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Editor's Note

One year ago, the Pardee Periodical's founding Editorial Board called upon emerging scholars in global affairs to make an impact on issues about which they were passionate by submitting their work to the Pardee School of Global Studies's first graduate student journal. Recognizing the rapidly changing nature of world events, the board issued its first call for papers, establishing a new publication for future academics and policymakers to make their mark on a world in transition. Global norms and institutions have been challenged in unprecedented ways. Experts in our field talk of the rise of populism, the return of a new nationalism, and of the threatening of age-old democratic institutions. We could not have imagined in the spring of 2016 that the world would change so much in so short a time.

There is an indispensable utility in bringing the nascent ideas of emerging professionals into the limelight. The developments of the past year in particular demand that experts put pen to paper and share those ideas with the world. Our role as editors, however, is not just to facilitate the generation of new ideas in the face of transformative events. It is also to enable young scholars to take these events and scrutinize them, understand them, and, when necessary, challenge them. This, we feel, is in keeping with our mission: to provide a platform for graduate students to publish and disseminate their academic work, thereby empowering them to inform and enhance the ongoing discourse in global studies.

The articles contained herein reflect our call to investigate global issues with integrity and resolve. They are also emblematic of the interdisciplinary focus of our publication. They cover topics that include, among others, terrorism, art and culture, legal studies, and post-conflict resolution. The article's regional focuses span the Middle East, Europe, Africa, South Asia, and South America. The authors ask difficult questions, take governments to task for injustices, and shed light on innovative solutions to salient global problems. What happens when violent football gangs in Europe merge with far-right extremists? What explains the evolution of anti-homosexual legislation in Uganda? How do innovations in urban humanitarianism inform the discourse on the global refugee crisis? The work is informative, it is rigorous, and it is prescient. We are proud to bring the ten articles enclosed in this second issue of the Pardee Periodical to print.

I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the contributors for their labors in preparing these articles for submission and publication, to the Faculty Advisory Board for their insightful comments on the papers, and to the faculty and administration at the Pardee School, without whose support we could not have produced this issue. Our editors deserve equal praise. Their hard work is what makes the production of this publication possible. I am especially grateful to the production team, who went above and beyond to ensure the printing of this issue and handled the trials of the past six months with aplomb. Finally, I would like to thank our peers at the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, who have been incredibly supportive of our efforts.

The Pardee Periodical remains a newcomer to conversations in global studies. We expect subsequent Editorial Boards will continue to shape the culture and processes of the journal, weaving it into a tradition of exemplary scholarship and innovative solution-building at the Pardee School. With this second print issue, the journal takes another step in its contribution to the discourse in global affairs. We hope it inspires its readers to make their own contributions to that discourse.

Christian Rodriguez
Editor-in-Chief



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