

# Futures

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**Future Proof: International Relations and the 'Futures Turn'**  
This paper explores the current interest in 'the future.' It argues that a concern with the future has always been fundamental to the study of international relations but there is a much broader concern with the future in light of the pace of technological and geopolitical transformations. The paper explores the key positions on the future to ask what the discipline can contribute to the study of the future.

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### Ethnographic Futures

This paper seeks to reflect on the ethnographic study of the idea of futures particularly in the context of war crimes tribunals, debates of reconciliation and wartime sexual violence. What kinds of visions about the past and about the present does the idea of future harbour and what alternative, unexpected utopias - aspirational futures - does it enact? What are the tools to imagine utopias of justice through aesthetic expressions and juridical claims? At the same time, what is the relationship with revenge, time and justice?

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