

# OASIS 43:

## (JANUARY - JUNE 2026)

### **AFRICA ON THE RISE: NEW POWER DYNAMICS IN A CHANGING WORLD**

The **Observatory for the Analysis of International Systems (OASIS)**, an indexed and peer-reviewed journal, is presently soliciting contributions for its first issue of 2026 (OASIS No. 43). The theme for this issue will be: "Africa on the rise: new power dynamics in a changing world".

The African continent has undergone major transformations over the past few decades. The historical dynamics of neocolonialism and dependence on the West, although still present, have begun to give way to a more autonomous, organised and relevant Africa in the international system. Almost generalised processes of pacification, democratisation and political stabilisation, added to the emergence and strengthening of emerging powers, and the consolidation of the African Union and the Regional Economic Communities, have resulted in an increasingly strong, unified and influential Africa in a changing international system that is less centred on the power of the United States and Western Europe.

The consequences of these transformations are already evident, not only in the general situation within Africa, but also in the place that the continent has begun to occupy in global power structures. Declining rates of poverty, inequality, illiteracy and violence are coupled with sustained growth in GDP, GDP per capita, exports and the continent's participation in South-South cooperation initiatives with the rest of the Global South. At the international level, the African Union has consolidated the largest free trade zone in the world in terms of the number of countries and has also been invited to participate as a full member in the G20 alongside the great traditional and emerging powers. Likewise, Ethiopia and Egypt joined South Africa as African members of the BRICS while other countries such as Algeria, Angola, Kenya, Morocco and Nigeria are consolidating themselves as key players not only in continental dynamics but also at a global level.

Africa still must face – and solve – many problems. The recent coups in Mali, Niger, Guinea, Burkina Faso and Gabon, or the current conflicts in Sudan, Libya, Somalia or Western Sahara are testimony to the fact that Africa still has a long way to go. Despite the difficulties, however, that still persist, Africa has managed to considerably increase its international agency and repositioned itself to take advantage of the global power shifts that are being driven by the Global South.

This edition of the Journal OASIS is, therefore, intended to analyse the role that Africa plays today in global power dynamics, the spaces in which it has gained prominence and the difficulties it still faces in consolidating itself as a central player in the current international system.

Some suggested themes for this edition include:

- ◆ The African Union (AU) and the Regional Economic Communities (REC) in the international projection of Africa in the international system.
- ◆ The African Union in the G20.
- ◆ The emergence and consolidation of regional powers in Africa and their international relations.
- ◆ Africa as an actor within the Global South.
- ◆ Africa and the cooperation forums with extracontinental countries (China, Russia, Brazil, India, Turkey, European Union, United States, etc.).
- ◆ Problems and difficulties for the international projection of Africa.
- ◆ Factors that contribute to the increase of the international agency of Africa.
- ◆ Africa in the United Nations.
- ◆ Africa as a relevant actor within the dynamics of South-South cooperation.

The guest editors for the 43 issue of OASIS are:

**Juliana Abena Appiah, PhD.** Juliana holds a PhD in International Relations from the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), University of Ghana, an MA and a BA from the University of Ghana. She is a Senior Research Fellow at the Legon Centre for International Affairs and Diplomacy (LECIAD), University of Ghana, Legon, where she teaches Africa in World Politics, and Regionalism and Regional Integration. She held a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Cape Town, South Africa in 2015, has participated in workshops and training programmes with the African Union and is an avid writer on regional integration in Africa.

**Guilherme Ziebell de Oliveira, PhD.** Expert in African Studies. Adjunct Professor at the Department of Economics and International Relations and Professor at the Graduate Programme in International Strategic Studies (PPGEEI) at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), in Porto Alegre, Brazil. He holds a PhD in Political Science (PPGPOL/UFRGS) and a Master's Degree in International Strategic Studies (PPGEEI/UFRGS). He is Deputy Editor of the journal *Conjuntura Austral: Journal of the Global South* and a member of the board of directors of the Brazilian Association of International Relations (ABRI).

## **INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS:**

- ◆ Articles may be written in Spanish, English, French, or Portuguese.
- ◆ Articles submitted to OASIS must not have been published previously.
- ◆ Articles must be written in Microsoft Word. The maximum length of the articles must be 9,000 (nine thousand) words, single space, Font Arial 12, 2.5 cms top and bottom margins and 3.0 cms left and right margins. They must include a reference list, notes, pictures, or figures if needed.
- ◆ References must follow APA format, which can be found at: <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines>
- ◆ For more information, please visit the "Information for authors" section in our website: <http://revistas.uexternado.edu.co/index.php/oasis/information/authors>
- ◆ Authors must include an abstract in English, Spanish, and the original language of the article (in case it is different from Spanish and English). OASIS can help with translating the abstract into Spanish or English in case the author does not speak these languages. The abstract must include the key elements of the article and cannot be longer than two hundred and fifty (250) words. Four to five key words must also be included.
- ◆ Authors must include last academic title, field of research, institutional affiliation, and e-mail.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

### **ABSTRACT:**

Authors shall e-mail a preliminary title and an abstract no longer than 250 words to [oasis@uexternado.edu.co](mailto:oasis@uexternado.edu.co) no later than **April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

### **FINAL VERSION OF THE ARTICLE:**

The final version of the article shall be uploaded through the Open Journal System (OJS) platform in our website (<https://www.uexternado.edu.co/oasis>) no later than **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

### **BOOK REVIEWS:**

OASIS will also accept reviews of books that have been recently published (not older than two years). Book reviews may be written in Spanish, English, French, or Portuguese and must be approximately 2,000 words long. Book reviews must be sent to OASIS through the Open Journal System (OJS) platform in our website (<https://www.uexternado.edu.co/oasis>) no later than **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

## **MORE INFORMATION:**

### **OBSERVATORIO DE ANÁLISIS DE LOS SISTEMAS INTERNACIONALES (OASIS)**

ISSN printed: 1657-7558 / ISSN digital: 2346-2132

Universidad Externado de Colombia

Calle 12 No. 1 - 17 Este, Bogotá, Colombia

Phone number: +57 1 341 99 00 ext. 2002 / Fax: +57 1 286 96 76

E-mail: [oasis@uexternado.edu.co](mailto:oasis@uexternado.edu.co)

Website: <http://www.uexternado.edu.co/oasis>

## **EDITORIAL TEAM:**

### **JERÓNIMO DELGADO-CAICEDO, PHD**

Universidad Externado de Colombia

Bogotá, Colombia

Editor in Chief

E-mail: [jeronimo.delgado@uexternado.edu.co](mailto:jeronimo.delgado@uexternado.edu.co)

### **JULIANA ABENA APPIAH, PHD**

University of Ghana

Accra, Ghana

Guest Editor

E-mail: [jappiah@ug.edu.gh](mailto:jappiah@ug.edu.gh)

### **GUILHERME ZIEBELL DE OLIVEIRA, PHD**

Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul

Porto Alegre, Brazil

Guest Editor

E-mail: [guilherme.ziebell@ufrgs.br](mailto:guilherme.ziebell@ufrgs.br)

### **ADRIANA LEÓN**

Universidad Externado de Colombia

Bogotá, Colombia

Editorial Assistant

E-mail: [oasis@uexternado.edu.co](mailto:oasis@uexternado.edu.co)