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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers:

I am pleased to share with you our second issue of Volume 10. This issue concludes our tenth year in publication and is a demonstration of our *Journal's* continued contribution to the advancement of international and comparative law. Unlike our previous issue, which specifically focused on cyber security, this issue hones in on an array of topics important in international law. Though these pieces diverge greatly in their content, they all in some way address the important role international law plays in the modern world.

To begin, Issue 2 kicks off with a text adapted from the author's lecture at Notre Dame's Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights' 2019 Roundtable: "Human Rights Fact-finding in the Era of Fake News." In this short, poignant piece, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary, or Arbitrary Executions Agnès Callamard contemplates the complexities of the modern political and technical environment, implications this has on finding a public for facts, and the necessity for human rights soul searching. Next, Professor Michael Da Silva wrestles with the extent to which comparisons can be made between the international legal order and domestic constitutional systems. Ultimately, Professor Da Silva advises that courts should be cautious when conducting these international and domestic comparisons to address constitutional issues. Third, Mr. Waseem Ahmad Qureshi details the rise of hybrid warfare. He comments on how hybrid warfare campaigns usually begin in cyberspace, where it is difficult to locate the origin of an attack. Furthermore, Mr. Qureshi attempts to define hybrid warfare, explore theories of hybrid warfare and the way it is often conducted, and finally, he offers a solution for countering hybrid warfare through a detect, deter, and respond strategy. The fourth article, by Mr. Santiago Pardo Rodriguez, provides the reader with a comprehensive look into the selection process for the judges of the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace. By employing both quantitative and qualitative analyses to examine how the judges were appointed during the Columbian Special Jurisdiction for Peace, Mr. Pardo Rodríguez reflects generally on transitional justice tribunals and specifically on the second chance for peace that this new Court brings to Colombia. Fifth, Professor David Donald discusses the legal system's network effects and global legal development. He does this by analyzing legal systems as networks of rights and duties, the origin of legal systems in their socio-political environment, and how these network effects defeat substantive quality. Finally, this issue is completed by Professor Robert Burns' exploration of Roberto Unger's understanding of the specific context modernity presents for the law. This piece delves into the nuances of Unger's global view on modern law as it is linked with certain features of contemporary law.

On behalf of the *Journal*, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to our loyal readers who allow us to move the *Journal* forward. I would also like to thank our faculty advisors, Professors Mary Ellen O'Connell and Sadie Blanchard, as well as the Executive Board and Editorial Staff, for their dedication to the *Journal*.

Yours in Notre Dame,



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