to new priorities that will require innovative ideas and a new approach. Rising to the forefront of policy concerns are global financial stability, nuclear non-proliferation, energy, and the environment. While these issues have been prevalent in the policy realm for decades, recent crises have proven that the stakes are greater than ever, heightening the need for collective action and strong leadership.

Today, however, against the backdrop of economic uncertainty and fragmented peace, international cooperation and consensus have yet to materialize in a way that significantly improves status quo. Instead, many leaders have turned inward, focusing on their own domestic stability while significant global issues remain unattended. *Ex-Ante* serves as a reminder of these concerns in a time when the urgency of the present may overshadow the priorities of our future.

With that in mind, *the Journal* has the distinct pleasure of presenting the views of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who recently spoke at Seton Hall University. In his speech, Mr. Blair addresses key global issues including growing economic imbalances, the rise of extremism, and mounting environmental concerns. Additionally, with shared insight from Amity Shlaes, Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, we draw lessons from history and explore the politics surrounding the US financial crisis.

Next, we introduce James Carafano, Senior Research Fellow at the Heritage Foundation. In his critique of conventional US security analysis and policy-making, Mr. Carafano makes the case for a new approach, one that places greater emphasis on knowledge-based decision making and modern analytical methods. From Oxford, Fellow in Economics Linda Yueh sheds light on the global economic crisis by examining the growing influence of emerging markets and ultimately, the need for a new global financial architecture.

Along with these featured articles, we also examine other key topics that delve deep into sustainable development—energy, food security, water, and demographics. To help us in this endeavor, we are delighted to have the expertise of Ravi Bhavani, Pratyusha Basu, J.C. Padowski & J.W. Jawitz, Wolfram Krewitt & Franz Trieb, and Joshka Wessels. We hope that by presenting the views of these policy experts, *Ex-Ante* will further the debate on sustainable development and help solidify its place as a core motivation for public policy.

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Through Sovereign Borders: Population Migrations

Globalization has opened the borders of sovereign states to population migrations unique to the 21st century. These movements have a direct impact on the economic, social and political dynamics of states, and are changing the nature of international relations. The upcoming Winter/Spring 2010 issue will explore this topic in depth addressing the movements of people in the world today and the implications of population and demographic change, ranging from immigration, refugees, internally displaced persons, state efforts to regulate and manage the movement of people, and national security. The global population is markedly growing and shifting. Will the international system follow its lead?

The *Journal* is also pleased to invite submissions for future issues. We welcome manuscripts pertaining to current topics in international relations.

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