

Editors' Note

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Several years ago, a small group of students, characterized by a keen interest in international affairs, sat around a table and debated the merits of founding another journal at the University of Toronto. The task before them was challenging but necessary, they agreed.

Despite the burgeoning scholarship on the interplay between international law and international relations, the two disciplines—however common their subject matter—still lacked a common forum for discussion. So, the *Journal of International Law & International Relations* was established to promote critical, informed, and interdisciplinary debate on the intersection of international law and international relations and to provide a forum for contributions from Canada and abroad on matters of current concern in international affairs in general and on issues of particular interest to Canada.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the founding of the *JILIR*. In particular, our thanks to Professor Karen Knop, who offered support and encouragement in the initial stages of the *JILIR* project. Dean Ron Daniels and Assistant Dean Lois Chiang were also instrumental in founding the *Journal* by offering the financial and the logistical support of the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. At the Munk Centre for International Studies, the contributions of Joan Golding and Professor Ron Deibert were invaluable. Professor Jutta Brunnée stands alone for her singular contribution to the founding of the *JILIR*—her guidance, her leadership, and her energies gave the project direction.

As regards this inaugural issue, we thank the students of the Munk Centre and Faculty of Law who contributed their time and efforts to publishing the *Journal*. The students on the masthead merit particular note for their diligence and dedication this last year, as do the incoming Editors-in-Chief, Ioana Bala and Paul Martin, who have helped us with the production and publication of this issue.

Finally, of course, our sincere thanks to our contributors.

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