

EDITORIAL FOREWORD

It is my sincere pleasure to present the second issue of Volume 42 of the Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law. This issue represents the dedication, rigor, and diligence of our editorial team and contributing authors, and it reaffirms the Journal's ongoing commitment to advancing thoughtful, impactful legal scholarship.

The issue features a diverse set of articles that address some of the most consequential regulatory challenges of our time. Mia Mahmudur Rahim and Subrata Chakraborty employ a global perspective in exploring artificial intelligence ethics regulations, and Ndubuisi Augustine Nwafor considers the problem with plastic pollution through a comparative lens, examining how regulatory responses are shaped in Nigeria, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Together, these articles reflect the growing importance of international and comparative analysis in addressing issues that transcend borders.

Complementing the two articles are two student notes that engage with emerging gaps in domestic and international law. Alivia Kiefer examines the existing challenges faced by whistleblowers in the artificial intelligence (A.I.) space and proposes a multi-step reform framework to protect A.I. whistleblowers. Lily Sklar traces the role of regulatory structures in facilitating cross-border flows of illicit substances and advocates for comprehensive policy solutions to protect the United States' customs sector against international narcotics trafficking.

This issue underscores the Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law's dedication to publishing scholarship that is timely, rigorous, and globally engaged. We are proud to continue to contribute meaningfully to international and comparative legal scholarship, and we sincerely thank you for your continued support of our work.

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