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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I am proud to present to you the Spring 2022 edition of the Towson University Journal of International Affairs. This issue contains seven exciting and thought-provoking articles that encompass a diverse range of topics, regions, and global issues. The authors in this issue represent numerous academic institutions and countries, including our own Towson University.

In our first article, titled “*The Socio-Political Determinants of Scottish Independence*,” Dr. Alfred J. Baird makes an argument in favor of Scottish independence and explores themes of identity, colonialism, culture, language, institutions, and self-determinism. Dr. Baird utilizes the grounded theory framework to illustrate the colonial and oppressive environment and relationship between indigenous Scottish people and the United Kingdom.

In “*Becoming European: EU Identity Formation in Latvia from 2004 to 2019*,” Colin Bushweller explores the identity and history of Latvia and its people. The author analyzes Latvia’s past under the Soviet Union as well as the Latvian people’s hesitancy to identify with the European Union.

In our third article, “*The Issue of Kurdish Sovereignty: Why a Kurdish State Developed from the Kurdish Regional Government is Impossible*,” Jordan McConville explores the unique challenges preventing the KRI from becoming an independent state. She argues that the future of a Kurdish state is unlikely as long as the intense political situation persists.

In our fourth article, “*A Need for Action: Policies and Propositions on Iran*,” Nolan Drazin provides a compelling analysis of the current relationship and future risks between the United States and Iran. He explores four potential policy avenues in-depth: removing sanctions and withdrawing from relations, diplomacy, targeted strikes to destroy nuclear capabilities, and invasion to force regime change.

In “*East African Participation in the Global Green Regime*,” Andrew Prado-Alipui explores the participation of the East African Community, specifically Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda, in UN environmental treaties. He uses historical, political, and social developments in the region to explain the differences in participation between the four states.

In “*Fragmented Forests: Who Wins in Fractured Environmental Regimes?*” Emma Cox, one of our own staff members, explores the lack of international forest law in global politics. She uses literature, state government publications, and UN documents to determine the winners of the International Forest Regime Complex.

In our final article, titled “*To What Extent Can States Mitigate the Impact of the Security Dilemma?*” Amy Richardson utilizes a theoretical approach to analyze the security dilemma. She evaluates the strategies of employing military reassurance, ratifying international agreements,

categorizing offensive weaponry, increasing transparent communication between states, and building economic and cultural relationships.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to our talented staff at the Journal and Dr. Paul McCartney, all of whom used their expertise and diligence to bring this edition together. Without further ado, we are proud to present Volume LV Number 2 of the Towson University Journal of International Affairs.

Sincerely,

Zoe Wollenschlaeger

Editor-in-Chief

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