

Editorial

“A man cannot govern a nation if he cannot govern a city; he cannot govern a city if he cannot govern a family; he cannot govern a family unless he can govern himself; and he cannot govern himself unless his passions are subject to reason”

Hugo Grotius

It is a real pleasure for me to present to the academic community, the first edition of EAFIT Journal of International Law. EAFIT University was created 50 years ago, by a group of young professionals who wanted to implement successful education models from North America. This University has grown up and continues to expand in a process that follows international standards and it is nowadays one of the most prominent Universities in Colombia.

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EAFIT Law School was created in the very year of the new millennium. Together, the focus on business, trade law and globalization, allowed the strengthening of the International Law Academic Area. Thus, an international law emphasis (major) was developed with an increasing number of students working as interns in several public and private international organizations. In this context, international affairs research and analysis found a home.

Taking into consideration the positive and dramatic changes of Colombia in the last few years plus its role in the region and the capabilities of the coming generations, this Journal wants to be a forum for academic discussions about international legal issues; a publication by and for students, who will not keep silent when faced with an increasingly complex and inter-connected world.

In our first number, a variety of topics were submitted to the Committee making selection a demanding but an interesting task. The situation in Kosovo, the performance of NATO, Responsibility to Protect, Security and Global Governance, and Peacekeeping Missions, were some of the matters developed in the articles. We are pleased with the quality of the chosen manuscripts and we consider this first Volume to be relevant and current.

With no more preambles, we thank all those who made possible this first edition of EAFIT Journal of International Law which will hopefully be the foundation of many future ones.