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CALL FOR PAPERS
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This issue of the journal calls for papers examining aspects of global unrest described and explained from psychoanalytic, system psychodynamic, and socio-analytic perspectives. It will focus on sources and reasons for such global unrest.

At the time of writing there are over 30 active conflicts taking place on most of the continents, of which only the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the Israel Gaza war are brought prominently into focus. There is the possibility that everything worked for since World War 2 which has given peace, security, and prosperity could be lost. Apart from intra- and inter- country military conflict, there is now cyber warfare. The recent global Internet outage is evidence of our vulnerability and dependence on technology. From a political perspective we can see how the new and growing formation of BRICS i.e. the economic alliance of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa is forming an economic bloc against the West and particularly against the power of the dollar and behind that, against the might of the USA. In addition, intensifying proxy wars already herald the start of World War three with a generation of young and mature men and women being slaughtered on the battlefield.

Contributions could examine, for example,

- the role of religious belief in raising current global tensions;
- how unconscious intergenerational trauma underpins the desire for global power and perhaps retribution e.g. as in China's recovery from the impact of Chairman Mao's revolution and its current development into a world superpower; or
- the rise of previous colonies into world powers e.g. India; or

- how migration from south to north and east to west has impacted on European culture and democracy; or
- how the decline of post-World War 2 liberal ideology and loss of institutional containment has led to splitting and polarisation, and a spilling out of aggressive forces against the Other; or
- how the formation of new alliances between authoritarian leaders who support each other economically and militarily e.g. Russia, Iran, North Korea, and China, enables the aim of each wanting to dominate their own region and absorb their neighbours within their own boundaries.

These examples do not presuppose the titles or content of contributors' papers but are named to offer examples of possible themes and threats that could make up this edition of the journal.

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