



The Review of International Organizations Call for Papers

Dear Colleagues,

The Review of International Organizations will publish a special issue on “International Organizations as Information Sources.” We invite submissions for consideration to be in the special issue.

International Organizations (IOs) have long been sources of information. They tell audiences about the costs and benefits of policies. They monitor compliance, provide guidance on best practices, and centralize records on commitments. This information can strengthen the effects of IOs on state behavior. Yet, this information is increasingly politicized, refracted through polarized member state politics and media ecologies. How have these changes affected the way we think of IOs as sources of information? Are they a neutral provider of information or a messenger for powerful states?

- *Origins of information: How do IOs produce information in the first place, and can politics shape the message an IO sends even before it is sent?*
- *Process of gathering information: Production and transmission of knowledge by IOs can occur within the secretariat, jointly with non-state actors, or in member-driven processes. What are the biases that arise in the information produced by different IO designs?*
- *Types of Information: How have IOs moved beyond “binary” signals of compliance and noncompliance? As rankings and blacklists expand, who shapes the metric and what is their impact? When does membership convey information beyond the agreements signed?*
- *Conduits of information sharing: How do the media, social media, and politicians take information from IOs and shape what reaches a potential audience?*
- *Effects of information: Does information from IOs induce member states to change their policies or behaviors? How does IO information compete with other sources of knowledge?*

We encourage theoretical and empirical contributions on these topics, broadly construed, in any issue area where IOs are present.

The deadline for submissions is May 15, 2025. Submissions should be made through Editorial Manager (<http://www.editorialmanager.com/roio/>), indicating that the submission is to the special issue (“SI: International Organizations as Information Sources”).

Sincerely,

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