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FOREWORD

The Editorial Board of the Emory International Law Review is proud to present the first issue of Volume 36. With Volume 36 comes a range of scholarship across an array of topics in international and comparative law. In this volume, the Editorial Board hopes to continue our tradition of publishing insightful and impactful scholarship in these fields.

The four issues of Volume 36 are broadly organized by theme. Issue 1 has been curated to focus on human rights and children’s rights. The issue begins with an Article on viral sovereignty, vaccine nationalism, and vaccine diplomacy—a timely topic given the context of the current COVID-19 pandemic. It continues exploring diverse subjects, addressing the role of domestic violence in international child abduction cases to extrajudicial killing in Bangladesh. Student Comments discuss the classification of loot boxes as gambling in video games to protect children, whether Facebook should be held culpable for its role in the Rohingya genocide, and homeschooling rights under the European Convention on Human Rights.

Issue 2 will discuss the themes of constitutionalism and self-determination, with one academic Article and one student Comment addressing each subject. For constitutionalism, the academic Article reviews Iraq’s constitutional history and highlights the role it has played in exacerbating the division that tears the country apart today. The student Comment addresses the gap in constitutional remedies between Canada and the United States. Specifically, the Comment suggests the Canadian framework addressing alternative remedies under *Ward* be applied in U.S. *Bivens* actions. For self-determination, the academic Article addresses the right in the context of the Inca people and their descendants. Specifically, the author proposes an inter-civilizational perspective of international law to provide an analytical tool for understanding the importance of preserving and empowering diverse cultures and peoples, in contrast to traditional ethnocentric views of law. The student Comment details the history of the Catalan people in Spain and potential paths forward for the people and their land.

Issue 3 turns to economics and property, spanning tax, antitrust, and property rights over art. The first piece takes a tour of Latin American tax law, addressing challenges and suggesting a new framework to simplify taxation and encourage economic growth throughout the region. The second Article explores international antitrust cooperation, comparing developed antitrust regimes to
those in emerging market economies and suggesting a path forward. Our two
student pieces both discuss property protections afforded to graffiti and street
art—one addressing intellectual property rights, and another utilizing the Social
Obligation Theory of property to justify legal rights for artists.

Finally, Issue 4 will be a festschrift in honor of the retirement of Emory
School of Law professor Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im. This issue will include a
variety of Articles and essays in honor of, and inspired by, Professor An-Na’im’s
immense and impactful body of work. Pieces will span human and cultural
rights, Islam and Sharia, secularism, and other topics honoring Professor An-
Na’im’s legacy. Student Comments will address human rights in the contexts of
disability employment and sexual assault in higher education.

The Editorial Board would like to extend thanks to our advisors, especially
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sides, Rhonda—we wouldn’t be here without you.

Lastly, thank you to our readers. We hope you gain as much enjoyment and
knowledge from this issue as we did editing it.

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