

EDITORIAL

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This issue is the brainchild of a distinguished scholar of international law and its realisation is a testament to his diligence and creativity. Professor Thomas E. Boudreau is a professor at Salisbury University and a former faculty member of the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. Before entering academia, he was an advisor to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General at the United Nations and has dedicated his life to the study of international law. It is fitting that he is our guest editor for this important edition.

Professor Boudreau built a team of editors including Associate Professor Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo of the University of Peace and Professor Brian Polkinghorn of Salisbury University to bring this edition to life. The scale and the breadth of contributors to this edition are a testament to the team's high stature in the field. This edition includes contributions by academics, jurists and political figures from all six inhabited continents. It is the first time that *The Journal Jurisprudence* has published an edition with such a diverse range of authors and editors.

Additionally, the prominence of the authors of articles in this edition is a clear indication of the relevance of the topic matter we are addressing. It is a great honour for this edition of our journal, the fifteenth, to commence with a forward by the Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser, former Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia. Mr Fraser has been a tremendous inspiration to me and many other Australians. His deep and passionate commitment to justice, the rule of law and the elimination of racism makes him a heroic voice in political discourses.

Furthermore, we are pleased to publish the very important work "Avances en la Jurisprudencia Internacional en Violencia Sexual contra Mujeres en Conflictos Armados" by Judge Baltasar Garzón, former judge of the National Court of Spain, the *Audiencia Nacional*. We are especially grateful to Judge Garzón for preparing this piece and taking time from his busy schedule: As we go to the press, he is leading the legal team representing

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Wikileaks founder Julian Assange. Judge Garzón has distinguished himself as a man of tremendous energy and intellectual capabilities and his current article is no exception. Many of you would know that he came to great prominence when he led the indictment of the Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet in 1998. We are grateful to Prof. Dr. Joaquín González Ibáñez of Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio for editing this article.

Professor Tara Helfman contributes an insightful and original article on the Nuremberg prosecutor Francis Biddle to this edition. Professor Helfman has an impressive track record in both legal practice and scholarship, first at Debevoise and Plimpton and now at Syracuse University. She embodies the spirit of *The Journal Jurisprudence* and our mission to bridge the gap between the practice of law and the macro-questions of jurisprudence. She has my great gratitude for her contribution but also for editing articles late into the evening as we went to press.

Dr Juan Carlos Sainz-Borgo makes a distinctive contribution in his article on drug trafficking and the ICC. So do Professor Mihir Kanade and Professor Bernard Ntahiraja reflect on similar trends in the human rights dimension of international trade and the responsibility to protect in their respective articles. These are important contribution to the study of international law and will, I am sure, be read by students and scholars in the future.

Of particular note is Professor Brian Polkinghorn's afterward to this edition. As a real-world practitioner of international law, having helped resolved conflicts in Bosnia and the Middle East, he brings his unique insights and critiques to each article in the edition. I value contributions of this type because they give a more practical context to academic writings. Professor Polkinghorn's contribution really does help us bridge the gap between the philosophy and practice of law.

It has been a tremendous pleasure to oversee the construction of this issue. I know that this issue will be read with pleasure, critiqued with passion, and will create a lasting impact in the field of international law. The credit for this must be given to Professor Boudreau and his team, whose vision and dedication brought this edition to life. I can say without qualification that this is the most important issue of *The Journal Jurisprudence* published to date and sets a very high standard for future editions.