Understanding and preparing, during the crisis, the world to come

Call for papers May 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic is a profound health and economic crisis but its scope, intensity and singularity also convey a dimension that remains largely incomprehensible without adopting an interdisciplinary, multiscalar and multilingual approach.

Le Grand Continent, a widely circulated online review (+600,000 unique visits in March) published by Groupe d'études géopolitiques, a European think tank founded at the École normale supérieure, officially recognised as a public interest organisation, is calling for contributions for its Covid-19 Geopolitical Observatory, a reference tool for scientific and political debate on the subject.

For this call, Groupe d'études géopolitique partners with Paris Peace Forum, an annual high-level, multi-actor event designed to promote global governance solutions to tackle major contemporary issues. Its next edition, which will take place from 11th to 13th November, will focus on The world after - perspective on global health governance, economic resilience and global political challenges related to the use of new technologies.

Using methodologies and tools from fields of human sciences and humanities, we aim to understand, measure and interpret the impact of the Covid-19 on societies in order to prepare, during the crisis, the world that will come after.

Contributions will be peer reviewed by the Observatory. Three formats are envisioned:

- Short analytical articles (less than 3,500 characters) presenting innovative hypotheses, models or data to be published within very short delays, and which should feed into the debate.
- Synthetic articles (less than 25,000 characters) published in French, with the possibility of co-publication in other languages, presenting a question or a line of research in progress.
- In-depth working papers, published in French and English.

Selected texts will feed into the intellectual debate with the aim of establishing a report which will put concrete political proposals forward to be presented at the next Paris Peace Forum (November 2020). The report will be submitted to attending Heads of State and international organizations.

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