

# JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

## STUDENT ESSAY CONTESTS: UNGOVERNED SPACES

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The Columbia Journal of International Affairs is seeking submissions for its two semi-annual student essay contests: the **Andrew Wellington Cordier** and **Global Public Policy Network (GPPN)** contests. The Cordier contest is open to students enrolled at all Columbia University schools (undergraduate and graduate), and the GPPN contest is open to students enrolled at all GPPN schools, including Columbia SIPA.

Authors of winning entries will receive \$500 each and will be published alongside noted scholars in the Journal's upcoming issue on 'Ungoverned Spaces'.

Submissions are welcome on the following topics, or on a topic related to the main theme:

The concept of 'ungoverned spaces' has gained traction among policymakers who believe such spaces provide fertile ground for security threats to develop and flourish. What defines an 'ungoverned space'? Is the concept an accurate or helpful notion? And have policy efforts to eliminate or absorb these spaces been successful?

Innovation is driving alternative ways of governing. For example, blockchain technology is being used to curtail corruption and as an alternative method of payment, transcending intervention by government institutions. Will we see a revolution in the core elements that define government responsibilities? How will technological innovation define the way society interacts?

The current global governance of outer space activities was formulated in the 1960s and 1970s. As outer space activities are increasingly commercialized and privatized, does the current governance framework strike the right balance between encouraging the peaceful exploration of outer space and protecting what is, arguably, our largest global commons?

### Submission guidelines:

Essays should not exceed 4,000 words, and cannot have been previously published. Citations should be in the form of footnotes formatted according to the Chicago Manual of Style.

For more information and to submit, visit <https://jia.sipa.columbia.edu>. If you have questions, please contact Student Essays Editor, Ayesha Amin, at [ama2295@columbia.edu](mailto:ama2295@columbia.edu).

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