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# FOREWORD

The Atlantic Ocean, once imagined as a vast and mysterious frontier dividing peoples and cultures, has transformed into a dynamic space of exchange, mobility, and human interconnection. Today, the Atlantic basin is undergoing a profound redefinition shaped by geopolitical realignments, new development paradigms, and the rising agency of Southern actors. This evolution has produced a genuinely polycentric space marked by dense interdependencies, in which the Southern Atlantic—from West Africa to Latin America—emerges as a strategic arena for understanding cooperation, competition, and global transformation.

These shifts invite us to view the Atlantic not as a constellation of isolated subregions—North and South, East and West—but as the foundation of a more integrated and interdependent community. Nations around the basin are linked not only by geography and history, but also by challenges that transcend borders and require collective solutions.

The twelfth edition of *Atlantic Currents* brings together analysts, researchers, practitioners, and idea-makers from across the wider Atlantic to explore this very premise: that the Atlantic can serve as a unifying space rather than a dividing line.

Our contributors demonstrate that the defining issues of the 21st century—climate resilience, maritime governance, energy transitions, economic diversification, digital transformation, and human security—are transboundary by nature. Addressing them demands sustained dialogue, effective cooperation, and a holistic framework that amplifies all Atlantic voices, especially those long marginalized.

The volume is organized around several thematic pillars: Strategic Geopolitics and Conflict Transformation; Enhancing Regionalism; Connectivity as a Driver of Integration; Climate Security and its Development Nexus; Blue Economy and Resource Sustainability; the Atlantic as a Global Common; and Emerging Technologies amid Global Competition. Organized into 7 sections and 33 chapters, the Report brings together the analyses of 44 contributors from 20 nationalities, including 18 Atlantic countries, reflecting the diversity of trajectories, experiences, and visions that shape the Atlantic. Together, they underscore the need for comprehensive and forward-looking approaches to Atlantic governance.



They also affirm that South–South cooperation is no longer aspirational but already a concrete and expanding strategic practice. At the same time, the book emphasizes that such cooperation must complement—rather than replace—constructive, balanced engagement with Northern partners, whose resources and expertise remain essential when deployed through principles of reciprocity and co-ownership.

This volume aims to enrich ongoing scholarly and policy debates about the future of the Atlantic. By foregrounding African perspectives and highlighting Morocco’s catalytic role, it encourages new forms of intercontinental dialogue and deeper reflection on how Atlantic nations—North and South—can jointly transform the basin into a space of shared opportunity, security, sustainability, and innovation.

One section of the book examines the shifting balance of power within the basin, the evolution of security architectures, and the prospects for conflict prevention and transformation. It sheds light on how Southern actors define their security priorities amid maritime tensions, resource competition, and emerging zones of instability.

A central message running throughout the contributions is the imperative to advance South–South cooperation while bridging the longstanding North–South divide. By elevating perspectives from Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean, and by promoting equitable partnerships, the volume charts a path toward a more inclusive Atlantic order—one in which knowledge, resources, and opportunities circulate more fairly.

Across the contributions, a shared conviction emerges: if we adopt a commons-based vision, the Atlantic can evolve from a mere strategic crossroads into a stabilizing force in global affairs. At a moment of rising geopolitical tension, the Atlantic offers a rare space where multilateralism can be revitalized, sustainable development accelerated, and democratic values strengthened through cooperation rather than confrontation.

This book is therefore more than an academic endeavor. It is a call to action. It urges governments, institutions, and communities to reimagine the Atlantic as a shared ecosystem—a platform for innovation and a laboratory for inclusive, resilient, and forward-looking governance.

We extend our gratitude to all contributors for their insight, dedication, and support for this interdisciplinary project. We hope that this collective effort will resonate with a wide audience, from scholars to practitioners across the Atlantic world.

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The 12th edition of **Atlantic Currents** explores how the Wider Atlantic can remain a space of cooperation and renewal in an age marked by instability. As geopolitical rivalries, technological competition, and climate pressures reshape the global order, the Atlantic Basin emerges not as a periphery but as a vital arena for pragmatic partnerships, shared problem-solving, and credible collective action.

This 2025 edition traces the shifting contours of the Atlantic's strategic landscape, from conflict transformation and the pursuit of digital sovereignty and critical resources to the interlinked challenges of climate, security, and development. It explores the rise of flexible regionalism and the growing influence of South-to-South coalitions, while underscoring how connectivity, across physical, digital, energy, and knowledge networks, forms the backbone of integration. It also highlights efforts to advance an inclusive blue economy and to promote the Atlantic as a responsibly governed global commons.

By bringing together perspectives from both the North and the South, this volume reflects on the Atlantic's role as a stabilizing force and a platform for dialogue, innovation, and cooperation in a rapidly evolving geopolitical environment. Across its chapters, it offers forward-looking insights into how this shared ocean can catalyze collective action on issues of common interest, strengthen resilience, and chart a more connected, balanced, and equitable Atlantic future.

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