

Letter from the Editors

The 2001 volume of the Journal of Public and International Affairs (*JPIA*) has been an exciting and rewarding undertaking. As a scholarly publication exclusively presenting the work of graduate students from professional schools of public and international affairs, the Journal provides a unique opportunity for students of public policy to present ideas on issues of concern to them. It also offers a forum for professional exchange, friendly interaction, and cooperative student effort among the members of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (*APSIA*). Student editors participate in an intensive Reading Weekend on the Princeton University campus, traveling from such diverse locations as California, Massachusetts, Washington State and Washington D.C.

Selecting journal articles was an especially difficult task this year given the breadth and quality of papers. The Journal's editorial staff sifted through forty-two excellent submissions from ten APSIA member schools to present the outstanding articles contained in this volume. Authors used a variety of research methods to delve into diverse and important domestic and international policy topics, significantly contributing to the policy arena. For example, Cohen-Cole argues for the independence of debt management authorities based on the principle that instability in emerging market countries can lead to conflict between debt management and monetary policy. Hart makes practical and normative the arguments favoring international legal community support for mechanisms like South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Jacobson looks at the provision of microfinance in post-conflict situations, using the recent experience in Uganda as a model for other countries. Kronstadt argues that the nuclear proliferation in India and Pakistan deserves serious thought and analysis from U.S. policy-makers. McCoy creates an economic framework for examining President Clinton's proposed prescription drug benefit for Medicare, particularly the effects on research and development incentives in the pharmaceutical industry. Neville explores the constraints of environmental protection in the Caspian Sea, exploring market-based incentives and command and control techniques, and suggests possible methods to achieve some measure of balance between oil production and the protection of the environment. Oestreich provides a timely overview and evaluation of U.S. policy toward biomedical research using human stem cells. Ramgoolie uses international children rights documents to critique the UN Security General's recommendation to prosecute child

soldiers in Sierra Leone. Weil suggests a number of methods for improving America's public understanding of the daily conduct of international diplomacy and the issues arising on the horizons of security policy. Woocher analyzes models of government action to explain the lack of political will in dealing with mass atrocities and identifies several factors that might affect political will and corresponding strategies for its enhancement.

The *JPIA* can be found in the libraries of prominent research centers across the United States and around the world. We have extended our commitment to increasing the public's access to the Journal's exceptional graduate student scholarship by continuing to improve our electronic edition, which can be perused at our website: <http://www.wws.princeton.edu/~JPIA>. We welcome letters and comments, which can conveniently be sent to us through the Internet.

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