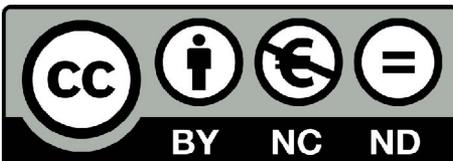


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FOREWORD

In this second issue of volume 9, the team of editors, authors, and reviewers at Flux: International Relations Review has worked tremendously hard. This issue spans all the continents and breaches issues from peacekeeping to political economy. Each team of editors and authors worked tirelessly during midterm season to prepare polished, clear, and thorough academic pieces. Even before editing began, our team of peer reviewers highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of papers helping determine the final selection and guide the editing process later. Every individual in the process has helped contribute to the fantastic papers in the coming pages. I would especially like to thank the members of the team who have been with us for the whole year for dedicating these past two semesters to the journal and wish all our graduating staff and authors the best in their future endeavors.

In this issue, the journal revisits Canadian immigration policies in “Neoliberalism’s Effect on Asian Immigration: A Gender Based Analysis of Systemic Inequality in Canadian Immigration Policy” and also broaches safe third country agreements again in “Courting Asylum: How Asylum Claimants in Greece are Using Judicial Power to Combat neo-Refoulement and the EU-Turkey Safe Third Country Agreement” which discusses refugee flows from Syria to the European Union. “Too Little, Too Late: The Constraining Effect of Traditional Peacekeeping Norms On the UN Protection Forces and its Consequences” also touches on humanitarian crises, though in a more traditional international relations sense: the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo is discussed. “A Narrative of Coercion and Repression: The Impact of the US War on Drugs and Economic Pressure on Peruvian

Society” brings readers to Latin America to see the effects of American foreign policy abroad. “Economic Freedom and Citizen Repression were Two Sides of the Same Coin in Latin America’s Neoliberal Era” also discusses the effect of American development policies in Latin America, with a focus on Argentina and Chile. Moving to a more global perspective, “Assessing Systemic Risks in the Chinese Housing Market” reviews miss-pricing of housing in China and whether market failure will shake the world economy. Last, “Human Rights: A Cross-Cultural Conception” revisits the classic relativist and universalist debate over human rights.

The journal would not be possible without the help of the authors, editors, and reviewers. I would like to thank our authors and editors for sticking out the process, which can be very grueling and often includes unexpected hurdles, your effort and meticulousness shows in the pages of this journal. I would also like to thank Alexandra Kohn, Jennifer Lynne Innes, and Jessica Lange at the McGill Library for their help with developing our licensing policy and work on helping us move to the Online Journal System. Thank you also to our faculty advisor Vincent Pouliot for bearing with the journal and supporting our work for the past years. Last, I would like to thank IRSAM and the Board of Directors and our sister publication, the McGill International Review (Online), for their continued support.

I hope you find the papers as insightful as I did and that they inspire you to seek out more international relations literature.

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