

# Foreword

**From the President, Vice President and Editor-in-Chief**

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To our readers,

Four years ago, The Cornell Diplomat was founded with the goal of sharing student perspectives on global challenges. Each semester, we bring together talented writers, editors and artists to create an accessible and engaging magazine that brings to light international topics not frequently considered mainstream discourse. Our past issues have tackled subjects such as regime stability, the politicization of gender, the geopolitics of resources, the influence of borders, civil disobedience, the role of the youth, and power projections.

In our ninth issue, Culture and Heritage, our editors and writers explored stories surrounding the impact of climate change on indigenous people's culture and the importance of mother tongue education for countries in Africa. We dug deep to bring you unique analyses of the lingual roots of Kurdish nationalism, Chechnya's warrior culture, and more. We also raised awareness of the systematic destruction of historic Islamic holy sites and Armenian heritage sites to highlight the importance of preserving and appreciating diverse cultures and heritages around the world.

The Diplomat has always been a medium for intriguing and factual storytelling that weaves together diverse perspectives on global issues. We are incredibly proud of the role The Diplomat has played in informing the Cornell community on international and current affairs over the past four years, and we are immensely grateful for the invaluable work of all our members.

Sincerely,

Sanjana Kaicker (*President*)

Michael Dekhtyar (*Vice President*)

Joanne Yang (*Editor-in-Chief*)

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