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**Journal Recommendation Report**

Below are several relevant journals with a range of impact factors and from a variety of disciplines. All publish original research in areas related to your article “Challenging States: Boycott Diplomacy of P2P Networks”.

The journals’ own descriptions (in quotation marks) are followed by a few general observations about the article and then a discussion of how best to approach the revision of the article to best suit the journal in question since each journal would be appropriate for a different reason. A restructured and focused article’s final form will depend on the decisions you make about the feedback that ALE and the ISW reviewers have provided.

***International Affairs***

***https://academic.oup.com/ia***

**Impact Factor** 4.985

**5 Year Impact Factor** 5.957

**International Relations** 6 out of 96

**H-Index** 84

**SCImago Journal Rank (SJR):** 1.891

**Journal description**: “*International Affairs* is one of the world's leading journals of international relations and one of the few to cover the entire discipline. Founded by and edited at Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London, it has been in existence for over 90 years and has become renowned for its academically rigorous, practitioner-focused scholarship.”

**AEL comments:** A great match in terms of recent subject matter. The November 2022 volume covers such closely related topics as “virtual sovereignty” and the overlap of government and companies. The journal covers the Middle East and North Africa, IR theory and conflict, security and defense in scholarly manner that is neither too theoretical nor too hands-on. The topics and writing style are appropriate to your own style, neither overly quantitative nor involving sophisticated social science research methods. Here you find interesting analyses and perspectives that are stimulating and descriptive without setting theory entirely aside. See for example this article in the current edition: H. Edinger (2022) “Offensive ideas: structural realism, classical realism and Putin's war on Ukraine.” An article on “Conflict and Cooperation in the COVID-19 era” in November 2021 focused on Israel and Palestine. There was a much older but very pertinent book review on Aaron J. Sarna (1987) *Boycott and blacklist: a history of Arab economic warfare against Israel* that would add important historical background to the BDS discussion.

***Place Branding and Public Diplomacy***

***https://www.palgrave.com/gp/journal/41254***

**H Index**

**2020 Downloads:** 83,578
**2019 Scopus CiteScore:** 1.4
**SCImago Journal Rank (SJR):** 0.279

**Journal description: “**Up to now, the successes - and failures - of nations, regions and cities in pursuit of reputation management and influence of external audiences have been documented and analyzed in a fragmented fashion across many disciplines. *Place Branding and Public Diplomacy* draws together the relevant discussions to provide a single comprehensive, coherent platform for considering all the facets of the topic. This authoritative journal presents peer-reviewed articles, along with news, debates, interviews, literature reviews, case studies and special features.”

**AEL comments:** This is one of the most-oft cited journals on your reference list. Classified as a marketing and public affairs journal, geographic areas and their public image is the main subject of the journal. Your interest in it therefore is logical. Articles consider “nation building” and “nation branding” for example. If you were to try to publish in this journal you may want to focus the article specifically on state responses to negative coverage in the media or the impact of negative coverage or “attacks” on image. The focus is on “reputation management” and this journal aims to bring together articles dispersed among many other journals. The journal targets practitioners as much as academics and so a practical approach would be most effective to increase chances of article acceptance.

***Journal of Conflict Resolution***

***https://journals.sagepub.com/home/jcr***

**H-Index: 113**

**SCImago Journal Rank (SJR):** 2.062

**Journal description:** “*The Journal of Conflict Resolution* is an interdisciplinary journal of social scientific theory and research on human conflict. It focuses especially on international conflict, but its pages are open to a variety of contributions about intergroup conflict, as well as between nations, that may help in understanding problems of war and peace. Reports about innovative applications, as well as basic research, are welcomed, especially when the results are of interest to scholars in several disciplines.”

**ALE comments:** The interdisciplinary nature of the journal means that all aspects of conflict resolution are included. The high H-index and citations show that it is a solid publication. Focusing on the tactical use of TANs through a boycott and the purported benefits and disadvantages of such a “tool” of diplomacy could be considered. This journal is less theoretical than others and hence the focus could be on boycotts as a tool in conflict. Perhaps concentrating on the disproportionate power profiles of boycott promoters and showing a parallel to rebel groups and other non-state actors attempting to disrupt state actions. Another angle would be comparing and contrasting boycotts and other more violent tools of nonstate actors. Is a boycott a softer version (even if hard power all the same) than direct attacks? Is a boycott more effective than military action? If so, why? The impact on soft power and public image is one key to the answer.

***The Journal of Politics***

***https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/toc/jop/current***

**SCImago Journal Rank (SJR):**

**2020 JCR Impact Factor\*:** 3.458
**Rank:** #43 out of 182 “Political Science” journals
**2020 CiteScore\*:** 4.7
**Rank:** #93 out of 1,269 “Sociology and Political Science” journals

**Journal description:** “Established in 1939 and published for the Southern Political Science Association, *The Journal of Politics* is a leading general-interest journal of political science and the oldest regional political science journal in the United States. The scholarship published in *The Journal of Politics* is theoretically innovative and methodologically diverse and comprises a blend of the various intellectual approaches that make up the discipline. *The Journal of Politics* features balanced treatments of research from scholars around the world, in all subfields of political science including American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory, and political methodology.

**ALE**: “Media, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy in the Age of Social Media” is one recent and highly relevant article whose authors argue the reverse of your thesis. They state that information asymmetries have worsened and that this instability has led to citizens following leaders. An October 2022 article considered the impact in Israel of Sheldon Adelson launch in 2007 of *Israel Hayom*. The articles are generally practical analyses of political science content with less theory involved.

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