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Volume 8 is the culmination of another year of growth and progress for our young journal. Over 100 students of law and global affairs, and dozens of faculty advisors and peer reviewers, were involved in bringing this issue to print.

We are in a period of change for academic journals, and JILIR is no exception. Cycle times for the publication of information, even academic information, are increasingly condensed. Pressure to expedite processes and render quick decisions is intense, and maintaining this pace is difficult for a student-run process wed to the ebbs and flows of the academic calendar. These challenges are amplified for JILIR, a multi-disciplinary journal edited collaboratively by students in different faculties and fields of research. This collaboration, however, remains JILIR's greatest strength, and we are proud that the quality of our publication remains our central focus. The works contained in this issue are demonstrative of the forward-looking and multi-disciplinary scholarship that journals like ours are uniquely positioned to provide.

Over the past year, we have taken steps internally to remain competitive in a changing landscape. We have also taken steps externally, the most visible of which is the reintroduction of book reviews, which last appeared in Volume 3. We hope that book reviews will offer readers another level of engagement with rapidly evolving scholarship in international law and international relations. In particular, reintroducing book reviews has given us new opportunities to engage with promising scholars. The reviews in this volume were all written by invited authors, and we are very pleased with their contributions.

We would like to thank our Associate Editors, primarily first-year students at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and the Munk School of Global Affairs, without whom we simply would not be able to operate. Our faculty advisors Steven Bernstein and Audrey Macklin contributed their wisdom and support as JILIR continued to evolve. Volume 7 Editors-in-Chief Megan Dersnah, Ryan Liss, and Brendan Morrison left us a journal with very strong foundations. Likewise, we have enormous faith that the incoming Editors-in-Chief – Jonathan Bright and Kate Robertson of the Faculty of Law,

and Graham Smith of the Munk School – will continue to build upon JILIR's successes. They along with our other Senior Editors were responsible for the debate and dialogue that helped us choose among an exceptional pool of submissions for Volume 8. Andrew Max was instrumental in stewarding articles through peer review, and Jonah Kanter ably managed our submissions. Todd Brayer and Vanessa Zhang were dedicated and diligent in putting the physical volume together, and Jennifer Wong kept our business and financial house in order.

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Most importantly, we would like to thank the contributors, whose work is contained in the pages which follow. The following papers are the result of months of editorial feedback, peer review, revision, and continued dialogue with our very patient authors. We are excited to be publishing their work. Their dedication, patience, and exceptional scholarship are commendable.

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Editors-in-Chief