
Editor-in-Chief Statement on the Transition to Quarterly Publication

The *Chinese Journal of International Politics* was founded in 2005 by the Institute of International Studies at Tsinghua University. Published by Oxford University Press, the journal's first full volume (four issues) appeared between 2006 and 2007. The *CJIP* has since its inception received generous support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. A biannual publication from 2006 to 2009, in 2010 the *CJIP* will be published quarterly. As part of the inaugural edition of the new quarterly publication schedule, the *CJIP* editors take this opportunity to reflect on the journal's achievements so far, and to offer some thoughts on the way forward.

The *CJIP* from the start established itself as one of China's pioneering, first-rate English language peer-reviewed journals. Readers have remarked on the wealth of information and insightful analysis of contemporary issues from both international and Chinese perspectives that the journal presents. *CJIP* research articles present theoretically informed, data-rich arguments. The *CJIP*'s high research standards have drawn submissions from IR scholars at prestigious universities and institutions in China and around the world.

Research Directions

In the journal's quarterly publication format, *CJIP* editors are looking for manuscript submissions in three main areas of research. The first is that which maintains the *CJIP* emphasis on cutting-edge theoretical contributions to debates within international relations, comparative politics, political economy, and where they overlap. The journal is especially interested in applying theoretical arguments to concrete global political issues. We hence welcome submissions that combine theoretically and empirically rigorous arguments with analyses of both historical and contemporary global political phenomena.

The second area of interest is that of the theoretical, policy, and the analytical implications of China's rise. The *CJIP* wants articles that deal with all aspects of China's rise, including its security, economic, regional, and foreign policy dimensions, in particular the country's evolving political

and economic interactions with various regions of the world—from Asia, to Africa, to the Americas. Our editors want research on a broad range of issues that have impact on the historical, contemporary, and future role of China as a part of these evolving regional groupings. It could include efforts to create regional security, trade, or other multilateral cooperative institutions. Research that explores comparative issues of China's economic and political development as they relate to countries in both the developing and developed world is also appropriate.

Chinese ideas, historical and contemporary, about international relations and foreign policy constitute the third area of interest. We are looking for research that explores the relevance today of China's rich history of thought on international relations and China's world role, or that focuses on more contemporary trends in Chinese IR and foreign policy thinking and debate. The *CJIP*, therefore, welcomes submissions on China's ancient, modern, and contemporary IR and foreign policy thought.

***CJIP* Stands Out and Looks Ahead**

Amid rising global interest in China's foreign policy and overall role in global affairs, *CJIP* expects to stand out as a platform for scholarship and ideas that present an original perspective. Although a number of international affairs journals both outside and inside of China publish articles on various aspects of China's international relations, including policy dimensions, the *CJIP* is unique in its commitment to publishing top-notch academic research and ideas. In particular, the journal is committed to publishing insightful academic analyses of China's role in global and regional affairs, with emphasis on China's own historical and contemporary IR and foreign policy thought.

The editors at *CJIP* are grateful to all the contributors, reviewers, and readers who have supported the journal since its launch. As it moves into its quarterly publication schedule, the *CJIP* will continue to rely on each of these sources of support. And as the journal becomes an ever more vital source of information and debate on China's role in East Asia and the world, editors welcome any and all forms of input and feedback.