

## EDITOR'S NOTE

We are delighted to present to you the first issue of the Swarthmore International Relations Journal. We have worked all semester to compile and edit six students' articles concerning international relations, and we are pleased with the results.

Our goals with this publication are twofold. Firstly, to help foster a new generation of scholars by providing an opportunity to write outside of class, as well as go through a peer-reviewed editing process.

Secondly, we hope to bring fresh perspectives into a field which is often dominated by the same voices. No matter how much one has published, no matter how long one has studied political science, anyone - from a young student to a seasoned professor - can have a good, original idea. SIRJ exists to give these ideas a forum.

All of this, of course, could not be done without help. We would like to thank Ben Berger, the Director of the Lang Center, for his support, and Professor Tierney for his kind introduction. We also owe thanks to Phillip Stern in Communications for directing us to local printers and Gina Ignosi for her invaluable help in communications. Lastly, we would like to thank the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility and the President's Office of Swarthmore College for funding this initiative.

We invite you to start a dialogue with the views presented in this publication. Should you want to send a correspondence critiquing our work, supporting a writer's view, or send in your own submission, please direct your pieces to:

`swatinternationalrelations@gmail.com`.

We hope you enjoy our flagship edition as much as we have enjoyed creating it.

– The editorial board.