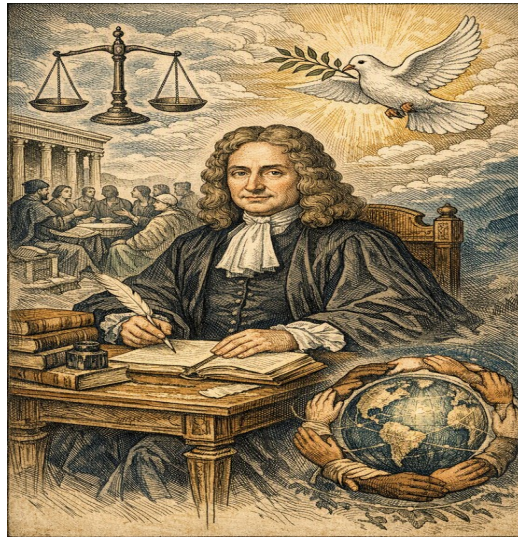


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The papers are interdisciplinary conceptual syntheses. They do not claim to report original human-subjects experiments. Their contribution is integrative: each connects empirical literature, institutional analysis, ethics, and practical governance while identifying questions that remain open.

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Democratic Resilience Beyond Elections

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Abstract

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1. How should institutions, civic norms, information integrity, participation, accountability, and peaceful transfer of power be conceptualized as a system?
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Peacebuilding as Institutional Learning

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Cooperation Under Conditions of Strategic Rivalry

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Research Questions

7. How should global public goods, security dilemmas, scientific exchange, climate action, and selective multilateralism be conceptualized as a system?
8. Which institutional conditions support trustworthy and equitable outcomes?
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Introduction

This paper begins from a practical observation: the institutions surrounding global public goods, security dilemmas, scientific exchange, climate action, and selective multilateralism were largely designed for conditions that are rapidly changing.

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