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Dear Readers,

On behalf of the editorial and reviewing board, I am proud to present to you Volume 11 of the Glendon Journal of International Studies (GJIS). This year we received submissions from International Studies students whose pieces drew from many areas of this far reaching discipline. After undergoing a rigorous double-blind peer review process, five articles were selected to fill the pages of this year's volume. These articles represent critical intersections in the world today which International Studies is uniquely equipped to analyze, and moreover, these articles demonstrate how our students are equipped to engage with these issues head-on.

While there was no overarching theme to this volume, the articles included draw from different areas of International Studies as a discipline, showcasing how versatile and important this field of study is. In *A Quest for Home: Queer Migrants and Belonging*, Jean-Pierre D'Angelo explores the unique situation of queer migrants through an intersectional and interdisciplinary lens. D'Angelo stages this discussion within a Canadian context, allowing for a better understanding of the issues that are still relevant in, broadly speaking, 'accepting' and 'progressive' places.

This is followed by Simon H. Malevich's *Moonshine: How a Return to the Sunshine Policy under President Moon Jae-In will bring Stability to the Korean Peninsula*, a beautifully detailed and explorative dive into the intricacies of South Korean policy and how policy, new and old, affect security in the Korean Peninsula.

The third article is *Power in Numbers: Fair Trade as a Civil Society Alternative to Neoliberal Free Trade* by Lauren Clewes. In this article, Clewes takes a critical look at the outdated nature of the current and dominant global framework of neoliberal free trade and the wider neoliberal economic paradigm. Through discussion Clewes proposes instead, there should be a shift towards fair trade for a more sustainable and ethical future of global trade.

Following this, the fourth article of this volume, *Neoliberalism and Empire: The American Military-Industrial Complex* by Francesca Lucia Bray explores these ideas of fair trade as a critique and replacement for the neoliberal status quo of free trade. Moreover, the neoliberal model is contextualized by Bray through analysis of its manifestations within the American military industrial complex.

As a book end to the volume, the fifth article demonstrates how within the discipline of International Studies, similar issues can be explored in vastly different ways. In the first article of this volume, Jean-Pierre D'Angelo explored concepts of migration and diaspora through the lens of queer experience, the final article, *Shortcomings of Refugee Protection: An Argument for Open Borders* by Lyne Amaya Dalby Althaus, explores these concepts through an understanding of security and control. Dalby Althaus explores border control measures as a root cause for issues which asylum seekers face, and therefore, to remedy these issues, an open border model is proposed and developed.

I would like to thank the dedicated team that has made this volume possible. To the enthusiastic editor in chief and my fellow editors, thank you all for your great commitment of time and energy, without which this volume would not be possible. To our reviewers, we would like to thank you for your prompt and insightful feedback. To the authors whose contributions make up this volume, the GJIS team congratulates you on your hard work, time and effort in bringing forward engaging topics for discussion. Your research showcases not only the pedigree of our program but the depth that exists in International Studies as a discipline. We hope this serves as an inspiration for fellow undergraduate students.

We would also like to express our gratitude to our Faculty Advisor, Professor Elaine Coburn as well as our Library Advisors, Tomasz Mrozewski and Stephanie Duncan for their untiring support and guidance throughout this process.

Finally, the editorial team would like to extend our thanks to you readers, for exploring fresh perspectives on important issues within the field of International Studies along with us.

Sincerely,

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Editor

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