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This issue is centered around challenging assumptions and exploring new perspectives. Each article questions long-upheld institutions and assumptions in scholarship, introducing new questions and promising approaches to salient legal issues. The issue commences with our Student Note, authored by Emma Svoboda, highlighting the United Nations’ remedial stonewalling of thousands of peacekeeper fathered children and the longstanding institutions facilitating this. Trang (Mae) Nguyen looks beyond the world’s largest corporations—the central regulatory focus of trade regulators over the last decade—to reassess who key power holders are in modern global trade. Scrutinizing the rapid development of online speech regulation, Brenda Dvoskin raises new questions about expert governance of online speech, its underlying justifications, and its possible consequences. Catherine A. Rogers reconceives the often criticized biases of party-appointed arbitrators as potential tools to mitigate other biases in tribunal decision-making. Closing the issue, Minhao Benjamin Chen and Zhiyu Li discuss powers that scholarship has overlooked in Chinese socialist courts’ judicial suggestions. We are thankful to the authors of Volume 64, Issue 1 for their insightful arguments and meticulous research. We hope that you indulge in the questions raised by these articles and enjoy their analysis as much as we have.

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