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Dear Reader,

I enthusiastically present to you part two of the forty-ninth volume of the Towson University Journal of International Affairs. This issue showcases the writings of two exceptional undergraduate students, in addition to a Towson University Professor. Firstly, Josh Norris conceptualizes a novel way to measure the porosity of state borders, beyond the effectiveness of traditional enforcement methods. Through numerous case studies, Norris articulates how state legitimacy impacts border security, measuring the aggregate causal variables as the Relative Integrity of National Borders. Secondly, Sarah Chin follows with an analysis of how foreign direct investment in China may have the opposite effect that it is conventionally thought to have. Chin explains how the Chinese Communist Party is able to adapt to foreign direct investment in a manner that actually bolsters its stability. Her analysis challenges the popular notion that liberal political systems always follow liberal economic systems. Lastly, Dr. James Roberts presents a highly original synthesis of constructivism and rational choice theory. The formation of identity is highly debated and crucial to understanding human behavior even outside of international relations, in addition to being the foundation of Constructivist Theory.

Sincerely,

Ruhley Michaelides
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