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## EDITORIAL

### Local insights of global relevance

After the success of the inaugural issue, as a new editorial board, our ambition in putting together the second edition of *Peace and Progress* was to further consolidate the journal as a channel for disseminating the voices of graduate students as emerging scholars who explore issues of global relevance. Reflecting the vision underpinning the creation of *Peace and Progress* as a part of a global community of learning and research, the work of the editorial board behind this edition took place over three different continents. Similarly, it brings together research and thinking from authors across disciplines, backgrounds and nationalities.

We were particularly interested in work that offers forward looking perspectives on how to address some of the most pressing problems facing the world, now and in the coming years. Using a case study of the 2013 flash flood in Myanmar, Wealer's research paper discusses the role of disaster loss and damage databases (DLDs) as a tool in global disaster risk reduction. The author offers valuable insight into public disaster management, particularly in relation to the increasing threat of hydro-metrological hazards due to climate change. On the other side of the climate change continuum, Landreth discusses measures for mitigation in his commentary on the case of Ecuador's Socio Bosque program, exploring the strategy of direct payments for ecosystem services as an incentive to prevent deforestation and land-use change. Lee's exposition on the safety implications of the Fukushima Daichi nuclear power plant raises questions that are not only specific to the international nuclear power industry and law-making, but also resonant with a larger concern of sustainable energy security. From the field of Peace and Security, Parepa's research article focuses on comprehensive approaches to civil-military cooperation, emphasizing the link between development and security. Analyzing the use of such approaches by Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Afghanistan, the author highlights the need for locally appropriate implementation of peace support operations.

While focusing on specific events and cases, these papers all relate to issues of wider global importance. Providing different perspectives and experiences, they make a strong academic contribution to debates that are central to the international community and the work of the United Nations.

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