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Special Issue: **Small State Economic Diplomacy in a Multipolar World**

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1. Theme

Economic Diplomacy Journal invites submissions for a special issue examining the evolving role of Small States, Statecraft and Diplomacy in a Changing World Order. The *Economic Diplomacy Journal* is an international peer-reviewed academic journal published by CHICAGO TRINITY INVESTMENTS LLC In partnership with: Paradigm Publishing Services.

The contemporary international system is characterized by geopolitical fragmentation, institutional strain, financial volatility, and widening development asymmetries. Multilateral institutions are facing mounting pressures, while global cooperation is increasingly challenged by competing national priorities and strategic rivalries. In this context, new calls have emerged within international policy discourse for strategic options among states and for the formation of coalitions capable of navigating a more uncertain global landscape.

For small states, these developments raise important questions of diplomacy and strategy. How do small states respond to global uncertainty and systemic disruption? What forms of statecraft allow them to exercise influence in international affairs despite structural constraints in the context of contemporary global politics? And how can small states leverage diplomacy, partnerships, and multilateral engagement to advance national and collective interests?

This special issue seeks to explore the practice of statecraft and diplomacy among small states, focusing on how they navigate global instability while shaping their own agendas. While often described as system-takers within the global order, small states are faced with new challenges beyond the orthodox processes of coalition diplomacy and strategic engagements in world institutions.

Below are several key policy domains in which small states seek to assert agency:

- **Statecraft and strategic diplomacy:** institutional capacity, diplomatic innovation, and policy frameworks that allow small states to navigate complex geopolitical environments.
- **Justice and global governance:** advancing equitable representation in international institutions, advocating for climate justice, tax justice, and strengthening legal and institutional frameworks that address the peculiar characteristics of small states.
- **Finance and economic resilience:** the changing role of small states within global financial governance, the new global financial institutions and the leveraging of opportunities for small states, including solutions to widening debt profiles.
- **Development cooperation:** new models of global collaboration, regional integration and convergence, and critical pathways that support sustainable development.
- **Leveraging diplomacy:** strategies through which small states build coalitions, mobilise international support, and shape global negotiations.

The special issue welcomes submissions that examine these themes through theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented perspectives. Contributions focusing on the experiences and strategies of small states across Caribbean, Pacific, Indian Ocean, Africa, Europe, the Baltic region, the Caucasus, Central Asia, and the Middle East are particularly encouraged, including comparative studies that explore cross-regional lessons in diplomacy and governance.

At a time when the global order is undergoing significant changes, the experience of small states offers important insights into how diplomacy, coalition-building, and strategic engagement can contribute to more cooperative and resilient forms of international governance.

2. International Advisory Group (to be confirmed)

The International Advisory Group will help shape the intellectual direction of the special issue, advise on outreach to scholarly and policy networks, and support the development of a community around small state economic diplomacy. All submitted manuscripts will remain subject to the journal's normal peer-review process.

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3. Rolling Submissions and Publication

This ongoing thematic collection welcomes submissions continuously, with no deadline. This rolling arrangement supersedes all previously announced submission and collection-completion dates.

Editorial feedback, peer review and revisions: undertaken continuously, with individual timelines communicated to authors.

Publication: articles are published individually once peer review, acceptance and production are complete. Authors do not need to wait for the full collection; no fixed collection closing date is currently set.

4. Submission Guidelines

All manuscripts should be prepared according to the Instructions for Authors available on the website: https://reference-global.com/journal/ECDIP

Note: We welcome contributions across disciplines (international political economy, international relations, development studies, law, business, and regional studies) that advance scholarly understanding and policy practice for small states in a multipolar era.

Full manuscripts should be submitted through the official submission system linked from the journal website (https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ecdip). All research manuscripts undergo

the journal's standard double-blind peer-review process; a favourable response to a proposal does not guarantee publication.