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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Readers,

We are happy to present to you the Spring 2021 edition of the Towson University Journal of International Affairs. This is a special volume created to mark the launch of our inaugural, “TJIA Roundtables: Explorations in IR” discussions. Along with their corresponding video recordings, these articles are designed to provide insight into a variety of contemporary issues in world politics. The Roundtables themselves were organized around four distinct topics: Turkey’s relationship with the West, social justice within marginalized communities, China’s challenge to the contemporary global leadership, and how developing states have tried to address the massive crises of 2020. In this special issue, we are proud to publish the individual articles that each participant prepared in support their Roundtable presentation.

The “TJIA Roundtables: Explorations in IR” series will recur every semester, featuring analyses of current events like those included in this issue. (The talks are posted on the “Events” page in the “TJIA Roundtables” section of the journal’s web site and on the TJIA YouTube channel.) The topics of each Roundtable will vary each semester to reflect the changing circumstances of world politics and the research interests of the Roundtable participants.

It is the journal’s mission to provide a platform through which the curious and the scholarly can engage in a civil discourse that accords with disciplinary norms and standards. This issue is a unique reflection of that mission. Unlike other issues, its exclusive focus on urgent contemporary problems highlights the journal’s spirit of intellectual engagement by undergraduate students with the world around them. While most issues also feature articles by graduate students and professors, in this issue we have chosen to emphasize the contributions that undergraduates can make to our understanding of the world. We, the editors of the Towson University Journal of International Affairs, are therefore especially pleased to present this special Spring 2021 issue, and we hope that readers find these articles useful in their own scholarly endeavors.

Sincerely,

Everett Shirliff, Darius White, and Dwight Myvett

Editor-in-Chief Team

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