

# Introduction

(Inglés)

This year, 2024, we present the second issue of the Mexican Yearbook of Global Affairs (AMAG); a publication of the *Isidro Fabela* Institute of International Studies at the Universidad del Mar (UMAR), Huatulco Campus, in Oaxaca, Mexico.

In this edition, the Yearbook begins its Essays section with a group of contributions from a geopolitical perspective. Among the topics covered are North America-China relations; Asia's development; the dispute for world hegemony linked to semiconductors and relocation; the current Great Powers Politics; the Netherlands' strategy in the Indo-Pacific region; China's growing presence in Latin America and the Caribbean; and the Quito Process to respond to the crisis of Venezuelan migrants and refugees. We continue with works that focus on some Summits and other diplomatic aspects, such as science in the G-7 and G-20; the founding and evolution of the Group of 77; fiscal intervention in G-20 nations during the pandemic; the image of Mexico from Torres Bodet's editorial work; and Japanese cultural diplomacy. Subsequently, we have an analysis of the global governance of the oceans and another that links the global to the local regarding refugees in San Luis Potosí as new international actors. With an economic and legal character, two works follow respectively: the first analyzes the economic consequences of marijuana legalization on the illegal drug economy, and the second examines the possibility of legislating on fake news, a pertinent topic in post-truth times. This is followed by a work that values the access and transparency of NASA's information for public policy decision-making, taking the city of Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca as a case study.

In theoretical terms, also in the Essays section, this issue includes two works; one on the New French School of Sociological Liberalism highlighting the contribution of Raymond Aron; and another that revisits the idea of a global village, identifying its contemporary utility, validity, and importance. To close, we have an essay on the educational pedagogy of online intercultural learning between Mexico and the United States, based on lessons from Octavio Paz.

In the Chronicles section, two works are presented; the first recounts the experiences and contributions of the international jurist Modesto Seara Vázquez; and the second provides a chronology starting from the Hamas attack on Israel, sequencing events from October 7, 2023, to the last day of February 2024.

In Classical Authors, this edition includes an analysis of Marx's legacy to International Relations on one hand, and Robert Putnam's two-level game on the other. Our Indicators section offers data that could be useful for a general perspective on various indicators, including Gross Domestic Product (GDP), inflation, population, environmental performance, air quality, renewable energy, democracy, COVID, and climate change, among others.

The Bibliographic Comments section offers content on contributions that refer to thinkers such as Modesto Seara and Celestino del Arenal; or topics such as literature and power in revolutionary Cuba; or successful cases of Mexican paradiplomacy.

In the Interviews section, we begin with a special and comprehensive analysis of the Interoceanic Corridor of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec (CIIT), interviewing Vice Admiral Raymundo Morales Ángeles, Director General of the CIIT, which took place at the Center for Advanced Naval Studies (CESNAV) of the Secretary of the Navy. In our interview, we addressed important and varied topics such as the historical significance of the Interoceanic Corridor, maritime transport and trade, logistical optimization, contribution to GDP, energy and the environment, migration, geopolitics, and security. The answers provided by Vice Admiral Morales Ángeles are of special importance because they represent what is theoretically known in Social Constructivism as an *authoritative speech act*, which makes it an authorized vision from the State. For this reason, we consider it important to disseminate this content provided by a valuable primary information source in different languages. The interview was transcribed into four languages: Spanish (original version), English, French, and Mandarin Chinese, considering the international interests in the Interoceanic Corridor.

Finally, this edition contains an interview with Dr. Gilberto Conde on a topic that is fundamental for international relations in 2023 (and so far in 2024): the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, derived from the attack by the Hamas group on October 7, 2023. Thus, in the Interviews section, in this issue we analyze two topics of great current and international relevance: the Interoceanic Corridor of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec (CIIT) and the latest episode of a devastating conflict in the Middle East.

The volume concludes with some audiovisual materials on topics such as the international thought of women in the early 20th century; foreign policy during the Mexican Revolution; a podcast from Radio France analyzing Latin America's reactions to the war between Israel and Palestine. Subsequently, a material identifying winners and losers in world trade is suggested; another analyzing the topic of artificial intelligence; and another on the economy of the future.

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