

Conversations in Ethics & World Politics

A newsletter of the BISA Ethics & World Politics Working Group

Welcome to *Conversations in Ethics & World Politics*

Welcome to the first issue of *Conversations in Ethics & World Politics*, the newsletter of the BISA Ethics & World Politics Working Group.

Through this newsletter, we hope to create a shared space for exchange across our community - highlighting research and perspectives, teaching resources, events, publications, funding opportunities, and other developments relevant to ethics and world politics.

Most importantly, we hope future issues will be shaped by contributions from across our membership. Whether you have recently published something, are organising an event, have discovered a useful resource, or simply have an idea you would like to share, we would love to hear from you.

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Research Spotlights & Perspectives

Forty Volumes of *Ethics & International Affairs*

What does ethics have to do with international affairs? As *Ethics & International Affairs* marks its 40th volume, the journal returns to the question that motivated its launch in 1987 and reflects on four decades of bringing ethical inquiry into conversations about global politics.

To mark the anniversary, the journal is publishing a series of essays revisiting influential contributions from its archive and asking how the ethical and political landscape has changed since their publication. The series ranges across questions of climate justice, humanitarian intervention, AI and warfare, and the legitimacy of global governance institutions.

For members of the Ethics & World Politics Working Group, the series offers an opportunity both to revisit important debates in our field and to reflect on the place of ethical inquiry in confronting contemporary global challenges.

[Explore the 40th-volume essay series →](#)

Conferences, Events & Workshops

BISA 2027 Conference: Call for Papers

The call for papers for the BISA 2027 Conference, taking place in Manchester, has been announced. Under the theme *Fragmenting orders, shared futures: Global politics in turbulent times*, the conference invites contributions engaging with the profound transformations shaping contemporary global politics, as well as submissions on any topic relevant to international studies more broadly.

Proposals can be submitted as individual papers, panels or roundtables, with BISA also welcoming innovative and non-standard formats. Submissions open on 28 September 2026 and close on 6 November 2026 at 11.59pm (UK time).

We warmly encourage members of the Ethics & World Politics Working Group to consider submitting their work and selecting Ethics & World Politics as their Working Group track.

[Find out more and view the call for papers →](#)

Teaching & Pedagogy

How to keep talking when the stakes are high

How can we sustain meaningful dialogue in the classroom when the subjects we teach are politically contentious, emotionally charged or deeply polarising?

A recent collection from the LSE Higher Education Blog explores the challenges of teaching and learning when the stakes are high. Bringing together five contributions, the collection considers issues including self-censorship in the classroom, teaching populism, navigating conflict, and teaching the war in Ukraine. Together, the pieces offer practical and reflective perspectives on creating spaces in which disagreement and difficult conversations can remain part of the learning process.

A particularly relevant resource for those teaching ethics, politics and international studies.

[Explore the collection →](#)

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Research, events, pedagogy, publications and funding for the Ethics & World Politics community.

Publication Announcements

Arshad Isakjee, “Necropolitical Compassion: Rhetorical Care and Repressive Borders in the English Channel”

Published in *International Political Sociology* (2026), this article examines how seemingly compassionate political responses to migrant deaths in the English Channel can coexist with - and contribute to legitimising - repressive border practices. Isakjee develops the concept of “necropolitical compassion” to explore the relationship between rhetorical expressions of care, racialised bordering, and the violence of migration governance.

[Read the article →](#)

Funding & Opportunities

British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

Applications are now open for the British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grants, supporting primary research across the humanities and social sciences. Researchers can apply for up to £10,000 towards the direct costs of a clearly defined research project, with awards tenable for up to 24 months. Both individual and collaborative projects are welcome, and the scheme is open to postdoctoral scholars (or those with equivalent research experience) ordinarily resident in the UK.

Deadline: 4 November 2026, 17:00 GMT.

Independent scholars must submit by 28 October 2026, 17:00 GMT.

[Find out more and apply →](#)

Contribute to the next issue

Conversations in Ethics & World Politics is a shared space for our community, and we warmly welcome contributions to future issues.

Send us your research and perspectives, events and workshops, teaching resources and reflections, publication announcements, or funding and other opportunities. Contributions can be formal or informal, and our editorial approach remains light-touch and supportive.

We accept submissions on a rolling basis, so please feel free to send us your contributions at any time.

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We look forward to hearing from you!