

Message from the Editor

This issue of the Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations is dedicated to the dean of the Whitehead School, Ambassador Clay Constantinou, (Ret.). The release of this Journal marks the departure of Dean Constantinou after his completion of a second three-year term. The dean was instrumental in the founding of the Journal and continued to play a major part in its publication throughout his tenure.

In 1999, Dean Constantinou envisioned the Whitehead School as one of prominence in both the academic community and the international community at large. Under his leadership, the school has experienced unprecedented growth, nearing 600 students in its undergraduate and graduate programs. The school also developed an alliance with the United Nations Association of the United States of America, allowing our students and faculty access to UN resources. The dean was also instrumental in bringing prominent international leaders to campus, including Mikhail Gorbachev, Kofi Annan, Shimon Peres, John Hume, Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Mohammad Khatami, and others.

Upon leaving the school, the dean said in a message to the students, “While I am personally excited by the opportunities that lay ahead, I am also somewhat sad that we will no longer journey on the same path. I am optimistic, however, that our paths may cross again as I intend to continue to support the School.” The Journal would like to thank the dean for his support in helping the Journal find its path.

In our World Leaders’ Forum section, the Journal is honored to present an address by former president Mikhail Gorbachev. This prestigious world leader visited the Whitehead School and delivered an address to the student body and University community. His speech addressed democracy and marked the twentieth anniversary of perestroika. In addition to President Gorbachev’s address, this issue also features articles by international dignitaries such as Giandomenico Picco and the Cypriot ambassador to the United States, Euripides Evriviades.

Our forum topic for this issue is Economic Development. The Journal is pleased to have J. Brian Atwood, Dean of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and former Administrator of USAID, lead this forum. Mr. Atwood has significant perspective on the role of the US in promoting economic development. The forum also features contributions that contain an array of approaches and views on economic development. The contributions demonstrate an ongoing change in the thinking about these processes with an overarching theme of a shift in ideas that demonstrates the importance of political participation as a necessary step in fostering development.

In addition to the Economic Development forum, the Journal continues with its discussion of democratization, focusing on regional developments. Further, the Journal's Global Health and Theory section is pleased to offer contributions by preeminent authors David P. Fidler and Bill Hare. The success of our Global Health and Theory section is due in great part to the assistance of Dr. Yanzhong Huang of the Whitehead School's Center on Global Health.

The Journal would like to thank the Whitehead School's Interim Dean Rev. Paul A. Holmes and Associate Dean Marilyn DiGiacobbe for their help in the publication of this issue. As always, the issue would not be possible without the assistance of our faculty advisor, Professor Philip Moremen.

Finally, this issue marks the departure of the editorial board involved with the Journal for the past two years. We would like to give our best wishes to the new editorial board. We are confident they will continue with the Journal's successes and will contribute many accomplishments of their own.

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