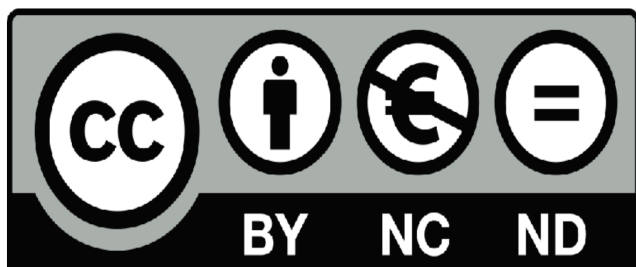


Flux operates out of Montreal, located on the traditional territory of the Kanien'keha:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. The Kanien'keha:ka are the keepers of the Eastern Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. In writing about political science and international relations we strive to incorporate diverse voices and bear in mind the forces, including (neo) colonialism, which have shaped the way we understand international relations. We encourage all readers to inform themselves on and actively resist, in the diverse forms that resistance can take, (neo) colonialism in Canada and abroad.

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# FOREWORD

I am honoured to have overseen the team that made the twelfth edition of Flux: International Relations Review possible. In this issue, our team of writers, editors, designers, and reviewers have worked incredibly hard to produce an exceptional journal.

Flux: Volume XII, Issue I, consists of six original articles showcasing some of the best international relations research produced by McGill's undergraduate students. This volume proudly celebrates one of Flux's most diverse editions yet, covering a breadth of international relations topics ranging from commercial surrogacy in India to reproductive issues in Poland to truth and reconciliation in South Africa.

First, Mackenzie Norton explores the commodification of reproduction and commercial surrogacy in India through the lens of the mobility vs. immobility paradox. Moving to Hungary, Anna Hayes delves into the limits of the European Union's enforcement powers by assessing a case study of the response to democratic backsliding in Hungary. Presian Dragiev's piece, "Birth Control and the Church in Post-Communist Poland," considers linkages between Poland's economic and reproductive issues. In "Tackling Technological Inequalities: How Bridging the Digital Divide Can Enhance Progress in Developing Countries," Lucie Taïeb argues for technology as a force of progress. Mahnoor Syed's "History of Femicide and South Asian Feminists' Perspective" takes us to South Asia to discuss gender-based violence in the region. Finally, Tim Rhydderch looks to reconsider the Role of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission when discussing its ability to challenge the deeper inequalities of the apartheid regime. These topics, each particularly relevant and informative of future trends and developments in international relations research, shed light upon some of the most pressing social, cultural, economic, and political challenges of the twenty-first century.

This journal would not be possible without the help of our incredible directorial team and all of the dedicated reviewers and designers who contributed to its development, as well as the teams of editors and authors who worked tirelessly amid an ongoing global pandemic to prepare, polish, and elevate these academic pieces.

I would especially like to thank our managing editor, Shira Garbis, for her continued support, vision, and dedication throughout this process. Additionally, Flux's efforts in expanding the inclusivity and diversity of our journal would not have been possible without Isha Shahane, our Director of Team and Reader Engagement. I would also like to thank Jennifer Innes, our library liaison, for providing resources and advice throughout this cycle. Lastly, I would like to thank IRSAM, its members, and the Board of Directors for their continued support.

I hope you find this issue as insightful as I did and that it inspires you to seek out more international relations literature in the future.

Thank you very much for reading.

Best,

Madelyn Evans

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