

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the seventeenth volume of our journal. The Atlantic International Studies Organization (ATLIS) is a student-run group based out of Mount Allison University. Since 2003, we have published an annual journal that seeks to foster scholarly undergraduate discussion on contemporary and pressing issues. Today we continue this endeavour. While the journal is rooted in a political framework, the core of the ATLIS mission is an interdisciplinary project, and the 2022 edition's diverse subject matter reflects this disposition.

Each of the papers meaningfully engages with this year's theme, *Rearview Mirrors*. "Looking through the rearview," the theme hopes to encapsulate shifting global realities, as the *unprecedented* becomes the *precedent*, and COVID-19 continues to shape our daily lives. An extended metaphor on driving, the theme is meant to ask how one can gain a more accurate understanding of their position by examining the past through different lenses. Here, we form our underlying premise that one can better determine the best way to *drive* forward from an informed understanding of their political, economic, and social location.

The journal explores socio-political and ideological issues from local, national and international perspectives. The papers examine how our cultural narratives influence our relationship with the environment, question the effects of arms agreements, investigate the impacts of American presidential power and foreign influences, explore the economics of education, and critique Canada's social policies. These critical works enable the journal to be a medium for a continuous dialogue between the past and present.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the persons and organizations who contributed to the 2022 journal. We thank our panel of peer-reviewers for their work in the paper selection process. We would like to express our gratitude to Patricia Musgrave, the Mount Allison Indigenous Affairs Coordinator, for her collaboration on the paper "Origin Stories." We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of the Mount Allison Department of Political Science and International Relations, which tirelessly supports our "How to Be a Professional Activist" speaker series, the publication of a physical journal, and the ATLIS end of year conference. We also offer our sincere thanks to Dr. David P. Thomas for advising ATLIS and maintaining the journal's connection with the department.

Finally, thank you, reader, for reading, supporting, and inspiring student work.

- Tess Casher *on behalf of the editing team.*