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Letter from the Editors

We are pleased to present the 2008 edition of the Journal of Public and International Affairs (*JPIA*). Now in its nineteenth year, *JPIA* 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).

Contributing editors from APSIA schools across the world actively participated in a rigorous discussion of the Journal submissions. Reading Weekend, held at Princeton University in early February, brings these graduate students together to select the articles to be published and posted on the *JPIA* website, as well as the additional articles published on the web only. The contributing editors reviewed and debated the merits of thirty eight pre-screened submissions from twenty APSIA member schools before deciding on the articles collected in this volume.

This year Jason Enia offers a case study in the comparative politics of disaster recovery by contrasting the fates of violent opposition movements in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Enia argues that the Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka were able to exploit the situation to their political advantage by actively participating in recovery efforts, forestalling peace with the Sri Lankan government. Meanwhile, the Indonesian government prevented the Free Aceh Movement from taking advantage of the disaster and thereby it enhanced the possibility of the peace which followed the disaster.

Taking three articles on international security and conflict, Jeanne Hull analyzes inter-agency and cross-national counter-terrorism cooperation using three theoretical perspectives from economic literature that problematize cooperation: collective action, the prisoner's dilemma, and principal-agent models. Jonathan Gandomi scours the Soviet military and political archives to investigate which of the Red Army's mistakes are being repeated by U.S. and NATO forces, and how they can adjust their policies based on the implied lessons. Finally, Brian Kaper looks for lessons in preventing the Iranian acquisition of nuclear weapons by examining the history of South Africa's failed efforts to develop nuclear armaments, while it was still a pariah apartheid state.

Hoang-Phuong Nguyen offers a thorough discussion of the legal and social consequences of Vietnam's recent decentralization of political power to sub-provinces. He finds econometric evidence to support the idea that fiscal

devolution has had a negative impact on the poor in the sub-provinces where it has been the most complete.

Turning to international law, Ashlyn Milligan discusses the gaps in international cultural property protection and argues for a review of some basic legal assumptions regarding the classification and enforcement of universally regarded property, in both war and peace time situations. Beatrice Mosello discusses the growing problem of water security in the politically fragmented central Asian region, where conflict over access to water has spilled over into broader political disputes.

On the topic of international macroeconomics, Rod Thompson criticizes American policy makers who dismiss the threat to the dollar and the U.S. economy posed by large trade and budget deficits. He contends that efforts to force China to revalue its currency will be inadequate or counter-productive, and contends that the only solution is to increase savings in America, a task that, as a top priority, involves fiscal prudence on the part of the federal government. Joshua Goldstein addresses the opportunities for development in East Africa through enhancing internet connectivity.

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Katherine Brouhard & Jonathan Rothwell