

## Letter from the Editor

Dear reader,

On behalf of the IJOIS Editorial Board, the Program in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security, the University Library, and the supportive academic community of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, we would like to thank you for reading the sixth issue of Illini Journal of International Security (IJOIS)! IJOIS is a peer-reviewed academic journal that was founded in September 2015 by undergraduate students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. We publish exceptional papers on topics within international security or foreign affairs.

For our seventh issue of the journal, we are excited to publish outstanding undergraduate papers that explore some of the most pressing issues within international security and foreign affairs, covering a wide range of topic areas and geographical regions. The first paper that is presented in this edition of the journal is one by Emma Hamel, titled “The Nuclear Awakening of China, which explores the expanding nuclear arsenal of China and explores the background of Chinese nuclear ambitions. The second paper is by Keunhee Kim, titled “At What Cost? Examining the Efficacy of Military Intervention,” and explores the role of the United Nations and United States in intervention in conflicts around the globe. The third paper is by Jake Sepich, titled “In Support of an Independent Kurdistan,” and looks at the historical background of national sovereignty and goes on with the present example of Kurdistan and its struggle for independence. The final paper presented is by Ryan Vetticad, titled “The Justification of International Military Intervention in Response to Human Rights Abuses,” which looks at the pros and cons to military intervention in response to human rights abuses and argues in favor of intervention.

These exceptional undergraduate papers present novel arguments on a wide array of issues within international security and foreign affairs. We hope that these papers will challenge and inform our readers, spark discussion, and encourage undergraduate students to explore these pressing issues or pursue international studies further. We hope you enjoy reading!

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Editor-in-Chief