

Publisher's Note

The *Journal of Geoeconomics* is launched at a moment when geoeconomics has become indispensable to understanding how global power is being reshaped. Its growing importance reflects not only recent crises, but a wider recognition that economic interdependence has become central to strategic rivalry and statecraft. In the decades after the Cold War, the dominant language of economic globalisation often encouraged a view of markets as increasingly separable from questions of power and security. That separation has become increasingly difficult to sustain. Economic instruments now operate alongside hard power. They are used deliberately to exert coercive pressure, exploit vulnerabilities, shape incentives, and constrain freedom of action. These dynamics have far-reaching consequences for states and markets, revealing how interdependence can become a source of leverage, exposure, and strategic risk. Yet this same environment also creates significant opportunities for those able to wield the knowledge, instruments, and strategies at their disposal.

As geoeconomic research and analysis increasingly inform strategic debate and public decision-making, the field requires credible scholarly forums through which claims can be tested, evidence evaluated, and durable bodies of knowledge built. Peer review is central to this task, providing a disciplined means to test arguments, evaluate evidence, and strengthen the reliability of published research and analysis. It is for this reason that the *Journal of Geoeconomics* exists: to advance and broadly disseminate rigorous geoeconomic research and analysis; to develop innovative approaches in structuring evidence, data, and case-based knowledge equal to the demands of a maturing field; and to help build the scholarly infrastructure needed for an empirical, cumulative body of knowledge in geoeconomics.

The idea for the *Journal* emerged during a long flight to Japan in early 2024. Japan has made important contributions to intellectual leadership in geoeconomics, including through the Institute of Geoeconomics, led by Kazuto Suzuki and housed within the International House of Japan, a public-interest institution on whose advisory board I serve. The journey became an occasion to reflect on the growing importance of the nexus between states and markets, as fractures in the post-Cold War global order were becoming increasingly visible over the preceding years. These fractures were especially apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, which exposed the strategic vulnerability of supply chains and accelerated the reconfiguration of trade and investment flows. They were reinforced by escalating strategic competition between China and the United States, as technology restrictions, industrial policy, tariffs, market access, and supply-chain resilience became central to the exercise of power. Following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, successive sanctions and countermeasures made the strategic dimensions of geoeconomics still more visible and consequential.

This inaugural volume represents the culmination of two years of development, conversation, and engagement across a wide community of scholars, practitioners, and institutions. As a scholar-practitioner, I am deeply grateful to the many colleagues whose generosity, insight, and encouragement have informed this initiative from its earliest stages.

Early perspectives came through conversations and engagements with Christian Leuprecht (Queen's University; Royal Military College of Canada), Markus Jaeger (Columbia University; DGAP), Patrick Leblond (University of Ottawa), Michael Byers (University of British Columbia), Bryce Quillin (World Bank), Dan Ciuriak (CIGI), Balkan Devlen (Carleton University), Kimberly Donovan (Atlantic Council), Josh Lipsky (Atlantic Council), Alexander Börsch (Deloitte), and Norbert Eschborn (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung), as well as from exchanges with individuals connected to wider scholarly and policy communities, including the Royal Economic Society, American Economic Association, Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), International Institute for Strategic Studies, Royal United Services Institute, Munich Security Conference, Conference of Defence Associations Institute, Helsinki Geoeconomics Society, the Global *Network* on Financial Geography (FinGeo), International and Monetary Economics Network, and the Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association. These exchanges reinforced the value of the *Journal's* mission and gave further momentum to its development.

The *Journal* has been greatly strengthened by my distinguished colleague, Edward Hunter Christie, who serves as its first Editor-in-Chief. His editorial leadership, scholarly judgement, and dedication have made a lasting contribution to the *Journal's* early development and to the quality of its inaugural volume. His work has helped apply and refine editorial standards and article formats, guide the peer-review process, strengthen the *Journal's* advisory and author networks, and deepen its engagement with the community of authors, reviewers, and readers it seeks to serve. I am especially grateful for our exchanges, which have deeply enriched my thinking about geoeconomics and reflects the breadth of knowledge he brings from both academia and practice.

I am indebted to the authors and peer reviewers who have placed their confidence in the *Journal* at this formative stage. Drawn from leading universities, research institutes, policy institutions, and practitioner communities, they have helped bring the *Journal's* purpose to life and given its inaugural volume considerable substance. The authors entrusted us with the care of their scholarship, while peer reviewers gave generously of their time and expertise to uphold the standards on which rigorous inquiry depends.

Our inaugural volume has been made possible by the time, counsel, and commitment of a remarkable editorial community. I am especially grateful to the *Journal's* Associate Editors, Christine Abely, Balkan Devlen, Philip Luck, and Guntram Wolff; to the members of its Advisory Board, Sari Arho Havrén, Jonathan Berkshire-Miller, Andrew Capistrano, Cind du Bois, Liliana Filip, Rebecca Harding, Mario Holzner, John F. Jungclaussen, Seçkin Köstem, Christian Leuprecht, Clara Portela, Alessandro Rebutti, Elina Ribakova, Mikael Wigell, and Fabian Zuleeg; and to its Editorial Fellows, Robin Arens, Nick Cohen, Oleksandra Kobernik, Isabelle McRae, Aron Roosberg, and Lucie Škopková. Their counsel, participation, and support have strengthened the *Journal's* scholarly standing, broadened its international reach, and contributed to the wider community of research and practice from which the inaugural volume has emerged.

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In parallel with their publishing mission, the *Journal* and its publishing imprint have also begun to support wider efforts in knowledge generation, applied research, policy development, scholarly engagement, and public understanding of geoeconomics. These include original research activities, strategic foresight exercises, and the mobilisation of academic and practitioner networks to address questions of economic warfare, economic security, and strategic competition. I am especially grateful to Canada's Department of National Defence, through the MINDS programme, and to the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung for supporting our conference and strategic foresight exercise, co-presented with the *Journal of Law & Geoeconomics*. These activities have extended the *Journal's* contribution beyond publication by connecting scholarly inquiry with policy development, professional practice, and wider public understanding.

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To all of our contributors, colleagues, supporters, and readers, thank you for helping advance the exchange of ideas through which geoeconomics will continue to develop as a field of knowledge and practice. The *Journal of Geoeconomics* begins with the conviction that open, globally engaged scholarship is essential to understanding how economic power is organised, exercised, and contested at a time of heightened strategic competition. It is my sincere hope that the *Journal* will provide a durable forum for this inquiry and contribute, in its own way, to the rigorous research, informed debate, and sound judgement on which the field depends.

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