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Foreward by the *Editors-in-Chief*

Dear Reader,

It is our privilege to share with you Volume 66, Issue 2, of the *Harvard International Law Journal*. We hope you enjoy reading the enclosed, and we thank you for your continued support.

The Journal remains committed to its core mandate of highlighting premier international legal scholarship from across the globe. This Issue reflects that ambition as it weaves together articles that, while spanning geographies, disciplines, and paradigms, share a belief in the importance of international law. We look forward to adding these articles to that pantheon of work, and we hope you find similar insight, stimulation, and inspiration from them.

This Issue begins with a Keynote Address by Mr. Hassane Cisse, first delivered at the *2024 Harvard International Law Journal Symposium: Bretton Woods 3.0*. Mr. Cisse draws on a rich career at international institutions to identify the most pressing challenges facing the global governance system, and he provides insightful suggestions for how the system and its institutions might be reformed. Professors Anu Bradford, Adam Chilton, and Katerina Linos build on their previous research to challenge the view that state adoption of antitrust laws is positively associated with economic development. Their empirical findings show that this association is far weaker than assumed, unless antitrust laws are adopted absent external incentives or pressures. Professor Alejandro Chehtman argues that, despite the International Humanitarian Law principle of legal equality among belligerent forces, different belligerents are treated unequally since only some are given combatant status. He presents a framework to understand this 'combatant privilege' as determined by an individual's rationale for entering a conflict.

Professor Jill Goldenziel, Mr. Sean Michael Blochberger, and Mr. Tyler Granholm present an original dataset on International Court of Justice ("ICJ") cases to reveal that, while the ICJ is often viewed as the 'tool' of powerful states, case law data instead shows that the ICJ is both a venue historically relied on by almost all states and one increasingly used by weaker states to challenge more powerful states. Mr. Pratyush Panjwani identifies the growing pattern of foreign investors seeking to use investor-state arbitration to challenge a state's core fiscal policy prerogatives. He asserts that such tribunals should rely on a concept of 'fiscal sovereignty to protect states from investor challenges in arbitral proceedings. Finally, Student Note author Hussain Awan explores how the Pakistan Supreme Court has expanded its original jurisdiction largely by employing the secular interpretive tools used in other jurisdictions rather than relying on Islamic law principles.

As we conclude this Volume's work, we would like to recognize the extraordinary efforts of the *Harvard International Law Journal's* staff. Their tireless dedication and diligence is apparent throughout the hundreds of print pages and dozens of online articles published over the course of Volume 66. We are particularly grateful to the Executive Print Team and Submissions Team for their efforts in making this Issue possible, especially to the several editors who continued their Journal tenure after graduation. We also thank the authors for their confidence in publishing their work with the Journal.

It has been an honor to work with such a wonderful team and a privilege to take part in such an important enterprise. Amidst the multitude of global flashpoints and the pressure faced by Harvard University during the Journal's 66th year, now more than ever, international law and academic integrity remain central to understanding our world and to building a better one. As long as these values persist, so too will the Journal.

Yours,

Sean O'Connell & Michael Yuan Tian
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