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Dear Readers,

The Editorial Board and Staff of the *University of Baltimore Journal of International Law* have worked diligently to ensure the second and final issue of Volume 4 provides our readers with pieces that are both compelling and significant. The superior works published in this edition reflect the Journal's ongoing expansion and increasing ability to bridge together our community with an exceptional global network of talented lawyers, professors, and practitioners.

Last spring the University of Baltimore Center for International and Comparative Law hosted the Conselho Nacional de Pesquisa e Pós-Graduação em Direito (CONPEDI). This group of Brazilian scholars discussed "The International Protection of Human Rights as seen from Brazil and the U.S.A." With the help of Professor Marcelo Galuppo, the Journal coordinated with three Brazilian scholars to publish their works in this Issue.

The Issue begins with a piece by Thaís Vandresen and Maria Cláudia S. Antunes de Souza. Their article, *Globalization, Global Governance and Challenges to Contemporary Constitutionalism: the (trans) Constitutional Perspective and the Dialogue Among Jurisdictions*, discusses the challenges facing contemporary constitutionalism. This article is followed by Jose Sampaio and Beatriz Costa's article, *The Role of Brazil and United States in the International Promotion of the Right to a Healthy Environment*. In this article the authors examine the role Brazil and the United States play in protecting the right to a healthy environment. Ricardo Gueiros Bernardes Dias writes our final article. His article, *A Comparative Empirical Study of Negotiation in Criminal Proceedings Between Brazil and the United States of America*, reflects the findings of a first-hand investigation that he conducted in Brazil and the United States on the mechanisms for truth in criminal negotiations.

Our Student Comment in this Issue is from University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. Candidate, Margery R. Beltran. Ms. Beltran's comment, *Not Really a Battle of the Sexes: Women's Health Agenda Advocates Global Equality in Medical Research Trials and Drug*

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Administration, advocates for a global healthcare system in which men and women are treated as biologically different, but socially and psychologically equal. Our Emerging Issues are from University of Baltimore School of Law J.D. Candidates, Aviana Cooper and Iram Ashraf. Ms. Cooper's piece discusses the lawsuit filed by TransCanada against the United States over the Cancellation of Keystone XL Pipeline Project. Ms. Ashraf's article focuses on the humanitarian issues surrounding the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

The aforementioned articles along with additional commentary and previous publications from the *Journal of International Law* can be found on the Journal's official website, <https://ublajil.wordpress.com/> and on the University of Baltimore's ScholarWorks page, <http://scholarworks.law.ubalt.edu/ubjil/>.

Finally, I would like to thank those who served on the Journal's Staff and Editorial Board. Without your support, commitment, and dedication we would not be able to produce consistent high quality publications. In addition, I would like to thank our advisor, Professor Mortimer Sellers, for his incredible guidance, faith, and mentorship. Also, on behalf of the Journal, I extend our greatest thanks to Dean Ronald Weich and the University of Baltimore School of Law for recognizing and encouraging the talent embodied in the University of Baltimore Law students, faculty, and staff and for continuing to support this remarkable group. Finally, thank you, the reader, for your support and we hope you enjoy this Issue.

It is with great pleasure that we present the second Issue of Volume 4 of *The University of Baltimore Journal of International Law*.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Stock
Editor-in-Chief
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