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A *Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations* carries with it an awesome challenge—bringing to its readers discussion of the many areas of study and practice which affect how people and states evolve and interact with each other.

The opening section of this issue is titled Global Ethics, which can mean many things to many people. Regardless, it is a topic that warrants continual discussion. On the personal level, ethics form the basis of one's definition of self. It is what moves a person forward into service. From this personal level, a global ethic develops. Each of the authors contributing to this section points out that there are core values, which unite people and define how people at the very basic level live together. These values must be emphasized if humankind is to fulfill its potential.

Subsequent sections offer discussion and analysis of an eclectic mix of issues, ranging from United States defense policy, to economic development policies for Latin America.

The *Journal* would like to thank several people for assisting us in bringing this issue to fruition. We thank our authors for their innovative articles, a credit to themselves, their communities and our Journal. We would also like to thank our advisors, the faculty and the administration of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations for their support and commitment to making our Journal a success. The dedication of our editorial and technical staff has been invaluable: without their hard work this issue would not have been possible. Finally, to our readers, your interest and support re-affirm our belief in what we do. The world we live in changes dramatically from moment to moment and knowledge and awareness remain our only tool as we navigate onwards.

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