

Fair Observer^o

Independence, Diversity, Debate



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Dear FO° Supporter,

Thank you for your generous and continued support of Fair Observer. Your belief in our mission to make sense of the world allows us to do what we do. Our mission is simple: We inform and educate global citizens of today and tomorrow by focusing on the deeper issues behind the news, providing context and publishing well-reasoned perspectives from around the world.

Almost in the blink of an eye, another year has passed. Fair Observer continues to evolve and grow in exciting directions. Last year, we began a new training program for young editors, which is now an instrumental part of FO°. New recruits join us for an initial three months, after which they can choose to extend their time with us.

From this program, we recruited a full-time assistant editor, Anton Schauble. He assists our editor-in-chief with the publication process and the coordination of workflow with volunteer assistant editors from around the world.

In 2023, FO° has significantly increased the quantity and variety of content — articles, timelines, multimedia, podcasts, videos et al. — while maintaining a high level of quality. From June to November, traffic to our website has increased by more than 50%. Notably, each reader is spending more time on our website and articles.

Meanwhile, the FO° Meetups that we launched have been going from strength to strength. We are building new communities in many major cities: San Francisco, Washington, New York, London, Paris and Geneva. We believe that the best way to educate ourselves is through dialogue, conversation and community. That is why we meet in person to converse about everything under the sun.

After all this work in 2023, we have no intention to stop. We have exciting plans for 2024. This includes the founding of a sister platform in the French language to widen our audience. Notably, we plan to publish content translated from French in *Fair Observer* and vice versa, creating bridges between the Anglosphere and the Francophone world. Our sister French platform will publish and reach French-speaking peoples in Africa, Canada, the Caribbean, Europe, French Guiana, the Middle East and the Pacific.

Hindi YouTube channel

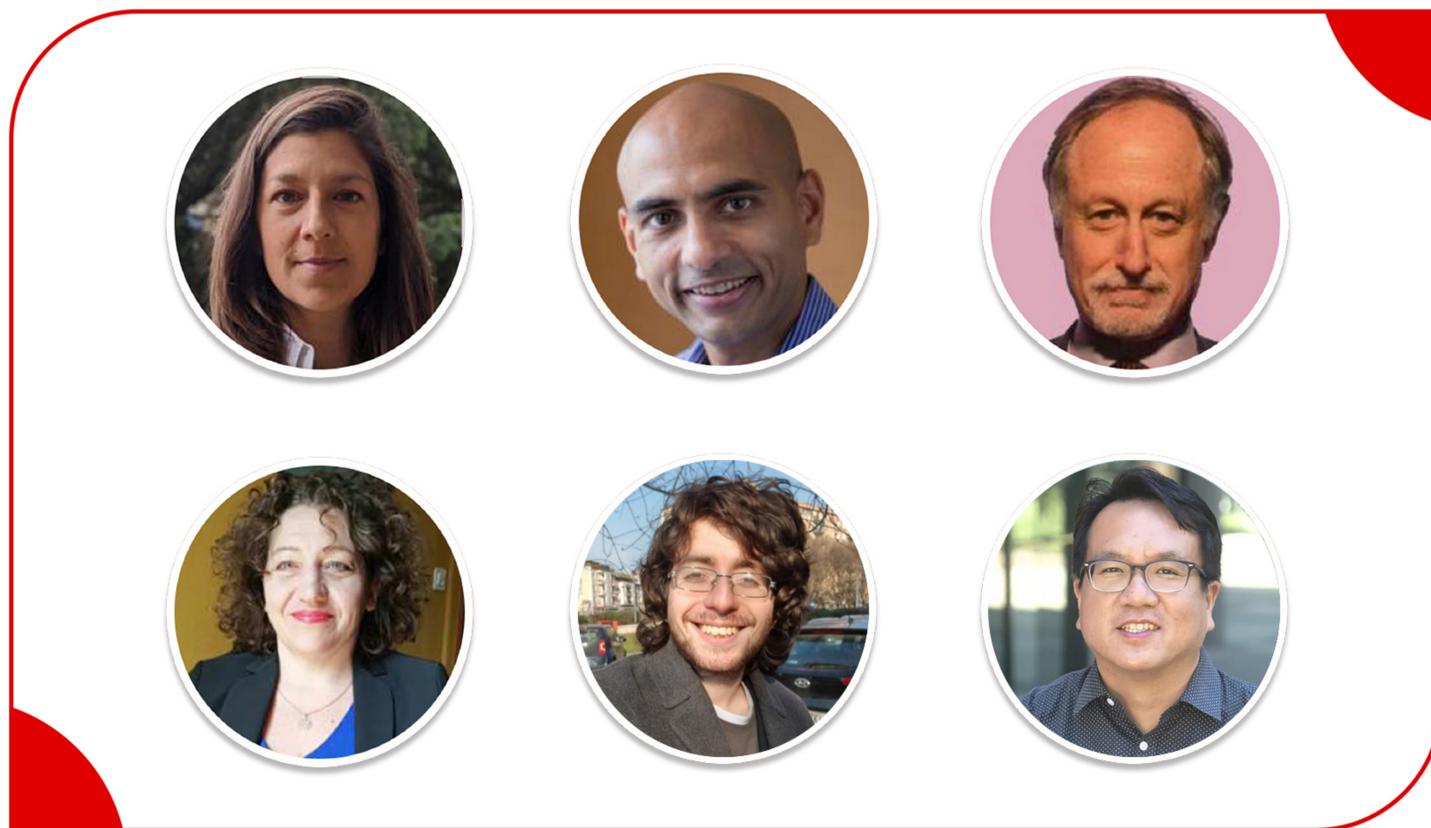


In addition, we have been publishing videos in Hindi to inform and educate. Our Hindi YouTube channel provides [Hindi](#) speakers in India and elsewhere with access to high-quality content that is not available elsewhere.

As January kicks off, we wish you a happy, healthy and most wonderful new year.

Our best wishes for 2024,

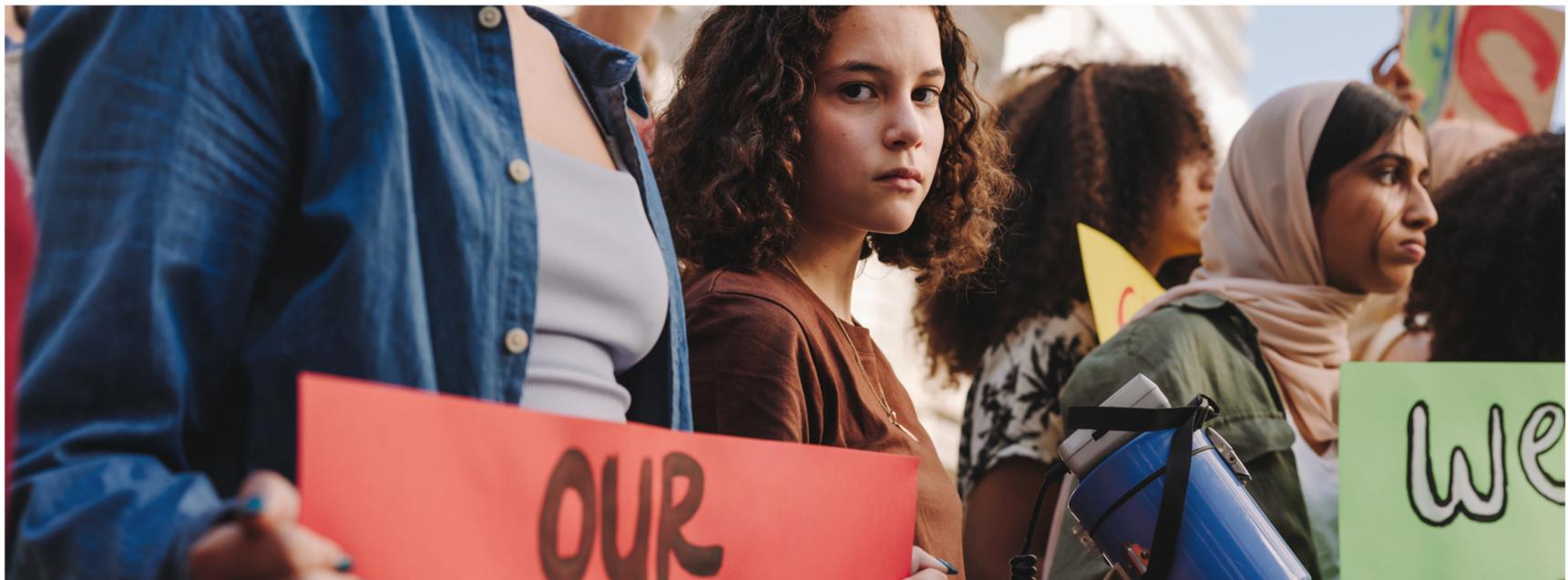
Claire, Atul, Peter, Roberta, Anton, Ti and the rest of the FO^o team



FO° Content

By India Nye Wenner

India Nye Wenner, our youngest author in 2023, wrote an important reflection on climate issues from the perspective of her generation.



Teenage girl holding a megaphone while marching for climate justice with a group of demonstrators. Multicultural youth activists protesting against global warming and climate change. © Jacob Lund / shutterstock.com

[Climate Change: A Toxic Gift for the Next Generation](#)

By Narendra Modi

INDIA NEWS

India's G20 Presidency Is the Dawn of New Multilateralism

Today marks 365 days since India became president of the G20. Over a historic year, India revitalized multilateralism, amplified the voice of the Global South, championed development, and fought for the empowerment of women, everywhere.

BY NARENDRA MODI



Narendra Modi, the Indian prime minister, published an op-ed with us on November 30.

[India's G20 Presidency Is the Dawn of New Multilateralism](#)

By Karin Schmalz

Karin Schmalz, a Brazilian scientist with rich experience, is writing a series of articles. The first one focused on the January 8 insurrection in Brasília and the military's involvement therein.



salvador, bahia, brazil – september 7, 2016: Brazilian Army soldiers during military parade in celebration of Brazil independence in the city of Salvador, Bahia. © ThalesAntonio / shutterstock.com

[The Secrets Behind Brazil's Military and the January 8 Insurrection](#)

By Alexander Gloy

Alexander Gloy, our finance and economy author, has written about investment, inflation, digital money, debt and more.



Federal reserve system symbol. Macro shot © Triff / shutterstock.com

[Trillion Dollar Dilemma: Is the US Treasury Market in Trouble?](#)

By Atul Singh

Atul Singh, our editor-in-chief, wrote an in-depth piece that was greatly appreciated by German economists, diplomats and members of parliament.



Part of the abandoned coal and steel production plant in Landschaftspark Duisburg-Nord. The landscape park Duisburg-Nord is a public park around a disused iron and steel works in Duisburg, Germany. © Daniela Baumann / shutterstock.com

[Is the German Economy Now Destined to Decline?](#)



Glenn Carle, a reputable, retired CIA officer and noted FO^o author, and Atul Singh continued to record *The Dialectic*, which is available on [Apple](#), [Spotify](#) and our [website](#).



By Robert F Kennedy Jr

Robert F Kennedy Jr., the independent presidential candidate, tweeted an article by Scott Bennet, which became our most-read piece with thousands of views.



RFK in a visit to Milan, Italy. © Renato Murolo 68 / shutterstock.com



[Can Bobby Kennedy Win the Presidency Now? Of Course](#)

By Antoine van Agtmael

Antoine van Agtmael, our longtime supporter and renowned investor, appeared on *FO° Podcasts* in a three-part series on the global economy.



- [Stagflation and Race for Clean High Tech](#)
- [New Perspective on Europe, China and Demography](#)
- [The Future of Emerging Markets, India and Inequality](#)

By Sharad Kumar Saraf



Sharad Kumar Saraf, one of India's leading industrialists and the president of IIT Bombay, also appeared on *FO° Podcasts* to share his extensive and exclusive insights on manufacturing.



[Rare Story of a Global Indian Manufacturing Success](#)

By Gary Grappo



Gary Grappo, a respected former US ambassador, took a cool look at both the achievements and mistakes of the late Henry Kissinger in a *tour de force* that has proved popular in many countries.



[Peacemaker, Warmonger, Genius: The Titanic Legacy of Henry Kissinger](#)



Thomas Barfield, an author, professor and leading scholar on Afghanistan, did a three-part interview with Atul Singh, which you can see on our [YouTube channel](#).



Agustina Giraudy, a leading Argentinean professor of political science, also [interviewed](#) with us about the tumultuous political developments in Argentina.



Francisco Rodríguez Jiménez, a Spanish author, academic and scholar, [interviewed](#) with us about the political instability in Spain.

By Ellis Cashmore

Ellis Cashmore, a sociologist specializing in celebrity culture, composed many timelines that you can explore on our website.



[Sex and Sports](#)



[Celebrity Culture](#)



[Corruption in Sports](#)



[Drugs and Sports](#)

By John Elliott

John Elliott, a former US diplomat and noted photographer, published a great multimedia piece on a long-lost era.



[Trial by Fire: A Final Spectacle in the Waning Days of Hippiedom](#)

By Ayan Rakshit, Ansh Joshi and Deepak Dhariwal

Ayan Rakshit, Ansh Joshi and Deepak Dhariwal, three former students of Atul Singh at IIT Gandhinagar, composed a complex timeline of the history of Kashmir with much help from award-winning author and academic [Ishtiaq Ahmed](#).



[Kashmir: 200 Years of Blood in "Paradise on Earth"](#)

FO° Events

We have expanded the number and variety of events we host. In 2023, we hosted one large event in London and many smaller ones around the world.



The FO° Live on “Opportunities and Challenges in India’s Booming Economy” at the Nehru Centre in London was a resounding success. We had an honest, open and vigorous discussion. A large high-powered audience attended, including business, government and media leaders.



We hosted FO° Meetups in San Francisco, Washington, New York, London, Paris and Geneva.

FO° Young Editors Program

Since the beginning of 2023, we've trained more than 20 young editors. Many have asked to renew their internship after three months. They tell us that they are learning a lot from their time at FO° and enjoying their experience as members of our team.

In our program, editors receive credit for their work and build a portfolio of their finished products. Many go on to publish with FO° as well.

➤ **Lee Thompson Kolar** published these excellent pieces for *FO° Wednesday*, our signature newsletter.

➤ [The Value Of Self-Discipline, As Revealed By Sushi](#)

➤ [Innovative Games That Speak To The Heart](#)

➤ **Anton Schauble** published many pieces for Fair Observer, including *FO° Wednesday* newsletters, other newsletters and articles on topics as diverse as the American constitution and his honeymoon in Rome.

➤ [Article Five Is Now Killing the United States](#)

➤ [Revisiting the Forgotten Perspective of Rome](#)

FO° Publications

➤ Fair Observer's [monthlies](#) select the best content of the month. Numerous professors and instructors in both universities and high schools are using them for their classes.

Why Supporting FO° Is a Jolly Good Thing



As you can see here on [ProPublica's database](#), we function with a small and passionate team. In 2022, we raised merely \$195,000. With your support, we can expand our team, improve our online presence, publish more content, organize more events, train more young editors and develop many more young authors.

As ever, we rely on your support. Here's what you can do:

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Thanks to your support, Fair Observer examines global issues through local lenses. In a world of filter bubbles, echo chambers and polarization, Fair Observer is a forum for discussion, debate and dialogue across borders, backgrounds and beliefs.

Thanks to you, we are educating young authors, young editors and young readers.

As days continue to lengthen in the Northern Hemisphere, we wish you a wonderful 2024.