

Letter from the Editors

We are pleased to present the 2005 edition of the *Journal of Public and International Affairs (JPIA)*. Now in its sixteenth 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 and as far as Switzerland to select the best articles for publication. The contributing editors reviewed and debated the merits of fifty-four pre-screened submissions from seventeen APSIA member schools before selecting the final ten articles presented in this volume. One additional article was selected for publication on *JPIA*'s web site: www.princeton.edu/~jpia.

This year's *Journal* showcases the diversity that characterizes scholarship on public and international affairs. Three articles highlight the relevance of gendered analysis to public policies. Kanika Mak considers the impact on economic development of gender imbalance in land tenure in Kenya and Uganda, recommending constitutional, institutional, and social changes to ensure that property rights systems are both equitable and efficient. Sarah Spencer criticizes the UN for inadequate implementation of policies intended to stem sexual exploitation on the part of UN peacekeepers. She details the means to improve such policies, warning that scaled-up efforts to eradicate sexual exploitation will require increased human and financial resources and dedicated leadership. Based on original research conducted in Buenos Aires, Chris Walker analyzes gendered aspects of entrepreneurship and business consortiums in Argentina. Walker argues that increased female participation in business consortiums would improve women's entrepreneurial success and potentially have a salutary effect on the Argentine economy.

Three authors tackle domestic issues, ranging from tax policy to reproductive ethics to endangered species management. Jephtha Nafziger cautions that burgeoning interstate remote retail sales could precipitate a tax crisis, given problems with the current nexus standard. Nafziger reviews the nexus interpretation through both legal and economic lenses and offers a series of policy alternatives that he suggests would be preferable to the status quo. Aaron Levine makes the case that the U.S. government has an interest in gathering and reporting data on the use of preimplantation genetic diagnosis, since the procedure raises ethical questions. And Jonathan Borck uses regression modeling to uncover inconsistencies between the Fish and Wildlife Service's legal obligations and its actual behavior in regard to listing endangered species and funding their recovery.

Four articles in the *Journal* grapple with key questions in international relations, covering a wide range of political, economic, and security issues. In light of

increasing concerns about Russian nuclear proliferation in a post-September 11 global context, Amy Seward assesses the security of nuclear materials involved in the operations of the Russian Navy's Northern Fleet. She also provides an analysis of the adequacy and effectiveness of U.S. efforts to combat proliferation as part of the war on terror. Highlighting the complexities of domestic policy-making in international relations, Howard Wachtel examines the constitutional power of U.S. presidents to rescind international treaties, analyzing President Bush's unilateral decision to terminate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with the Soviet Union. Matthew Perault addresses the evolution of sovereignty and international human rights norms within the context of humanitarian intervention in Kosovo. He argues that the 1999 Kosovo bombing suffered from problems of coherence, legality, and tactics, and provides recommendations for a more adequate logic of intervention. Christine Makori discusses the effects of U.S. cotton subsidies on four West African nations, offering recommendations for the World Trade Organization and national governments for more effective and equitable trade policy.

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 includes the current issue and those dating back to 1998, as well as information on how to subscribe to the *Journal*. We welcome any comments or requests for back issues sent to jpia@princeton.edu.

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