

FOREWORD

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Dear Reader,

This year's submissions to the sixth edition of our undergraduate journal reflect its title, dialogue, more than ever before. A dialogue is more than just a conversation; it is an exchange of diverse ideas or opinions with the goal of seeking deeper understanding. Our submissions cover a range of dialogue-worthy topics.

The Tower Center Student Forum sponsored and facilitated two of these papers through our policy research committees. The first is an analysis of the repercussions of U.S. actions in Iraq and the second is a comparison of women's healthcare policies in Texas and in Denmark. Notably, half of this year's publications focus on East Asia. This reflects the Tower Center's growing emphasis on the region with its Sun & Star Program on Japan and East Asia.

We believe this edition of dialogue will engage and challenge readers more than any other. Each student paper presents a unique approach to history and politics, a thought-provoking research analysis, and an unconventional argument. As the Tower Center continues to expand its opportunities and increase the quality of its programs, we are proud that the Tower Center Student Forum is progressing at an equal pace. With that, we optimistically look to the future of our undergraduate journal.

Please enjoy this edition of dialogue.

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