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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

We are proud to present to you the Fall 2019 edition of the Towson University Journal of International Affairs. This issue contains three noteworthy articles that are both timely and thought-provoking. The authors have employed their unique perspectives, theoretical backgrounds, and regional expertise to address a wide array of complex problems in world politics. Their analyses come from diverse corners of academia and the international relations community, including our own Towson University. It is our pleasure to publish these insightful contributions to the international relations literature.

First, in “Evaluating a Potential US Intervention in Ukraine,” Jake Loewner, a Towson University and University of Maryland alum currently working as a researcher on the Global Terrorism Database at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), evaluates America’s foreign policy options in the ongoing Ukraine conflict. Citing America’s interests in restoring Ukrainian sovereignty as a point of departure, Loewner discusses three foreign policy options that are likely being considered by the United States government. Drawing on his technical knowledge of the separatist’s military capabilities and a comprehensive history of ethnic relations in Eastern Europe, Loewner concludes that a small, focused counterinsurgency force would be the policy response best suited to achieve America’s desired outcome in the conflict. The article serves as a valuable example of the way international relations theory can inform practical policy responses.

Second, Finn Hasson, another recent Towson graduate, examines the role of language as a critical factor in the construction of the Lithuanian national identity in his article, “Ethnolinguistic Nationalism in Lithuania.” In this piece, Hasson challenges dominant narratives regarding the Lithuanian nationalist movement, which overlook the influence of the Lithuanian language and focus instead (and misleadingly, in Hasson’s judgment) on social and political factors. To counter these traditional assumptions of the Lithuanian national identity, the author develops a rich constructivist framework before analyzing in-depth the role of language within the Lithuanian nationalist movement, including discussions of shared mythology and revolutionary rhetoric. Overall, Hasson relates to the reader the power of language to overcome geographic and political obstacles to unite a nation of people under a shared identity.

Third, Noah Beall, a current Towson University undergraduate student majoring in International Studies, discusses counterterrorism policy in Southeast Asia in his article, “Terrorism in ASEAN: Noninterference vs. Security.” Beall provides a sophisticated discussion of the security implications of transnational terror operations in the region, outlining how weapons transfers and the movements of terrorist militants rarely respect state boundaries, therefore requiring a strong, multilateral response. ASEAN, the region’s premier intergovernmental organization, is well suited to do so, save for its deeply ingrained norms of non-interference and absolute sovereignty among its member states. Beall thus argues

that to effectively combat terrorism in Southeast Asia, ASEAN must embrace deeper multilateral ties on regional security issues and soften its non-interference policies. The study provides valuable insight into IGO counterterrorism policy and invites future studies of similar challenges faced by policymakers in Europe and Latin and America

The interdisciplinary nature of international relations promises to bring comprehensive insights to the most pressing topics in the international system. It is therefore our mission to provide a platform for dedicated writers to engage in a scholarly discourse that accords with disciplinary norms and standards. The articles in this volume have exceeded these standards and are sure to educate the policymaker, the scholar, and the student on these critical areas of the world. We, the editors of the Towson Journal of International Affairs, are pleased to present this Fall 2019 issue, and we hope that readers find these articles useful in their academic pursuits.

Sincerely,
Alyssa Lennon and
Joseph Niehaus, Editor-
in-Chief, Editor-in-Chief
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