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FOREWARD

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The staff of the *Washington International Law Journal* presents the final 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 III, readers will explore pieces focused on immigration laws and movements around the globe. The issue begins with Timothy Lynch's examination of Article 12.4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. He posits that Article 12.4 provides great protection from deportation in that it forbids states from deporting long-term resident noncitizens—both documented and undocumented. Next, Emanuela Lecchi compares and contrasts the antitrust laws and regimes of Hong Kong and China and their individual responses to the growth of Big Tech. In light of her findings, she proposes a contemporary three-pronged approach to competition and regulation. Following, Tobias Vestner explores how treaty law functions as a means of signaling to outsiders. He focuses on the effects of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and how the TPNW effectively signals views on nuclear weapons to outside states.

The issue concludes with Elicia Shotland's student comment on models of disability in early modern Islamic Law. In her piece, Elicia explores how current American, European, and Pakistani legal structures are often insufficient to ensure the rights of disabled persons, particularly rights of equal access to courts. Elicia argues for a syncretic approach to disability rights development using the tools provided by the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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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 final issue of Volume 31.

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