

## Climate obstruction and foreign policy in comparative perspective

This project, approved under call for proposals 09/2023 from the CAPES/DAAD PROBIAL programme, is part of the series of research activities carried out within the Graduate Programme in Political Science at **IESP-UERJ**, in particular by the Interdisciplinary Observatory on Climate Change (**OIMC**), in partnership with the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (**GIGA**), in Hamburg.

**PROBIAL** aims to foster scientific exchange between Brazilian and German academics to develop research on strategic themes in various areas of knowledge. With a focus on climate obstruction and foreign policy from a comparative perspective, the OIMC project, coordinated by Professor [Ana Paula Tostes](#), seeks to create international cooperation networks and presents research, publication and academic action products in cooperation with German researchers.

In Brazil, studies on climate obstruction in the humanities and social sciences are scarce. Actions and partnerships provided by this type of international cooperation program are important for integrating Brazilian junior scholars in the epistemic community, fostering debate between researchers from the two countries, steering international mobility, and producing internationalization of knowledge from Brazil to Germany and vice-versa.

### Main goals:

- 1- To promote the mobility of PhD scholars and doctoral students, as well as the exchange of research and joint production on topics of international interest involving climate obstruction policies, actors and institutions that manifest and act in countries of the Global South, including South Africa, Brazil, India, Indonesia and Turkey.

- 2- To promote the internationalisation of the education, research and production of researchers from both institutions, thus consolidating a comparative research group that feeds into studies on climate obstruction and foreign policy.
- 3- To contribute to a better understanding of the different experiences, institutions and actors involved in climate obstruction politics and policies in the Global South in relation to countries in the Global North..

This project will result in at least three internationally co-authored articles, a book, a panel at the International Studies Association ([ISA](#)) congress in March 2025, a memorandum of academic cooperation between UERJ and GIGA, as well as visits and research stays (doctoral-sandwich) in Germany and Brazil.

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