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TRUMP AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHAOTIC NATURE

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ABSTRACT

This essay serves as an introduction to the special issue on Donald Trump and Unpredictability in International Relations, which will appear later this year. In addition to analyzing each of the contributions to the special issue in turn, as they appear in the running order, it also elaborates on the intellectual and political environment in which the special issue as a whole has been written and published. Following the theme of the special issue, this introduction begins by outlining the difficulty of understanding the very notion of unpredictability as a general concept; then moves on to unpacking that theoretical complexity in more empirical terms by asking how we can understand unpredictability in relation to Trump's foreign policy; and finally investigates the contestation of that understanding by analyzing alternative explanations for unpredictability and whether this constitutes doctrine.

KEYWORDS: *Doctrine, Foreign Policy, International Relations, Political, Unpredictability.*

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