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Letter from the Editor

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DEAR READERS:

The Notre Dame Journal of International and Comparative Law might be the youngest journal at Notre Dame Law School, but it is also already the most exciting and dynamic. The Journal has come a long way since it was started in 2011, and this year’s editorial staff has built upon the foundations laid by previous staffs to make it one of the premier journals on international, comparative, and human rights law.

This issue demonstrates the Journal’s impressive breadth of scholarship. Every continent other than Antarctica is represented. The issue honors our traditional focus on human rights while also exploring new areas in philosophy, media, art, and gambling law. We are proud to feature the Journal’s first interview—an interview of German legal philosopher Christoph Möllers, conducted by Alex Holznienkemper. This issue also features a pair of pieces on transitional justice: Vinodh Jaichand, a Notre Dame graduate, contributes an article from the Journal’s symposium last year on justice in South Africa, and Marie-Claude Jean-Baptiste’s article offers insight into amnesty following Colombia’s civil war. Weiguang Wu provides a fascinating comparison of Chinese and Western media regulations. And finally, we are honored to feature the excellent notes of two of my classmates, Allison Schten and James Schwabe.

Many thanks go to our authors and editorial staff for their meticulous, tireless work. We are grateful also to our readers for their interest and support. Finally, I personally want to thank our adviser, Professor Mary Ellen O’Connell, and my executive board, Kevin Regan, Liam Reilly, Matt Witsman, Kate Whiteman, and Jimmy Schwabe, for their inspiring dedication to the Journal.

Yours in Notre Dame,

Michael Mercurio
Editor-in-Chief