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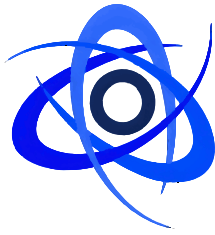
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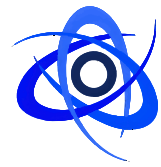
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# EDITORIAL NOTE

In an increasingly fragmented and unstable world, the geography of conflict remains one of the most urgent and complex fields of inquiry. This issue of TEDI Journal turns its attention to the spatial dimensions of war, violence, and control, exploring how armed conflicts, resource extraction, and surveillance technologies reshape territories, populations, and power relations. The post-Cold War illusion of a stable, liberal-democratic world order has given way to a reality of proliferating conflicts, many of which unfold far from the spotlight of international media and public attention. From sub-Saharan Africa to Southeast Asia, wars persist that cause immense human suffering yet remain largely invisible to Western audiences. At the same time, new forms of digital control and geopolitical competition add further layers of complexity to the relationship between territory, sovereignty, and security.

It is within this framework, at the intersection of conflict, territorial fragmentation, and the uneven geographies of visibility and power, that this issue finds its thematic coherence. The selected contributions examine different regions and scales, yet they share a common concern: understanding how violence, resources, and technology produce and transform space, and how the international community's selective gaze shapes the fate of affected populations.

The opening article by **La Foresta** and **De Martino** addresses the stark discrepancy between the severity of ongoing conflicts, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Somalia, and Myanmar, and their limited coverage in NATO-country media. By combining UCDP and GDELT data, the authors reveal a persistent media distortion: as attention towards Ukraine and Palestine increased, coverage of other conflict areas declined, with concrete consequences on the vulnerability of affected populations and the international community's capacity to intervene.

**Curcio's** contribution examines the Sudanese conflict through a geoeconomic lens, focusing on the role of energy infrastructures and material interdependencies that traverse the territory. Moving beyond state-centric interpretations, her analysis shows how Sudan continues to function as a space of intermediation within the regional energy system, even under conditions of political fragmentation and prolonged instability. The persistence of conflict is thus read in relation to the material conditions that sustain strategic networks and corridors.

**De Andreis** interprets Somalia as a complex political space in which territorial fragmentation and the plurality of local authorities are redefining the boundaries of sovereignty. Through a critical political-geography perspective, his research frames the Somali crisis not merely as institutional failure, but as a process of spatial reorganisation of sovereignty, where clan structures and regional entities produce hybrid forms of governance. Somalia emerges as a paradigmatic laboratory for understanding the transformations of the geographies of power and security in the contemporary global system.



**Corbino's** article turns to the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of the bloodiest and most overlooked conflicts since World War II. Endowed with abundant subsoil resources, including cobalt and coltan essential for the digital transition, the eastern regions of the DRC remain a battleground where armed groups compete for control of mining areas. Geopolitical interests tied to strategic minerals perpetuate the crisis, while the international community's institutional and media silence deepens the vulnerability of local populations.

Finally, the volume closes with **Cuomo** and **De Cristofaro's** essay on the territories of surveillance, which analyses how the expansion of cyber-surveillance technologies is reshaping the relationship between security and rights. Taking Myanmar as an emblematic case following the 2021 coup, the authors examine the evolution of European dual-use governance and its operational ambiguities. Their findings reveal that the main critical issues lie not solely in regulations, but in the geographies of their implementation, as commercial triangulations and asset reallocations facilitate the indirect transfer of surveillance capabilities to authoritarian contexts.

Taken together, the articles in this issue articulate a geography of conflict that is at once material and discursive, local and global. They reveal how wars are not only fought on battlegrounds, but also shaped by media visibility, resource flows, infrastructure networks, and digital technologies. TEDI Journal thus reaffirms its commitment to critical geographic inquiry, offering a platform for understanding the territorial dimensions of the crises that define our contemporary world.

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# **TEDI** **Articles**

