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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* presents the second installment of Volume 31. 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 Volume 31, Issue II, readers will explore pieces focused on immigration laws and movements around the globe. This issue begins with Haiyun Damon-Feng's exploration of COVID-19 restrictions on access to asylum and how those restrictions likely violate non-refoulement obligations under international and United States federal law. Following, Evan M. FitzGerald and Gregory G. Toth explore climate-driven cross-border migration in Southeast Asia and the current lack of protections for these displaced individuals. Mr. FitzGerald and Mr. Toth propose a regional human rights-based climate migration framework to better protect the rights of climate displaced persons.

In addition to these articles, this issue includes two student comments from the University of Washington School of Law. Cassandra Baker examines the effects of COVID-19 on asylum seekers in Europe and proposes ways in which the European Court of Human Rights may refine its health-based non-refoulement jurisprudence to protect more individuals. The issue concludes with Isabel Skilton's comment on the establishment of race-based immigration enforcement in the United States. Isabel analyzes the impacts of race-based discrimination following the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Brignoni-Ponce* and provides alternatives that may cabin the impact of that decision.

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We are proud to present our readers with this compilation of foreign and international law scholarship. With that, we present the second issue of Volume 31.

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