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The world of international politics in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is a dynamic one, with challenges as well as opportunities. Contemporary news highlights the threat of nuclear proliferation, of terrorism in various parts of the world, climate change, and of the continuing side-effects of the financial meltdown. Equally there are opportunities to advance such causes as nuclear disarmament and crisis resolution. Hence, there is a need for scholars to address the challenges and arising issues in contemporary world affairs. Along these lines, the objectives of the MJIR are to promote scholarly research on international relations and strategic studies, to provide a channel for the publication of articles based on research, original thought, and commentaries on these topics, and to stimulate further debate and interest in the study of international relations.

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