

An Introduction from the Editor

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The Atlantic International Studies (ATLIS) Journal is Canada's first peer-reviewed academic journal for undergraduate students. Published annually in Sackville, New Brunswick, the journal is in its twelfth year and is earning increased attention. The journal is nationally archived in the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations Office of Military Affairs in New York.

The ATLIS journal serves to provide undergraduate students in Atlantic Canada the rare opportunity to showcase their research and engage in critical discussions with their peers. Interdisciplinary in nature, the journal encourages submissions from students in any year of their degree regardless of discipline.

This year, the theme of ATLIS' annual conference held at Mount Allison University was "Decolonization: Space, Politics, and Knowledge". We were honored to host Harsha Walia from Vancouver British Columbia, who movingly spoke on anti-oppressive feminisms and solidarities across diverse populations.

Following the pattern of Issue 11, Issue 12 of the ATLIS Journal is interdisciplinary and without a specific theme. It includes not only articles from conference presenters, but other diverse topics of international concern.

This year's issue opens with an article that explores the cultural changes Bedouin women in Egypt currently experience, resulting in increased autonomy and self-determination. It is followed by thoughtful discussion of the vision of life of the northern Scandinavian Sami people, and how

this vision of life remains traditional while simultaneously embodying contemporary Scandinavian politics. The following article explores the complexities and idiosyncrasies of the illicit trade in antiquities of the Middle East throughout the Western world.

The fourth piece criticizes the epistemological underpinnings of the way in which discipline of economics relates to colonialism and Western divergence, and proposes methods to render a properly inclusive approach. The subsequent piece examines the colonialist origins of Africville, Nova Scotia, and how the City of Halifax utilized spatial politics in attempt to marginalize and delegitimize the people of the settlement. The concluding piece argues that Canada's approach to climate refugees has been securitized and therefore insufficiently considerate of the human needs brought on by climate change induced crises, proposing a paradigm shift to emancipatory realism.

As this year's journal editor, I am impressed with the calibre of the essays selected. The exchange of ideas and knowledge between the authors and the peer-reviewers has made the creation of this year's issue a thought-provoking and positive experience for all those involved.

ATLIS was created in the winter of 2003 at Mount Allison University with the purpose of fostering informed undergraduate participation in international issues through scholarship and social and political engagement. ATLIS actively seeks partnerships with other organizations and clubs, universities, faculty, and experts in diverse fields of international studies.

ATLIS is run by students for students. For more information or to get involved, visit atlismta.org or email us at atlis@mta.ca.