

Call for Proposals: Commentaries on Media & Nationalism

This is an invitation to contribute essays and commentaries on **news media, nationalism, and global conflict/cooperation**.

The plan is to publish the collection in a special issue of the diamond open-access *Global Media Journal - German Edition* (no APCs) in mid-2026. The journal has already reserved space for this project.

While the topic is one of the oldest in media studies, it is taking on fresh salience as a result of the eruption of several hot wars, the erosion of multilateralism, and the hardening of national borders in many parts of the world. Media feel compelled to rally behind their national flags — at precisely the time when humanist and cosmopolitan values are most needed.

I invite scholars to address these big themes through original essays and commentaries of 2,000-3,000 words.

Articles should focus on the impact of news media on (and/or how media are impacted by) relations between peoples across national borders. (The rise of ethno-nationalism within the settled borders of nation states, although a key issue, would be outside the scope of this collection unless directly linked to international dynamics.)

Contributions could, for example, reflect on your empirical studies of media performance in specific conflicts; or explore the barriers to a more humanistic and cosmopolitan journalism; or propose normative frameworks or a research agenda for thinking through the roles of national media in these times of global instability and conflict.

The journal editors and I are keen to make space for pieces reflecting on conflicts that don't regularly make global headlines or earn due attention in our field's journals. Examples: epic contests for regional hegemony (e.g. Saudi Arabia vs. Iran); long-running separatist wars (Myanmar); xenophobia associated with disputes between neighbours (Rwanda and D.R. Congo); and territorial name disputes (Greece vs. North Macedonia). Proposals would be assessed on the originality and strength of their ideas, not the scale or prominence of the cases they discuss.

I look forward to receiving your expressions of interest, including an abstract and bio, by **1 November 2025**. The full article would be due by 15 January 2026. Please email me at prof.cheriangeorge@gmail.com.

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