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Foreword by the Editors-in-Chief

Dear Reader,

It is our great honor to introduce Volume 67, Issue Number 2, of the *Harvard International Law Journal*.

Amid a profound global transition, the international sphere is marked by deep instability and conflict with far-reaching—and often negative—consequences. States and other actors increasingly challenge, threaten, and undermine core elements of established international law, while both armed conflicts and legal violations increase in number and scope. Despite these pressures, those committed to the rule of law continue to rely upon international law to resolve conflicts and address complex global problems. We explored these themes at this year's Spring Symposium, *Resilient Order: International Law in an Age of Transition*, and are thrilled to continue that conversation in this Issue.

The *Journal* remains committed to academic freedom and advancing the study of international law by showcasing diverse topics and perspectives from its contributors. Mr. Betin discusses why states ought to be allowed to rely on their common interest underlying obligations *erga omnes* and *erga omnes partes* obligations to intervene in disputes before the International Court of Justice. Mr. Off examines the role of legal professionals and institutions in international crimes and calls for treating legal professionals as a special class of perpetrators. Professor Luster analyzes the Israeli Supreme Court's decision on humanitarian aid restrictions to Gaza to show how temporality may constrain efforts to address the slow violence of deprivation. Professors Dixon and Landau discuss the tendency for transformative constitutional endeavors to slide into unachievable "utopian" projects and how reformers can avoid such a fate. Student Note author Dr. Kabir Duggal traces the historical foundation of the fair-and-equitable treatment principle and recontextualizes it as an instrument of economic statecraft. We look forward to the continued discussion their publication will inspire.

As this Issue marks the conclusion of Volume 67, we extend our sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to and supported the *Harvard International Law Journal* this year, including our Editorial Board of Harvard Law students who are committed to advancing international legal scholarship. In particular, we thank the Submissions team for their thoughtful selection of articles, the Executive Print team for their meticulous editorial work, and our authors for their trust and engagement with our process.

Kind Regards,

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