

EDITORIAL FOREWORD

The *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law* proudly presents the first issue of Volume 36. Our *Journal* members have worked hard throughout the school year to provide these quality articles. Our second-year writers did an exceptional job editing these articles, all the while writing and editing their very own student notes, some of which you will read in the coming issues of Volume 36 and Volume 37. On behalf of the *Journal*, I would like to thank the authors for considering and trusting the *Journal* as the platform for publishing their valuable work.

Included in this issue is an article written by Professor Han Liu which provides a comprehensive history of territorial sovereignty and secessionist movements before the modern era. Professor Liu examines the contrasting Catholic and Protestant arguments for regal accumulation of land in that period, and discusses two separatist movements of that era: The Dutch Revolt and the Independence of Portugal.

This issue also contains an article written by attorney and international relations professional, Mr. Ben Juvelier. Mr. Juvelier endeavors to define "transitional justice" mechanisms that lead from periods of conflict to democracy. He provides four case studies of such mechanisms and examines lessons learned from each, including: South Africa, El Salvador, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone.

The final article of this issue is a compelling work written by Dr. Waseem Ahmad Qureshi, which examines the development and current status of the principle of the common heritage of mankind (CHM). This is a principle of international law which ratifies areas beyond national jurisdiction as areas of the common ownership of the whole of mankind and has been formulated to regulate the use of natural resources in areas beyond national jurisdiction. Dr. Qureshi discusses the ongoing challenges to the principle including jurisdiction, enforcement, and the lack of mechanisms for the equitable distribution of benefits.

It is my wish to give personal thanks to one additional person in this issue because his contribution is so significant to the success of the *Journal* that it deserves a special mention. To Bryce Nakamura, our Senior Managing Editor: Thank you for your unwavering diligence and tireless dedication to the *Journal*—and thank you for your initiative and willingness to fill in the gaps when the *Journal* needs it the most.

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