

Editorial

“If you have ten thousand regulations you destroy all respect for the law.”

Wiston Churchill

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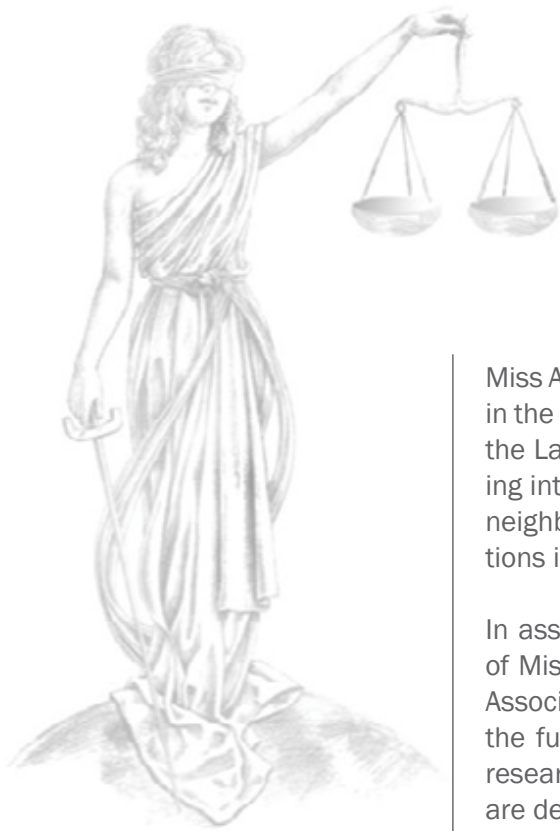
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With the second edition of EAFIT Journal of International Law we close our first year of activities. It has been a time full of challenges and success. We are now registered in the Colombian official database for electronic publications. We ought to thank the Law School and the Research Division of EAFIT University for their support.

The last year of the XXI century's first decade has been full of events that are very significant for International Law: Australia, Japan, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Niger are some of the States involved in cases before the ICJ; Israel, US and North Korea still undergo military tensions; UN, EU, WTO and ASEAN are currently some of the most active organizations in economic, social and political issues. Although the international system evolves and the creation of rules proliferates, the consequence of Mr Churchill quote is still accurate in terms of the importance of a legal system based on principles. Thus, publications like ours observe and comment the principles behind the current dynamics.

For this edition we received an important number of submissions. They included graduate and undergraduate students, professors from Colombian universities and other universities in Latin-American. The outcome of the selection is rewarding as the publication reveals.

Professor Calle-Cook wrote an article on “International Trade Law and Emerging Trade-Related Issues: The case of Animal Welfare Concerns” based in her research experience in Switzerland and Colombia. The text deals with the narrow relationship between international trade and other topics less commented in International Law.



Miss Ana Maria Guerrero wrote the article “Does Colombia participate in the Law of the Sea?” where she describes traditional institutions of the Law of the Sea and the Colombian approach to the system. Taking into consideration the cases presented to the ICJ by Colombian’s neighbors, the document profiles some clues of the Colombian actions in the matter.

In association with EAFIT Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, the article of Miss Melissa Eusse on “The Process of Institutionalization of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: Evolution and Prospects for the future in East Asian Regionalism”, is the result of a consistent research process that builds upon her recent experience in Asia. We are delighted to publish her considerations on ASEAN.

Finally, fulfilling the requirement of our readers we ask Mr. Felipe Pino to translate into Spanish his article on “NATO in Kosovo: operation allied force viewed from the core principles of jus in bello”. The article was published in our first volume and it has been subject of study in International Law courses this year. Thus, with the Spanish version more students from the Law School and other universities will have access to his analysis about the complex situation Kosovo went through.

I would like to thank all the authors and in particular the readers of our publication and encourage them to share their comments with us.