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Welcome,

The International Affairs Journal at UC Davis is back! I would like to formally welcome you to UC Davis' only undergraduate international affairs publication. After a brief hiatus, we have re-grouped as a staff and organization to bring our readers a variety of issues we find relevant to current international affairs. For the rest of the academic year, we will print a quarterly issue, while continually adding new articles and resources through our website. It can be accessed at iaj.ucdavis.edu.

In this issue's Forum section, we have a diverse spectrum of issues and topics. Our first article, written by Seth Werfel, is an analysis of the recent relationships of the US and India in the nuclear sector. Our next article, written by Tina M. Thomas, discusses the issues of the Indian Justice system—specifically in the southern state of Goa. Because India is the largest democracy on the planet, and a rising star in the global economy, it is always crucial to understand both domestic and international issues of the nation. Our next piece is a comprehensive review of the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty. As tensions consistently arise in the region, it is crucial to understand actions of the past to fully understand the opportunities of the future. In our fourth article, author C.Diggory Rycroft, seeks to explain how economic interdependence relates to conflict resolution (or avoidance)—specifically between China and the United States.

For this issue's Features section, we turn our eyes towards Cuba. In recent years, relations with Cuba have changed dramatically. The IAJ features staff has prepared a brief overview of the current climate in “La Isla”. In the light of a new administration, relationships between Americans and Cubans will become more integrated in the future and it is increasingly important to understand our southern neighbors. Next we have an interview with nationally recognized scholar Beatriz Pesquera, a professor who has spent time on the UC Davis quarter abroad program in Cuba. Finally, we have a revised look at the duration and cycle of the Cuban Embargo, written by Rumbidzai Mufuka.

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Sincerely,

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