

# Foreword/Avant-propos

I am happy to introduce the Fall 2015 edition of *Potentia*, which is the 6<sup>th</sup> publication of the Centre for International Policy Studies' (CIPS/CEPI) graduate studies journal.

*Potentia* seeks to publish high quality scholarly work by MA and PhD students of public and international affairs. Our editorial team is a dedicated group of volunteers from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Ottawa and our authors are graduate students from Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Ireland. We had an incredible pool of submissions from around the world and I am very impressed with the quality of research that we were able to publish.

This year, I am proud to present a collection of papers on the theme of "disruption". As students of public and international affairs, we often learn about the systems, structures, institutions, and processes of global politics and policy making. Fascinating research questions arise at the limits and flaws of these and when the problems that we face in global politics disrupt them. This theme of disruption allowed for a diverse array of submissions from which to choose. Our editorial team has selected five excellent, comprehensive research papers that, through a variety of scholarly lenses, highlight the deficiencies of our global politics and disruptions to our expected global order. These articles connect the ideas of shifts, changes, and disruption in a changing world, and include: peacebuilding in South Sudan; cultural heritage and conflict in Mali; the Treaty of Lisbon and international intervention; the philosophical and sociological "right to the city"; and NATO involvement in Kosovo. Each paper is thoughtful, well-researched, articulate, and engaging and are great examples of strong graduate-level writing. The selection and editorial process proved to be a rewarding learning opportunity for graduate student editors and authors alike.

Il s'agit de ma seconde édition en tant qu'éditrice-en-chef de *Potentia*. Je suis tellement fière du travail accompli et d'avoir eu la chance de travailler avec une équipe aussi fantastique. Merci beaucoup! Ma bonne étoile ne s'arrête pas là et il me faut souligner l'assistance et le soutien d'Isabelle Kirsch et Dr. Roland Paris du CÉPI. Merci encore pour l'opportunité d'avoir été éditrice-en-chef et pour votre soutien dans ce projet. C'est toujours un privilège de travailler avec vous. L'expérience de créer *Potentia* était dynamique, enrichissante, et intéressante et je suis reconnaissante d'avoir eu cette occasion durant mes deux années à l'Université d'Ottawa. J'ai énormément appris à propos de la procédure éditoriale et de la collection d'articles de recherche que j'ai lue. J'espère que les lecteurs de *Potentia* apprécieront les articles retenus autant que j'ai aimé travailler sur ce projet. Ce sont des articles fascinants et des auteurs perspicaces. Je suis heureuse de partager notre journal et j'ai hâte de voir l'avenir de *Potentia* dans les années prochaines.

Thank you again to everyone who assisted with this year's publication and best of luck to those taking over in the coming few years. It is a wonderful endeavor. Thank you to those who are reading *Potentia*. I hope that the work we have published will inspire further scholarly inquiry from graduate students and provide thought-provoking reading for all those who pick up a copy.

Bien sincèrement,

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