

FOREWORD

In this first issue of volume 9, the team of editors, authors, and reviewers at Flux: International Relations Review has worked tremendously hard. This semester we refined our peer review process, shortened editing timelines, and developed a new brand. However, I am certain that these changes will serve the journal well in the future and have created an excellent journal for you to enjoy. This issue spans all the continents and breaches issues from climate change, to immigration policies, and from civil conflict to international conflicts. 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.

This issue especially reflects the scope of topics which fall under international relations. In “The Safe Third Country Agreement and Global Order” and “Conditional Love and Canada’s care Regime”, gaps between Canada’s rhetoric and practice surrounding refugees and immigration are highlighted, drawing attention to the human element of international policy. “Fishery Depletion and Militarization in the South China Sea” also draws attention to the importance of subnational actors in international conflicts and the intersection of climate change and international relations. “Willful Blindness: Franco-American Relations and Escalation

of the Vietnam War” takes us back to the 1960s to see how the United States completely ignored the idea that their solution to communism in Vietnam may be futile. Also, historical, “From the Bush to the Office: Explaining Renamo’s Sustained Base During and After the Mozambique Civil War” shows how external influences on the civil war were be overstated in existing scholarship and the importance of local grievances. “Proxy Warfare’s Effect on Securitization: the Case of Saudi-Iranian Rivalry” also highlights the importance of pre-existing tension for external forces to involve themselves in a war, this piece also sheds light on the contemporary conflicts in Yemen and Syria.

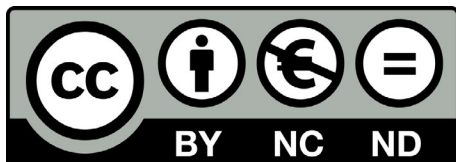
The journal would not be possible without the help of the authors, editors, and reviewers. I would like to thank our authors and editors for sticking out the process, which can be very grueling and often includes unexpected hurdles, your effort and meticulousness shows in the pages of this journal. I 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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