

Letter from the Editors

It is with great pleasure that we present the 2009 edition of the Journal of Public and International Affairs (JPIA). This is a special issue as it marks the 20th anniversary of JPIA. To celebrate this occasion, the editorial team of JPIA has updated several features of the Journal: most importantly, JPIA got a new cover design. In addition, the scope of JPIA submissions has been broadened to include policy essays and book reviews. We think that this new format allows for more flexibility for our contributors and more variety for our readers.

We are proud that JPIA has thrived throughout the last twenty years and now constitutes one of the leading graduate student publications in the country and around the world. To trace the story of JPIA we interviewed several former JPIA authors, among them Robert Orr, who 20 years ago was a Ph.D. candidate at Princeton and is currently the UN Assistant-Secretary General for Policy Planning, and Jennifer Windsor who was then a Master of Public Affairs Candidate at Princeton and is now the Executive Director of Freedom House in Washington D.C. These interviews are scattered throughout the Journal and we hope you will enjoy this time travel as much as we did.

JPIA exclusively publishes the work of graduate students from schools of public and international affairs, providing young scholars with a unique forum to present original research and analysis on issues of domestic and international concern. JPIA also provides an opportunity for professional and intellectual exchange among the members of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA). As always, this year's selection process for publication in JPIA was rigorous. Student contributing editors participated in an intense Reading Weekend at Princeton University, traveling from schools across North America and Europe to select the best articles for publication. The contributing editors reviewed and debated the merits of almost 70 pre-screened submissions from 20 APSIA schools before selecting the final six articles, three policy essays, and two book reviews presented in this volume.

This year's JPIA showcases the rich diversity that characterizes scholarship on public and international affairs: In her article Ruta Nimkar explores private military and security companies (PMSCs). She examines the factors that gave rise to the PMSC industry, analyzes the threats and opportunities associated with PMSC presence, and provides policy recommendations on how private militaries should be regulated in the future. Barbara Rodriguez's article studies the state of gender and domestic violence in Turkey. It focuses, in particular, on Turkey's Law 4320 on the "Protection of the Family," examining whether this law has been effectively implemented and it provides policy recommendations not only for Turkey but also for other countries struggling with similar issues. Lisa Moore grapples with the politics of commemoration. Two case studies on Cambodia and Rwanda allow her to analyze in whose interest memorials are constructed,

and how memorials fulfill their specific purposes. Lisa contends that the examples of Cambodia and Rwanda can provide useful insights for the ongoing construction of the Ground Zero memorial in New York City. Nicolas Lemay-Hébert's contribution deals with the challenges of UN state-building. His article focuses on the UN Mission in Kosovo, one of the most comprehensive and yet most criticized state-building attempts the UN has ever undertaken. Nicolas argues that direct governance by an international institution tends to create a "legitimacy dilemma." His policy recommendations provide valuable ideas on how state-builders can avoid such a dilemma. Brandon Boylan reexamines how the United States should prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. His original strategy focuses on Russia as mediator in the Iranian question. Finally, Katherine Avgerinos explores Russian public diplomacy efforts and recommends interesting ways for Russia to improve its international reputation.

Regarding the Policy Essays and Book Reviews featured in this volume, Joseph Blomeley passionately argues against an EU-Canada FTA while Colin Clarke develops a three state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. Jonathan Burks takes on the issue of financial regulation and argues for better international cooperation in this policy realm. Jeffrey MacDonald reviews "The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism" by Andrew Bacevich and Dane Erickson comments on "China in Africa" by Arthur Waldron (ed.).

Hard copies of JPIA are available in many university libraries and research centers across the United States and around the world. In addition, our website (www.princeton.edu/~jpia) includes the current issue and previous issues dating back to 1998, as well as information on how to subscribe to the Journal. We welcome comments or requests for back issues. Please send an email to jpia@princeton.edu.

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