Call for Chapters

Reshaping Modernization: China and the Global South

Deadline for submissions: November 25, 2025

This peer-reviewed international volume focuses on modernization studies of China and Global South countries. It is a multi-disciplinary and transnational series that explores the relationship between the current geopolitical constellation and the modernization of China and the Global South. With contents provisionally developing from the speeches delivered at the 12th IPP International Conference (held on August 23-24, 2025 in Guangzhou), this book brings together contributions by internationally renowned scholars from sociology, international relations, and economics to address the ways in which the Global South and China may reshape the paradigm of modernization.

This book deals with pressing issues in the international political economy. In these discussions, we identify the current geopolitical situation as characterized by three pivotal trends: the disruptiveness of the Trump administration, the disintegration of the post-World War II global economic regime and international organizations, and the reemergence of the Global South in both economic and geopolitical terms. In mapping existing and emerging trends of contested geopolitics, this volume offers a timely review of the structural transformations in today's politico-economic and socio-cultural debates.

We invite contributions introducing theories, concepts, methods and themes related to modernization trajectories in China and the Global South. The book chapter proposals may address (but are not limited to) the following issues within the geopolitical context:

- Global Development and Modernization in Transition
- Structural Transformation of the World Economy
- China and the Global South in the Era of Multipolarity
- Changing Approaches to Global Governance
- The Nexus of Geopolitics and Technological Innovation
- History and Practice of Public Policy in the Global South
- Global Social Governance and International Organizations
- The Cultural Politics of Regional and Local Modernities
- Transnational Social Movements and Cultural Exchanges

The proposed contributions should be closely connected to the international debates within the geopolitics and modernization studies.

Timeline and Procedure

- The article proposals (approximately 500 words) for the book can be sent to the editors (zhuyanling@scut.edu.cn; guohai@scut.edu.cn) by November 25, 2025. The chapter manuscripts are due on April 2, 2026.
- The manuscript will be sent for peer review in spring 2026. Please note that authors are expected to complete English-language proofreading of their contributions before peer review. The preferred language for typesetting is American English.
- Please note, the recommended word count is 6,000-8,000 words for each chapter. The citation style used in the series is APA 7th.

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