

EDITOR'S NOTE

It has been a wonderful experience to be the Editor-in-Chief/Managing Editor of this new and exciting Journal for Transnational Human Rights Research (JTHRR). The wide variety of topics covered in this inaugural edition, ranging from decriminalising petty offences in Africa to breaking the barriers of gender discrimination in Nigeria, are testament to its global focus and relevance.

Having been selected to participate in the prestigious 58th United Nations Graduate Study Programme (UN GSP) based in Geneva, Switzerland, and liaising with 80 scholars across almost 50 countries on 6 continents, I was left both deeply inspired at the groundbreaking work taking place every day to advance human rights, but also thoroughly concerned at the sheer volume of rights' violations that are still ongoing across the globe. It is the hope of a better tomorrow that spurs much of the work in this field and indeed this journal.

As with any new project, there have been low and high points. In terms of the former, I was initially uncertain as to whether there would be a sufficient number of submissions to craft a journal. On the latter, the Editorial Team have been fantastically supportive and made an invaluable contribution for which I am immensely grateful. In particular, I would like to thank Ritabrata Roy and Sebastien LaFrance for their incredible support and dedication throughout this initiative, without whom it would not be possible to publish today.

Penultimately, it goes without saying that the authors' submissions have also made this journal possible and again I am very grateful to them all for their diligence and patience. It has been a pleasure reading through the articles and learning about human rights' issues in a global context. The quality of submissions generally made my role even more challenging, especially at the sifting stage.

On a final note, I would like to especially dedicate this inaugural edition to my beloved father, also Wayne, who sadly passed away during this project, beloved mother, Nora, whose own personal sufferings in Ireland have inspired my deep interest in human rights, and beloved wife, Mohja, who has been very supportive and greatly encouraged me to undertake this journey.

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