



# THE INTERNATIONALIST

Undergraduate Journal of Foreign Affairs



CIRA

Volume VII, Fall 2021

*Front cover photo: Photo of a ferry boat crossing Lac Léman viewed from Montreux, Switzerland. Against a cloudy sky, the French alps are visible.*

*Photo by Audrey Patrick, Class of 2024, Johns Hopkins University*

---

# THE INTERNATIONALIST

## Undergraduate Journal of Foreign Affairs

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

---

Volume VII

Issue I

Fall 2021



*Lisa and her Rake: When COVID first hit I went to live on my parent's farm in Tobaccoville, NC. A forest fire broke out on the back of the property in April and my neighbor, Lisa, came to help fight the flames.*

*Photo by Scottie Nicholson, Fourth-Year Interdisciplinary Studies in Cultural Studies with a minor in Studio Art*

# THE INTERNATIONALIST STAFF

---

## **Editor-in-Chief**

Ash Huggins

## **Executive Editor**

Hannah Rubenstein

## **Managing Editors**

Stuti Shah

Jay Ramesh

## **Senior Design Editor**

Mariana Herrera

## **Design Editor**

Tushar Varma

## **Social Media and Marketing**

### **Director**

Emma Holmes

## **Staff Editors**

Thomas Altman

Elina Carpen

Robert Cole

Jada Enoch

Luke Habegger

Molly Herring

Aleena Islam

Abbey Korman

Favy Lamprea

Anyi Li

Michelle Liu

Gabriel Morrison

Parker Nelson

Mackie Tate

Sarah Stevens

Theresa Vazquez

## **Blog Contributors**

Robert Cole

Divya Patel

Max Pollack

Jay Ramesh

Rohan Rajesh

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

---

Special thanks to:

Joshua O'Brien  
President of the Carolina International Relations Association

Mikhal Ben-Joseph  
Vice President of the Carolina International Relations Association

This publication would not be possible without the support of the Carolina International Relations Association and its leadership.

# FROM THE EDITOR

---

This journal is the product of the brilliant, hard-working minds of dozens of students, from the authors to the editors to the photographers. Hundreds of hours of research, writing, editing, and formatting have gone into the composition of this final product. *The Internationalist* has continued to grow and expand this semester, and it would not be possible without the dedication of everyone who has contributed to it, all of whom are deserving of endless recognition and appreciation.

This semester, the contents of this journal span the four corners of the world and engage with multidimensional topics that delve into myriad factors that shape the international system. These pieces deal with topics from nationalism in India to economic instability in Iraq, United Nations peacekeeping operations to the role of Congress in United States foreign policy. Our authors conducted in-depth research on fascinating topics, such as the role of the United States in the 2009 Honduras coup, the rise of ethnopopulism in Europe, the impact of the prison system on Guatemalan democracy, and progressive policy in Mexico. These articles illustrate a depth of understanding, advanced analysis, and compelling arguments, which are a credit to both their authors and the University of North Carolina.

Special thanks to our Executive Editor, Hannah Rubenstein, whose hard work and incredible leadership makes the journal what it is; Jay Ramesh and Stuti Shah, our amazing Managing Editors, who spearheaded the editing process and provided invaluable guidance to our Staff Editors; Mariana Herrera, our irreplaceable Head Design Editor, whose vision and expertise is truly inspiring; and Emma Holmes, our Marketing Director, who runs the Internationalist Blog with astounding capability and grace. Finally, I wish to thank our team of staff editors, who work closely with each article published and whose dedication and attention to detail defines *The Internationalist*.

It has been an honor to work with this incredible team, and I look forward to facilitating the growth of the journal and continuing to publish phenomenal undergraduate research in the spring semester.

Sincerely,



Ash Huggins  
Editor-in-Chief





# TABLE OF CONTENTS

---

Nationalist Muslim Opposition to the Partition of India: Madani, Azad, and Khan By Rohan Rajesh	8
No Prosperity, No Peace: The Iraqi Economy and Instability By Mikhal Ben-Joseph	22
Predatory Peacekeeping: The Sexual Violence Issues of the UN By Patrick White	30
Actor and Inhibitor: Congress in the Post-Cold War Foreign Policy, 1989-1997 By Joshua O'Brien	44
Closing the Veins of Latin America By Gabriel Morrison	58
The Rise of Right Wing Populism Throughout Europe: Mechanisms and Outcomes By Ezra Cross	68
Democracy Behind Bars: Guatemalan Prisons By Mackenzie Roche	76
PROGRESA: Progressive Policy Championing Women and Children in Mexico By Alexis Zucker	84