

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers:

Since publishing its inaugural Volume, the *Notre Dame Journal of International & Comparative Law* consistently features scholarship that examines international law, comparative law, and global human rights with an eye towards the universality of human dignity. The *Journal* continues this tradition in this year's Volume.

I am pleased to share with you our second issue of Volume 12. We begin the Spring Issue with an article written in conjunction with the Notre Dame Law Inter-journal Symposium on *Race & the Law: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Professor Erika George prompted by questions on the law and racial justice—What are the racial justice issues facing the area of law in which you work? Where have you seen progress, what issues continue to evade public awareness, and what changes do you propose? —argues for the regulation of inherent and built-in bias in biometrics. Professor George discusses how the “Protect, Respect, and Remedy” framework of United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights provide a principled and pragmatic approach to developing and regulating technology to advance respect for human rights and curtail race-based discrimination. In the next article, Gilad Abiri and Xinyu Huang discuss the advent of new internet-focused legislation in China, the *Internet Information Service Algorithmic Recommendation Management Provisions (ISAR)*. Abiri and Huang evaluate the impact of the *ISAR* in its attempt to address the common challenges of privacy and user autonomy while mitigating adverse political and social effects.

Finally, the Spring Issue concludes with three student Notes. Two notes were written by Notre Dame Law School students and members of the *Journal*; and the third was penned by a Georgetown Law student. In the first note, Christian Palacios analyzes the current U.S. immigration visa scheme, arguing that it misses a critical opportunity to provide immigration on the basis of innovation. His Note argues for reform that would include a U.S. “startup visa.” In the second Note, Erica Gray discusses the challenges of vaccine development and distribution in the context of COVID-19. Her note advocates for the creation of an international and authoritative body with binding legal power to meet the needs of vaccine production and distribution, globally. In the final note, Andrew Lowe evaluates the U.S.—China ‘Phase One’ Trade Deal. His Note contextualizes the deal within the framework of U.S.—China trade relations and provides suggestions for areas of improvement and subsequent negotiations.

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Yours in Notre Dame,



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