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Decolonizing International Relations: The Enduring Legacy of the Bandung Conference

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Introduction

Global South Review invites submissions for a special issue commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Asia-Africa (Bandung) Conference. This historic event, held in April 1955, brought together newly independent nations from Asia and Africa, making a pivotal moment in international diplomacy. As we approach this anniversary, this special issue aims to revisit the legacies and contemporary relevance of the Bandung Conference, with a focus on rethinking its significance for international relations (IR) and the evolving global order.

The Bandung Conference has been hailed as a landmark in the history of post-colonial solidarity, decolonization, and non-alignment, yet its significance has often been neglected by mainstream international relations (IR) scholarship. The Western-centric nature of traditional IR has obscured how the Bandung Conference reshaped the global order by empowering newly independent nations to assert their agency in world politics. The 70th anniversary of the conference provides a critical moment to re-engage with its legacies from a Global South perspective, focusing on the collective experiences, innovations, and struggles of post-colonial nations in their pursuit of development, sovereignty, and justice.

The Bandung Conference resonates profoundly with the experiences of the Global South, a term that encompasses regions with colonial histories, diverse ontologies, and epistemologies, and the ongoing struggle for equitable access to basic services and opportunities. The socio-political structures in many Global South countries, marked by clientelism and exclusion, have often reproduced patterns of social and economic inequality. At the same time, these regions are also sites of resilience and innovation, where frugal, bottom-up innovations coexist with sophisticated technological imports from the Global North.

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The legacy of colonialism continues to shape the development trajectories of these nations, as many continue to pursue modernization models inspired by Western industrialization, often at the expense of indigenous knowledge systems and pluralistic worldviews. Yet, as the world faces mounting ecological crises and social inequalities, the Global South offers alternative pathways toward sustainability and solidarity. This special issue calls for contributions that critically examine these tensions and opportunities, particularly in light of the Bandung Conference's enduring influence on Global South nations' efforts to forge autonomous paths toward development and justice.

This special issue aims to contribute to the emerging Global IR framework, which seeks to broaden the scope of IR by integrating the voices, experiences, and agency of non-Western actors. By focusing on the Bandung Conference, we hope to highlight the conference's role in shaping both regional and global orders and offer fresh perspectives on how these legacies inform contemporary challenges in the Global South, including questions of development, ecological resilience, and social justice.

Scope and Topics

This special issue welcomes submissions that address (but not limited to) the following themes:

- The historical importance of the Bandung Conference in fostering Global South solidarity, decolonization efforts, and the establishment of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).
- The relationship between Bandung's principles and contemporary debates on global governance, human rights, and environmental sustainability in the Global South.
- Analyzing the marginalization of Bandung in mainstream IR theory and exploring how Global IR can offer a more inclusive and pluralistic approach to international politics.
- Investigating the socio-political and economic characteristics of the Global South, including the legacies of colonialism, and how Bandung addressed or failed to address these structural challenges.
- The opportunities for innovation in the Global South, focusing on frugal, bottom-up initiatives, as well as the import of sophisticated technologies from the Global North, and the tensions between endogenous and exogenous development models.
- The Bandung Conference's role in rethinking the notion of 'development' in Global South contexts, where ecological resilience, social solidarity, and sustainable living practices may outpace Northern paradigms, as discussed by scholars such as Escobar (2015) and Hickel (2020).

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- f. Manuscript submitted in **Word** format by email to gsr.fisipol@ugm.ac.id with the subject heading format: **[Special Issue Submission] Name_Affiliation**, no later than **November 17, 2024**;

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- a. Manuscript template can be downloaded [here](#);
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- c. The manuscript is written on A4-sized papers (21x29.7 cm), with custom margins as follows: left 2.5 cm, right 2 cm, bottom 2 cm and top 3 cm;
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Timeline

This special issue will start reviewing papers as soon as they are received. Nevertheless, the main deadlines are as follows:

1. Full paper submission deadline : November 17, 2024
2. Publication planning date : April 2025

Information

For questions or further information, please contact the Editorial Team at gsr.fisipol@ugm.ac.id. Authors who are unsure about submitting their work to this special issue, can contact the Editorial Team by email with an abstract and subject heading format: **[SI Abstract Consultation] Name_Affiliation**.

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