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FOREWORD

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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* presents the third and final 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.

For our final issue, we included a broad range of comparative and foreign law, including a translation piece from our own editorial staff members. This installment begins with W. Gregory Voss discussing how data protection legislation, such as the GDPR, restricts cross-border personal data transfers, which has immense implications on international trade. Second, Ronald C. Brown returns to our publication with an article that was meant to be presented at the Seventeenth International Conference in Commemoration of Professor Marco Biagi in Modena, Italy earlier this year but was postponed due to COVID-19. In it, Professor Brown analyzes new legislation that addresses the employment-status of gig-economy workers with a comparative lens on EU and China policies. Finally, Fred Einbinder compares U.S. and French mass tort law through examining the intricacies of each country's legal traditions and systems.

In addition to these articles, we have two student pieces. Wonji Kerper and Changmin Lee first provide us with an English translation of the Korean Code of Ethics for Attorneys and a discussion of its historical context. Then, Jennifer Mendoza, a University of Washington School of Law alum and previous editorial member, dissects Canadian aboriginal law through a detailed analysis of *Ktunaxa Nation v. British Columbia*.

The *Washington International Law Journal* relies on the support of scholars, donors, and the University of Washington to publish legal scholarship at the forefront of international law. On behalf of the Volume 29 Executive Board, I would like to thank University of Washington School

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of Law’s Dean Scott Schumacher and Dean Jessica Brase for their continued support of the Journal. I would also like to thank our Board of Directors for consistently providing valuable advice in publishing this volume.

Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, this final issue overcame many obstacles to publication. As a result, I want to reiterate our gratitude to the authors for working with us through this uncertain time. Moreover, I want to acknowledge my team for working tirelessly to ensure our editing process went smoothly and for adapting to our country’s lockdown. In particular, thank you to our Chief Managing Editor, Miles Gilhuly, who had to adapt the most to the current situation. Not only was he incredibly prepared and effective with our journal, but he also entered fatherhood in April and welcomed to the world Hailey Anne Gilhuly—who will now forever be our newborn mascot.

Further, as we finish publishing this June 2020 issue, it would be remiss not to acknowledge the current state of disarray our country is in due to racial injustice against Black people in the United States. Proceeding the death of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer, thousands of people across the country joined in protest against police brutality and systemic racism.¹ Our journal is dedicated to including diverse representation in our editorial team and the pieces we publish, and I want to ensure that our team and authors feel welcome in being part of this journal. I’m inspired by international responses of solidarity with our grieving population.² Unfortunately, racism and prejudice against Black people transcends past this country’s borders.³ As part of a legal institution, we strive to seek justice, and I hope that—as a global community—we realize justice requires genuinely recognizing Black people’s lives matter.

With that, we present the third issue of Volume 29.

¹ See Brakkton Booker, et al., *Despite Curfews and Heavy Police Presence, Protests Persist Across the Country*, NPR (June 2, 2020), <https://www.npr.org/2020/06/02/867508746/one-week-after-george-floyds-death-protests-continue-across-the-country>.

² Hannah Hagemann, *George Floyd Reverberates Globally: Thousands Protest in Germany, U.K., New Zealand*, NPR (May 31, 2020), <https://www.npr.org/2020/05/31/866428272/george-floyd-reverberates-globally-thousands-protest-in-germany-u-k-canada>.

³ See EU High Level Group on combating racism, xenophobia, and other forms of intolerance, *Afrophobia: Acknowledging and Understanding the Challenges to Ensure Effective Responses*, EUROPEAN COMMISSION (Nov. 2018), https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/document.cfm?doc_id=55651; Yannick Giovanni Marshall, *Out of Pandemic Anti-Blackness, a Case for Pan-Africanism*, ALJAZEERA (May 6, 2020), <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/pandemic-anti-blackness-case-pan-africanism-200502160650489.html>.