



The *Glendon Journal of International Studies* (formerly known as the *Glendon Papers*) is an annual bilingual publication of undergraduate research essays with a double blind peer review that is managed by the *International Studies Student Association* (ISSA) at York University's Glendon College. The Journal reflects the multidimensional and interdisciplinary nature of International Studies. This initiative is inspired by Dr. Kirschbaum and Dr. Mazzeo whose vision and perseverance to International Studies and undergraduate publications will be highly regarded for the continuation of this Journal.

In 2012, a group of dedicated students decided to reactivate and revamp the student publication by digitalizing all previous volumes; this made the Journal available online through the York University Library website. Furthermore, the positive attitudes of the Department and the students coupled with an innovative approach allowed for unparalleled freedom and creativity which redefined the Journal. While it continues to be a collection of the best essays from all four years of studies, it also serves a pedagogical purpose. Students will familiarize themselves with the process of editing and publishing while Faculty will now have the opportunity to utilize these essays for deeper pedagogical uses in the classroom.

I believe that this innovative approach to undergraduate publication will continue to make a strong contribution to the advancement of knowledge and will encourage students to produce work of the highest quality. I would like to thank the editorial committee, York University Libraries and our library advisor Dany Savard and faculty advisor Dr. Montsion for without their dedication, none of this would be possible. The Department of International Studies deserves the same recognition for supporting this initiative, offering important guidance and for recommending papers.

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