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The Russian invasion of Ukraine has seemingly destroyed peace in Europe brought on by decades of carefully crafted security architecture, yet, has highlighted global solidarity for Ukrainians and arguably has pushed states to find innovative ways to overcome challenges emphasized by the conflict.

This cataclysmic historical moment seems to add fuel to the fire of a world already troubled with multiple monumental events happening at once. It is imperative that global citizens critically analyze not only the challenges brought on by an unsubstantiated war but potential successes that can be extracted upon further scrutiny. This is an opportunity to open dialogue and address the critical political, economic, and diplomatic implications of Russia's unprovoked, unjustified, and brutal invasion of Ukraine. This issue seeks to analyze key consequences, and impacts, both positive and negative, brought on by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, from an environmental geopolitical, and cultural perspective.

Thus, our 8th annual edition of *The Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies & Development*, presents the following papers for their unique and valuable contribution to the broader discussion. Olivier Sempiga's *The impact of geopolitical risks on price variation and political trust in France: analyzing the Ukraine-Russia conflict*, provides a geopolitical analysis demonstrating the far-reaching consequences of the conflict far from the Ukraine-Russian border. Camilla Gironi's *Decolonizing Kyiv's politics of memory: current and potential implications of Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine on Ukrainian monuments and toponyms*, presents an insightful examination of the conflict's influenced Ukraine's politics of memory, in the process to revive its national identity. Renée Stoute's *Bring On the Heat*, discusses the opportunities, due to the conflict, for the European Union to accelerate its adoption of sustainable energy alternatives given its rejection of Russian oil and gas. Katherine Wallentine's *Never Enough: EU Military Spending Challenges in the Face of Open Conflict*, which analyzes the EU's military spending in light of the Ukraine-Russia conflict.

Moreover, in our efforts to promote and encourage future academics, our Special Features section highlights notable papers from undergraduates' contributors. The section includes the following works. Carmaniola Benjamin's *Is the impact of the refugee crisis more detrimental to women and children?* and Nika Dvali's *A case study of Ukraine women in Poland. Territorial Autonomies in International Relations: Political Spaces for Participation*. In addition to the articles presented, Patrick Clairzier provides a review of Greta Lynn Uehling's book *Everyday War: The Conflict over Donbas, Ukraine* which depicts key accounts and analyses of the impacts on the people in this war-torn country.