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## Editor's Note

My promotion to the position of Editor-in-Chief was a kind of grand experiment, a determinant of whether the *Pardee Periodical* had progressed sufficiently that it would survive the transition to a board made up of entirely non-founding members. It is therefore my privilege and great honor to present to you the Fall 2017 issue of the *Pardee Periodical Journal of Global Affairs* as a testament to the great foundation laid by the previous Editorial Boards, and to the hard work and strong vision held by this issue's Editorial Board.

The papers contained in this issue include a broad snapshot of past, current, and future global issues, ranging from the long-lasting effects of childhood exposure to violence in conflict, to the complexities of global climate change negotiations, to North Korea's nuclear deterrence strategy. Throughout the papers, the authors present a deep level of analysis of both existing literature and their own observations, continuing a conversation begun by prior researchers and opening new opportunities for other students across the disciplines to join in the dialogue. They engage directly and poignantly with relevant issues, but never sacrifice nuance for timeliness.

Across all papers, you will find a perspective unique to a generation coming of age in a time of unprecedented technological advancement that both enables positive societal advancement and propagates existential threats. In an age fueled socially by the expansion of globalization and politically by the rising tide of populism, it is as important as ever to provide a platform for graduate students to contribute to the modern discourse on global affairs and to propose positive solutions to global problems.

I am extremely grateful to the Fall 2017 Editorial Board for their flexibility in difficult situations, their creative problem solving, and for their hard work throughout the process of selecting, editing, and producing this issue. I am especially grateful to Florian David Bodamer and Samantha Robertson for their vision and dedication to the mission of the *Pardee Periodical* over the past three semesters; they will be graduating in January and their presence on the Board will be sorely missed.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would also like to extend our sincerest gratitude to our authors for their hard work, the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies for its support, and to our incredible Faculty Advisory Board for their guidance, as well as to our generous donors whose financial contributions made this issue possible. We are ever grateful for all of your support, and could not continue our work as a graduate student publication without you. We would also like to thank Michael Williams for his support throughout the past two years, and his commitment to ensuring the continued success of the *Pardee Periodical*. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

And now, without further ado, the Editorial Board is proud to present the Fall 2017 issue of the *Pardee Periodical Journal of Global Affairs*.

Stephanie Gagnon  
*Editor-in-Chief*

