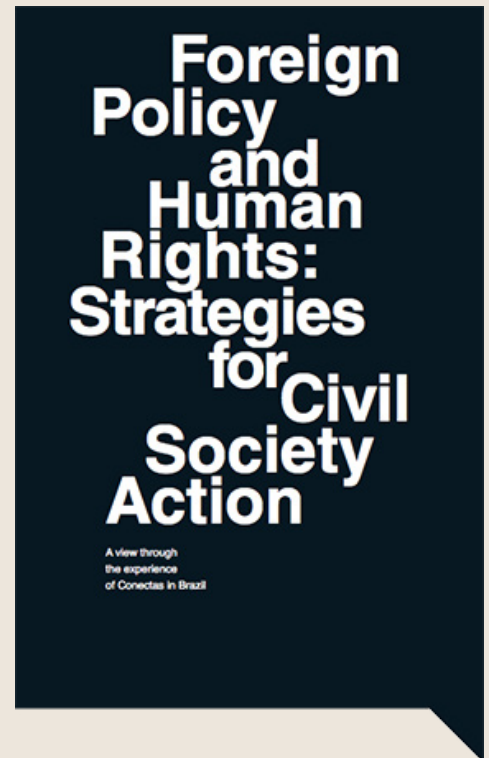


**SINCE ITS FOUNDATION**, Conectas has invested in knowledge as a tool and an essential ally in the realization of its mission.

Publicizing and disseminating the knowledge it produces, as well as the experience acquired by the organization over the course of the years, is essential to the organization's goal of contributing to the collective construction of a critical debate on human rights, and also to the engagement of society in the defense of rights. In 2013, the following initiatives to produce knowledge for action were undertaken:

### **Foreign Policy and Human Rights: Strategies for action by civil society**

October 2013, Conectas released a [case study](#) on its experience working with foreign policy, explaining the challenges and strategies implemented by the organization in this area. Read more [here](#).



### **Experience of organizations from the Global South in Foreign Policy**

In the [19th issue](#) of [SUR Journal](#) on Foreign Policy, Conectas, CIVICUS and CHRI, three organizations from emerging countries in the Global South, shared their experience working with foreign policy.

### **Training African partners: access to UN human rights mechanisms**

During the 26th session of the UN Human Rights Council, held in June 2014, Conectas organized an informal training course with 4 partners (from South Africa, Ghana, Ivory Coast and Indonesia) that were interested in working with foreign policy and learning about the UN human rights mechanisms. During the week-long immersion course, the participants could meet with members of the UN, interview various different stakeholders, diplomats, UN employees and other organizations from the Global South that do work in Geneva. The training also included workshops on how to work with foreign policy, both inside and outside the UN.

**IN 2014, CONECTAS** will continue to produce and disseminate knowledge for action, whether individually or in partnership with other organizations.

