

Letter from the Editors

We are pleased to present the 2004 edition of the *Journal of Public and International Affairs* (*JPIA*). Now in its fifteenth year, *JPIA* publishes exclusively 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 the Journal was rigorous. Student contributing editors participated in an intense Reading Weekend at Princeton University, traveling from schools across North America to select the best articles for publication. The contributing editors reviewed and debated the merits of fifty-three pre-screened submissions from seventeen APSIA member schools before selecting the final ten articles presented in this volume. Two additional articles were selected for publication on *JPIA*'s web site:

www.princeton.edu/~jpia.

Several of the articles in this year's *JPIA* address important issues in contemporary international security, including post-conflict operations, high-technology warfare, terrorism, military base realignments, and North Korea's nuclear program. As the United States increases its reliance on contractors to carry out post-conflict reconstruction, Blake Mobley considers lessons learned in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq before outlining recommendations to improve the management of outsourcing. Erik Dahl argues that network centric warfare, based on the sophisticated use of information technology, presents ethical and legal problems that call for a reconsideration of military doctrine and practice. Analyzing thirty-five historical case studies, Lisa Langdon, Alexander Sarapu, and Matthew Wells uncover illuminating patterns in how the death or arrest of the leader of a terrorist or insurgent movement influences the movement's direction. Todd Fields outlines a political strategy, grounded in consultation and gradual implementation, for minimizing the diplomatic fallout from the realignment of U.S. military bases in Europe. Addressing the challenge of commitment in U.S.-North Korean relations, Steven Grunau suggests that while neither engagement nor confrontation is likely to succeed in eliminating North Korea's nuclear threat, a strategy of integration could alleviate some of the tensions in the bilateral relationship.

Other articles tackle diverse issues ranging from resource management and self-determination to human development and corporate responsibility. After tracing the history of irresponsible management of the Aral Sea Basin, Everett Peachey proposes a multifaceted strategy for stemming the dangerous depletion of the Basin's water resources. Julie Tremper asserts that the best way to resolve the Russian-Chechen conflict is to give a revitalized UN Trusteeship Council responsibility for overseeing a transition to Chechen independence. Employing quantitative analysis, Rosilyne Borland demonstrates a relationship between types of complex emergencies and levels of human development. Two articles in the Journal deal with the issue of global corporate accountability. Whereas Elizabeth Black uses a lawsuit pitting indigenous peoples from Ecuador against Texaco to highlight how litigation can serve as a tool for development, Paula Richardson provides a broader account of corporate abuses, arguing, like Black, in favor of an international enforcement mechanism.

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