**Crises of the 21st century**

**Submission status**

Open

**Submission deadline**

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The first decades of the twenty-first century have been marked by a series of flashpoints — from the the US-led ‘War on Terror’ (2001-), Global Financial Crisis (2007-8), Arab Spring (2010s), to the migration crisis in Europe (2015),  Covid pandemic (2020), and the Russo-Ukrainian war (2014-) — as well as increasing awareness of other systemic weaknesses in the global order, such as those arising from climate change and environmental issues.

In our globalized world the complex interdependence of societies and economies means that disruptions — whether the result of political instability, regional conflict, public health crises, environmental catastrophes or financial shocks — have the potential to have long-lasting and increasingly unpredictable effects, and reveal vulnerabilities previously overlooked. The ripple effects caused by complex crises can be deep and widespread, damaging the very fabric of society, and provoking civil unrest and undermining social cohesion.

This collection invites research that considers systemic risks inherent in the globalised world. Perspectives are welcomed on specific crises of the 21st century as well as potential future threats.

We welcome submissions that employ diverse methodologies and draw from a range of disciplines, including sociology, economics, international law, global governance, political science, and climate politics.

Research must be related to a specific crisis of past, present or (likely) future global significance. Both original research and reviews are welcomed.

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