Dear Readers,

The Groningen Journal of International Law (GroJIL) is proud to publish its Issue No. 2: Human Trafficking in International Law. As President and Editor-in-Chief of GroJIL, I am extremely proud that our Editorial Board and our Editing and Language Review Committees have worked so hard to produce GroJIL’s largest issue to date.

This issue addresses human trafficking, an area of law which we believe is in great need of development. We are very pleased to have received five contributions for this issue, touching upon different aspects of human trafficking in international law. The articles focus on a wide range of specific topics, *inter alia* trafficking on the high seas, the detrimental effects that having been a victim of human trafficking can have in domestic criminal law cases, and the trafficking of human organs. It is evident from the articles that the phenomenon of human trafficking has very wide-ranging effects, both within society as a whole, and in relation to individual victims. We hope, through this issue, to bring to light some of the prominent challenges associated with current laws relating to human trafficking. For example, problems regarding the enforcement of anti-trafficking laws, their ability to effectively protect (potential) victims of human trafficking, or the need for such laws to be reformed. Moreover, we hope to highlight the potential solutions proposed by our authors.

The Journal is not only growing in terms of its publication size, however. Over the last few months, GroJIL has welcomed several new participants, including two new Editorial Board members. We are very excited to be making such progress, and we continue to take steps to extend the reach of GroJIL within the academic community. For example, GroJIL will shortly be establishing an Events Committee, to organise discussion events, amongst others, focused on the topic of the current issue. Having organised a successful event relating to Issue No. 1, Drones in International Law, we feel confident that this will provide members of GroJIL, as well as our local academic community, with an opportunity to reflect upon and debate the Journal’s latest issue.

I am extremely grateful to all of the participants in the Journal for contributing towards and producing such a successful issue of GroJIL. In particular, I would like to thank our authors for their fantastic contributions, and their enthusiasm in participating in GroJIL. Without such support, it would not be possible for the Journal to fulfil its goal of providing innovative articles to try to push forwards the frontiers of international law.

I am very much looking forward to working together with all of our members to publish the first issue of GroJIL’s second volume, the topic of which is International Energy and Environmental law. This relatively new area of law is in constant need of development, and is raising many difficulties. We hope, through the next issue, to address and suggest solutions for some of these dilemmas.

On behalf of GroJIL,

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MISSION
The Groningen Journal of International Law aims to promote knowledge, innovation and development. It seeks to achieve this by serving as a catalyst for author-generated ideas about where international law should or could move in order for it to successfully address the challenges of the 21st century. To this end, each issue of the Journal is focused on a current and relevant topic of international law.

The Journal aims to become a recognised platform for legal innovation and problem-solving with the purpose of developing and promoting the rule of international law through engaging analysis, innovative ideas, academic creativity, and exploratory scholarship.

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The Groningen Journal of International Law is not a traditional journal, which means that the articles we accept are not traditional either. We invite writers to focus on what the law could be or should be, and to apply their creativity in presenting solutions, models and theories that in their view would strengthen the role and effectiveness of international law, however it may come to be defined.

To this end, the Journal requires its authors to submit articles written in an exploratory and non-descriptive style. For general queries or for information regarding submissions, visit www.grojil.org or contact groningenjil@gmail.com.

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