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PREFACE

This 8th volume of *The Interdisciplinary Journal of International Studies (IJIS)* is a product of the continuing revitalization process that the journal has undertaken since 2010. Very significant recent developments in this process are the *IJIS*' successful listing in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), its subsequent earning of a SPARC Europe Seal, and its procurement of a Creative Commons license. Its listing in the DOAJ means that *IJIS* is recognized as a 'free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journal'. Earning the SPARC Europe Seal for Open Access Journals allows *IJIS* to have, *inter alia*, 'long-term archiving of content' and 'better exposure as a high-quality journal based on state-of-the-art dissemination technologies'. Having a Creative Commons license means that *IJIS* is 'approved for free cultural works'. Of course, these achievements have been made possible by the commitments and generosity of many people—current students, alumni, and faculty members—to whom we express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation.

For this issue, we thank those who submitted their papers and also congratulate those whose papers have been accepted for publication, particularly for their patience and enthusiastic reception to the review process, critical comments, and important suggestions from the faculty reviewers and editorial team. The peer reviews of submitted papers have been conscientiously and generously done by faculty members from three Departments at Aalborg University, namely: Culture and Global Studies, Political Science, and Development and Planning. Based on their reviews, advice, and recommendations, this year's *IJIS* is publishing two sets of papers: *articles* (i.e., research-based analyses contributing to the field of international studies) and *essays* (i.e., attempts to study and understand particular themes, topics, or problems). The accepted *articles* are:

- 'From Potential to Contribution: The Effect of Government Policies on the Development Potential of the Bosnian Diaspora in Germany' by Puck Graafland;
- 'The Reproduction of Neoliberalism and the Global Capitalist Crisis' by Bonn Juego;
- 'State Control Policies and the Path Towards Ethnic Cleansing: The Case of the Palestinian Arab Bedouin in Israel' by Kamil Qandil, Nicolò Di Marzo, and Katherine Walkiewicz;

- ‘Aid Effectiveness in the Democratic Republic of Congo: A Case Study Investigating the Factors Influencing Ineffective Aid’ by Meghan Kathryn Reardon, Marianne Nørgaard Jensby, Jens Boesen, Mengxi Tian, and Stepan Malinak; and
- ‘The Clean Development Mechanism and Its Failure in Delivering Sustainable Development’ by Birthe Vichit Petersen and Kamille Bollerup.

The reviewers have also recommended the following *essays* for publication:

- ‘The Existentialistic Premise of the Thermonuclear Dilemma’ by Andreas Aagaard Nøhr;
- ‘Why is the resettlement in a third-country the chosen solution by the Bhutanese refugees? A personal answer to a political problem’ by Nicolò Di Marzo and Shiba Chapagain;
- ‘Strategies Implemented to Stop FGM/C: A Case Study of Kenya and Ethiopia’ by Esther W. Waweru; and
- ‘Manufacturing Consent in the Age of YouTube: The Case of Kony 2012’ by Jonas Ecke.

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Finally, the *IJIS* Editorial Team for the period 2010-2012 wishes the upcoming and future editors and authors very well. We believe that they will get the same kind assistance, warmth, and generosity that we have received and cherished from the faculty members during the last couple of years of our stint working for the *IJIS*. We have been through challenging, yet meaningful, learning years that have significantly added to our professional and life experiences. Thank you so much for this distinctive opportunity and unique experience.

On behalf of the *IJIS* Editorial Team:

Bonn Juego

Aalborg, November 2012