

The Universidad ICESI and RedIntercol invite to the Academic Conference

BEYOND THE WAR: ADVANCES AND SETBACKS IN GLOBAL AGENDAS

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Congress Presentation:

War constitutes one of the most decisive historical drivers shaping global politics within the International Relations (IR) discipline. Armed conflicts affect the nations directly involved and profoundly impact the economy, diplomacy, and individual and state security. However, by emphasizing the war agenda and its immediate consequences, other crucial aspects of international dynamics—such as economic, social, and political cooperation, human rights, sustainability in all its dimensions, and technology—are underestimated. Although seemingly less urgent in times of conflict, these areas define global well-being and long-term stability.

Beyond war, the international agenda encompasses topics that advance and regress depending on the attention they receive. Extreme poverty, climate change, mass migrations, gender equity, the risks of artificial intelligence, subnational international relations, and others demand coordinated and sustained action. When conflicts dominate the stage, these issues tend to be sidelined, perpetuating structural problems that affect global order, peace, and development. Reflecting on global politics requires considering other aspects and agendas with their potential to transform the international system, as their progress or setbacks ultimately define the actual advancement of humanity.

The IX Conference of RedIntercol will include war as one of the central axes of international politics but seeks to go beyond it, inviting the inclusion of new themes at risk of being wholly or partially overshadowed by the interests of the media and certain political actors focused on the benefits of the war industry. Therefore, it produces **advances and setbacks in global agendas**.

Considering this, RedIntercol invites submissions of individual or group papers on the following thematic lines:

1. Theories and Epistemological Issues in International Relations (IR).
2. Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA): Case Studies and Scientific Advances
3. Security Studies, War, and Peace.
4. Governance, Technology, Environment, and Development.
5. Migrations, Multilateralism, Regionalism, and Integration.
6. Subnational Politics and Paradiplomacy.

Theories and Epistemological Issues in International Relations

This line explores the conceptual foundations and epistemological traditions that structure the field of International Relations and International Studies—analyzing theories—whether classical, critical, or avant-garde—and questioning their foundations enables a more nuanced and profound understanding of the international system, promoting approaches that incorporate perspectives from both the Global North and South. This epistemological analysis encourages scholars to reconsider the basis of established knowledge and reflect on the development of theoretical frameworks that address contemporary complexities. Particular emphasis is placed on constructive and propositional theoretical processes from the Global South.

Foreign Policy Analysis: Case Studies and Scientific Advances

This line of study is essential to understanding how states develop and implement their foreign policy strategies in domestic and international spheres. Examining specific cases and methodological advances in Foreign Policy Analysis fosters a deeper understanding of national interests and how they are articulated globally. Moreover, this analysis contributes to developing effective and adaptable policies, which are essential in a world of constant change and shifting power dynamics and aid in achieving national objectives.

Security Studies, War, and Peace

Investigating security, conflict, and peace dynamics is crucial in a world where both traditional and emerging threats affect international stability. This line of work addresses the causes and consequences of war and the efforts and mechanisms to build and sustain peace. Analyzing these topics allows for a better understanding of security challenges, both in regional and global contexts, and promotes innovative solutions to ensure peace and human security.

Governance, Technology, Environment, and Development

This academic line is increasingly relevant due to the impact of technology (in all its dimensions) and environmental challenges on international politics and sustainable development. Exploring how these topics are governed through global governance approaches allows for understanding the complex interplay between technological innovation, climate change, and development. Studying these factors is essential for creating policies that promote global well-being, environmental justice, and the responsible use of technological resources. Considering how technology today is transversal to multiple processes linked to domestic and international politics is particularly relevant.

Migrations, Multilateralism, Regionalism, and Integration

The analysis of migrations and regional integration processes is fundamental in the context of increasing human mobility and decreasing international cooperation. This line examines how multilateralism and regional initiatives facilitate or challenge the integration of migrants and the resolution of transnational problems. Understanding these processes is essential to promoting inclusive and effective policies that address human mobility, regional cooperation, and social cohesion, thereby contributing to better migration management and greater regional stability. This thematic axis also includes topics related to international political economy (IPE) as a dynamic study area within international studies.

Subnational Politics and Paradiplomacy

In coordination with the Government of Valle del Cauca, this line will address the role of subnational actors in international relations, such as departments, provinces, states, cities, and other territorial entities. It recognizes that in a globalized and decentralized world, these actors implement national policies and develop their own agendas by managing international cooperation resources for development and the practice of paradiplomacy. The study of subnational politics and paradiplomacy allows for analyzing the agency of subnational actors that seek specific benefits for their regions and communities without exclusively depending on traditional national structures. This approach facilitates understanding how these dynamics transform the architecture of international relations and expand interactions beyond nation-states, contributing to the strengthening of regions and developing innovative strategies on the global stage.

Important Dates:

December 9, 2024	Announcement and call for submissions.
March 31, 2025	Deadline for submission of individual and group abstracts. No more than 250 words.
April 21, 2025	Notification of accepted papers.
August 1st, 2025	for early-bird payment (membership renewal and Conference registration).
August 29, 2025	Submission of papers between 1000 and 2000 words.
September 30, 2025	Final payment deadline (membership renewal and Conference registration).
October 8, 9, 10, 2025	IX Conference of RedIntercol at Universidad Icesi, Cali, Colombia.

Important: Speakers accepted by the Academic Committee who have not paid their participation fee by the deadline will be excluded from the final version of the agenda on 1 October.

Congress Participation Fees and Individual Memberships

The annual institutional memberships covered by the universities grant the right to five individual memberships. For more information contact administracion@redintercol.net

EARLY-BIRD RATE UNTIL AUGUST 1st **(includes membership):**

- Professionals: \$350,000 COP
- Students: \$180,000 COP

FULL RATE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30 **(includes membership)**

- Professionals: \$395,000 COP
- Undergraduate and Graduate Students: \$200,000 COP
- General Admission (Conference Attendance Only): \$50,000 COP

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