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Special Issue on *G20 and India* (October–December 2023)

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Concept Note for Special Issue on G20 and India

The G20 has emerged as a forum for dialogue on global economic issues with a prominent role for emerging and middle economies. The membership of the G20 comprises a mix of 19 advanced and emerging countries and the European Union. Together they account for around 85 % of the global GDP, over 75 % of the global trade, and two-thirds of the world's population. Since its inception the G20 agenda has expanded from financial matters to cover a range of issues included under the SDGs.

Since 2007 the G20 Summits have been hosted annually under a rotational Presidency with each presidency including its own priorities as well. Having taken over the Presidency from Indonesia on 1 December 2022, India has set its own priorities as well. Broadly the Indian government will prioritise the interconnectedness of all life on the planet and the need for inclusive, just, sustainable and equitable growth for all. India has also chosen to invite emerging economies like Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria, UAE, etc., to participate in the G20s various meetings, thus expanding the dialogue within the Global South. The current G20 troika comprising Indonesia, India, and Brazil also represents the Global South. Yet, the G20, like all other multilateral institutions is also faced with creating consensus in the face of war and deep geopolitical divisions and grave challenges to its ability to shepherd global economies to recovery after the shock of Covid-19.

India Quarterly, the journal of the Indian Council of World Affairs, is calling for original contributions for a Special Issue on *India and G20*. The special issue will be published in the last issue of the journal in December 2023. The papers would be published online on SAGE's Online First platform from October 2023 onwards. *India Quarterly* is the leading peer reviewed Indian journal of international affairs published since 1945. Its abstracted in Scopus, Proquest, ESCI, among others and published by SAGE.

The Special Issue invites papers looking at the many opportunities and challenges before the G20 and the leadership role that India may play. Authors may address some of the issues underlined below but are not limited by these.

1. G20 as an effective multilateral forum and its interrelationship with other global and regional multilateral forums.
2. G20's governance mechanism and the need to make it more efficient, inclusive and effective.
3. G20's role in addressing global challenges pertaining to health, food and energy security, climate change, growing social and economic inequalities, post-Covid recovery and the governance of technology and digital applications to diverse sectors.
4. The economic and political challenge of geopolitical divisions and war.
5. India's role in G20 as a harbinger of change, representative of the developing world, the Global South, an emerging power and a 'consensus builder', and its priorities vis a vis the mandate of the G20.