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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* presents the second installment of Volume 29. Until recently, the *Washington International Law Journal* was the *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* and was limited to the Pacific Rim and related law and policy. The Journal's scope expanded in Volume 24 to include all international, foreign, and comparative law topics. This issue seeks to further implement this expansion with articles and comments addressing a wide range of international and foreign law topics.

In this second issue, readers will explore broad topics on legal jurisprudence across a diverse range of jurisdictions.

This issue begins with Sascha-Dominik Dov Bachmann and Naa Sowatey-Adjei's analysis of the strained relationship between the African Union and the International Criminal Court and its implications on international criminal justice. Continuing with international criminal justice, Seyed Razavi and Fateme Zeynodini discuss how unilateral economic sanctions must be balanced with protecting the sanctioned state's fundamental human rights by analyzing sanctions against Iran. Binendri Perera then compares the social and technological mobilizations of people in South Korea, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, and Algeria and examines the patterns of these constitutional movements as a form of popular constitutionalism. Next, Mahmoud Elsaman evaluates how countries may practice good governance in balancing the interests between the right to access information and the confidentiality of investment negotiation. Finally, Ishtiaque Ahmed examines the extent of the Basel Convention's relevance to end-of-life ships and whether they should be considered hazardous waste for environmental purposes.

In addition to these articles, we have included a comment from an LL.M Candidate of our University of Washington School of Law's Sustainable International Development Program. Qun Zhao's article presents an assessment of labor laws in Kenya and the role Chinese companies should take to improve relations between foreign corporate entities and local laborers.

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We are proud to provide our readers with this compilation of foreign and international law scholarship. With that, we present the second issue of Volume 29.