CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS
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The Ethics of Foreign Policy

The SAIS Review of International Affairs welcomes submissions on the theme of ethics and decision-making in foreign policy for its Spring 2019 issue. This new collection will reflect on the challenges policymakers face when confronting difficult issues with no clear normative framework to guide them. The issue will also engage with controversial or emerging ethical challenges in foreign affairs, particularly those concerning global institutions, human rights, and national security.

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When looking back through history, scholars of international affairs often assess the consequences of controversial foreign policy decisions using their own contemporary ethical standards. The role of ethical considerations in foreign policy, however, can be more ambiguous than it seems, and there exists no single normative framework or formula capable of guiding decision-makers through all cases. This issue of the SAIS Review examines the role that individual and institutional ethics play in the craft of foreign policy. Are there common moral frameworks that policymakers can use when confronted with decisions that place the national interest at odds with individual welfare? What determines whether a given choice is the one that results in the most “good”? Finally, how do institutions affect the individual moral philosophies of those operating within them?

For its thirty-ninth issue, the SAIS Review seeks submissions from scholars and policymakers with expertise or direct experience in the role of ethics in foreign policy. In an effort to present a range of perspectives, the Editorial Board encourages articles from former or current policymakers drawing on personal experience, as well as more theoretical pieces on controversial or emerging ethical issues in contemporary foreign affairs.

PRINT ARTICLES
• Articles should engage with the issue theme.
• Contributions must include an author biography and proper citations as per the Chicago Manual of Style.
• Approximately 3,000 – 5,000 words (excluding citations).

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• Book should be recent and relevant to the issue theme.
• Approximately 1,200 words (excluding citations).
• E-mail sais.review@gmail.com for a list of suggested books to review or to propose a relevant book.

WEB ARTICLES
• We publish articles at www.saisreview.org on a rolling basis.
• 1,000-2,000 words (excluding citations).
• All submissions welcome, though preference will be given to content relevant to the issue theme.

DEADLINES AND INSTRUCTIONS
• February 25, 2019: Abstracts (for print articles) or statements of interest (for book reviews and photo essays) of no more than 250 words.
• March 22, 2019: First draft deadline for Print Articles and Book Reviews.

Please send all submissions to sais.review@gmail.com.

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