

An Introduction from the Editor

The Atlantic International Studies (ATLIS) Journal is Canada's first peer-reviewed, academic journal strictly for undergraduate students. Published at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, the Journal is in its tenth year and is garnering increasing attention. It is nationally archived and copies are also held in the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations Office of Military Affairs in New York.

The purpose of the Journal is to allow undergraduate students in the Atlantic Canada region to showcase their research, whether it is for a class, an independent study, or a thesis project. The Journal is interdisciplinary and aims to include papers from students in any year of their undergraduate degree.

Our executive this year decided that we wanted to explore future and intersectional challenges to world security, including food, energy, and privacy. We were fortunate to host Haroon Akram-Lodhi, a political economist from Trent University, through the generosity of the Pottle Family whose Pottle Fund helps finance our conference each year.

While many of this year's conference presenters are included in the Journal, the articles selected were not limited to the speakers' papers. In this issue of the Journal you will find articles on topics as diverse as economic globalization, social media, and adaptation to climate change, just to name a few. While submissions were not required to strictly follow the conference theme of "Challenges to Future World Security", most do pertain to this area of issues in the

international arena. As the journal editor this year, I am very pleased with the caliber of articles that have been selected by the peer-reviewers and myself, as well as the high level of engagement fostered between the authors and reviewers.

Finally, the ATLIS conference and Journal are run by students for students. If you enjoy the Journal and are interested in getting involved with ATLIS in future years you have several options. You can attend our conference, submit to the Journal, volunteer to peer-review articles, or become a staff member to actively plan and prepare our activities throughout the year.

ATLIS was created in the winter of 2003 at Mount Allison with the purpose of fostering informed undergraduate participation in international issues through scholarship, social and political involvement. ATLIS is committed to finding innovative ways to engage students with the world around them. ATLIS actively seeks partnerships with other organizations and clubs, other universities, faculty, and experts in diverse fields of international studies.

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