Dear Readers,

I am delighted to be writing this note for the Groningen Journal of International Law’s (GroJIL) Vol. 02 Issue 1: International Energy and Environmental Law. This is an extremely important topic of current interest and controversy in international law, which is undergoing constant development and reform.

As GroJIL is geared towards academic innovation and development, the aim of this issue is to highlight some of the past, current and desirable changes taking place within energy and environmental law, as well as the various challenges it faces as an emerging field of international law. We hope to provide a platform for experts in the field to deliver their reflections and suggest possible solutions to the problems encountered in this area. Contributions range from an assessment of the obstacles to be overcome when energy law has to deal with international investment law, to the most appropriate method for regulating carbon emissions in transnational supply chains. As such, the approach of the articles in the present issue also differ, and include perspectives from law and governance, human rights, international investment law and dispute resolution.

I am extremely proud to be publishing this issue of GroJIL, which, according to trend, is our largest issue yet. After several adjustments in GroJIL’s internal structure, we have secured a sustainable and effective editing process carried out by our ever-growing number of committed editors. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our editors for their continued work and dedication to the Journal. I hope that in the future, the Journal will continue to benefit from the hard work of such individuals. The Editorial Board has again been unquestioningly dedicated throughout the whole editing process. I cannot thank them enough for their invaluable efforts and unstoppable work ethic.

In the six months that have passed since the publication of GroJIL’s latest issue, the Stichting has become more and more established within and outside of Groningen. We are very grateful for the valuable support of the Department of International and Constitutional Law at the University of Groningen without which our most recent success, our first public guest lecture, would not have been possible.

Led by the Promotional Director, the recently established Events Committee hosted an engaging lecture on Human Trafficking, the topic of GroJIL’s Vol. 01 Issue 2. The commitment of the Events Committee in the organisation of this lecture was evident in the event’s success, with two guest speakers, Judge Kees Klomp and Ms. Nicole Siller, attracting a large audience. I have no doubt that the Committee’s next event will be as successful as the first.

Developments in the Journal since our last publication have not only been in terms of content and our presence in the academic community. We have also made some important developments in our online presence, particularly within social media. In March, GroJIL’s new-and-improved website (groningenjil.com) was launched. Thanks to the Events Committee, we are now also the proud owners of active Instagram and Twitter accounts. These changes are particularly relevant given the topic of GroJIL’s next issue: Vol. 02, Issue 2 on Privacy in International Law. I look forward to working with the editors, Editorial Board and future participants on what promises to be yet again our largest issue to date.

Happy reading!

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