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## Editor's Note

It is my pleasure to introduce you to the sixth volume of Memorial University's political science journal, Mapping Politics. This journal has become a staple of the Political Science Department's endeavours to help students both present their work in publication form and improve upon their skills at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Once again, as in the past, there are several pieces from the department's undergraduate program, as well as an increased presence from the MA in Political Science program and interdisciplinary work. Each article went through a stringent peer-review process as well as revision.

Like those published in previous years, this edition holds true to many of the essential components encountered by students in political science in a variety of fields. A strong presence of research in international politics, both theoretical and practical, that ranges from Eastern Europe to Latin America to China, complements the diversity of work from students in areas such as political thought and comparative politics. Each and every article has demonstrated itself as not only as an informative and enlightening piece but also as one on the cusp of new and emerging areas of concern and inquiry.

Any publication once it is completed and read by the public and peers often does not show in plain sight the sum of the efforts and time dedicated that make it a reality. Recognizing this fact, a special thank you to all of those who helped to make this publication possible is beyond necessary and indeed is much deserved. Firstly, to the members of the selection panel, who put in much of the leg-work in providing constructive comments, feedback, and suggestions for the articles; your skills were of immense value and support in this final product. Secondly, to the Political Science Department as well as the Political Science Society at Memorial University, I must thank both for their support in making this project a continuous reality year after year. And finally, to Dr. Amanda Bittner who, despite numerous other priorities and commitments this past year, always made time to provide guidance to an editor who often was full of eager questions.

I hope that reading the journal is a pleasurable experience and in its pages you find that the talent at Memorial University is absolutely at the forefront of their field. By reading the journal you provide your own form of support and especially to the students reading this, consider submitting your work in future editions to continue this great tradition and to demonstrate both to your peers and anyone else the remarkable work you are doing in the Political Science Department.

Michael Kelly

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## About the Selection Panel

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