

A new issue and a new layout

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The editorial team of *Carta Internacional* is pleased to introduce a new issue of the journal, the first in its new layout. This issue consists of ten articles, written by authors, scholars and researchers from different institutions that deal with a wide range of problems and questions, all very dear to our field of study: foreign policy, climate change, international cooperation, South-South cooperation, Pan-Africanism, democracy in South America, nuclear weapons, and accidental nuclear war are the topics that are covered.

The diversity of topics reflects, to a certain extent, the complexity and richness of contemporary international relations – both as a universe of interaction and as a specific field of study. It is part of our editorial policy to make room for such diversity, as well as to the plurality of theoretical approaches that characterize our field of study, and we will continue to do that.

Having in mind our editorial policy, we also have been working to improve the journal's overall quality, especially in relation to compliance with the formal criteria required for *Carta Internacional* to rank among the most prestigious academic journals in the field of international relations. As part of this effort, the articles in this issue have been assigned DOI (Digital Object-Identifier) names, making it easier to locate and access them, besides functioning as a digital certification tool. The number of articles per issue and the number of issues per year have also been increased and we are working hard to include the journal in the SciELO database.

In addition to the formal aspects, the editorial team has also been mindful of substantive issues, such as the expansion of the journal's Editorial Board and list of closest contributors – authors and peer-reviewers. We would like to point out



that, besides our most frequent contributors, several experts have accepted the invitation to join *Carta Internacional* as peer-reviewers in the last few months. Their invaluable work is essential to maintaining the quality of the articles published, without which the journal cannot survive and thrive. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to them.

Thus, we celebrate the release of this new issue and hope you enjoy.

