

# EDITORIAL

*JIOS* has experienced its first editorial transition. Before introducing myself, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to outgoing (and founding) editor Kirsten Haack. To begin a new journal is an all-consuming enterprise, and Kirsten is to be credited with having done so with care, erudition, and efficiency. Five years ago, *JIOS* was merely a vision—a place where serious students of international organizations could share in our work and move the field forward. With the help of members of the UN Studies Association and the support of members of ACUNS, Kirsten has done just that and is to be commended. I should add that she has been nothing but helpful, wise, and gracious during the transition period. I would also like to thank the board members and editorial staff who are continuing to devote themselves to making *JIOS* all it can be. I am particularly grateful to Tamara Shockley for shepherding the drafting of bylaws for the journal.

As the incoming editor, my primary goal is to continue a solid record of scholarly achievement. I am a sincere believer that what happens in formal international institutions is among the most important developments in international relations. My work has focused primarily on international organizations, ranging from the IMF and WTO to UNICEF, the UN, and the ECHR. I have considered theoretical approaches including neoliberal institutionalism, constructivism, rational choice, and even realism. My research methods have ranged from comparative case studies to textual interpretation to large-N data analysis. As a result of this eclecticism, I hope to show due respect and sympathy for a wide range of approaches to a broad range of institutions.

The current issue reflects the best tradition of *JIOS*, offering work on regional and universal institutions from a range of theoretical perspectives. It also includes what we believe is the last piece published by Chadwick Alger (with Kent Kille, a *JIOS* board member and student of Chad), one of the foremost scholars of international organizations, who passed away in February.

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