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## Letter from the Editors

Welcome to Volume 10 of *Mapping Politics*!

We are pleased to present the work of authors from Memorial University and Dalhousie University. Topics for this issue ranged from desalination technology in Israel to the role of national institutions in structuring Brazil's biofuel sector to understanding mining regulations through a constructivist lens to the role of the dollar in the global economy. Our authors tackle their topics with nuanced, fine-tuned arguments, showcasing their scholarship as both relevant and informative. As such, *Mapping Politics* enters the new decade posing questions and exploring answers to matters of great importance; we could not have hoped for better.

With great delight and honor, we worked with the authors, volunteers, and academic faculty to present this issue of the journal. We applaud the hard work, dedication, and scholarship of our authors as well as that of the review panel members who aided the process of producing cogent, well-structured, papers. Without their constructive and critical feedback, the journal would not have made it this far. We also celebrate the legacy of past authors and faculty and encourage readers to review the insightful arguments found in previous volumes.

The first volume of *Mapping Politics*, established in 2009, was published under the leadership and guidance of Jillian Terry and volunteer reviewers. Dr. Amanda Bittner, the founding faculty advisor, provided students with the opportunity to grow as scholars of political science, and engage their work by enhancing their critical thinking skills and gaining a wider audience for their ideas. As such, the journal has, throughout these years, maintained true to its fundamental goal: helping students improve the quality of their writing.

We thank Dr. Valerie Vezina, who assisted us with the French translations of our marketing and promotional materials, and Juanita Lawrence from Memorial University's Department of Political Science, who continuously helps the editors with promoting the journal. Furthermore, we are grateful to the faculty members at Memorial University and at other universities who encouraged their students to submit their work to *Mapping Politics*. We also thank Dr. Russell Williams, the journal's faculty advisor, who champions helping students grow as scholars and whose sound advice assists the growth of the future political scientists of Canada and beyond.

As Editors, we have gained invaluable experience at *Mapping Politics*, and are grateful for the opportunity to examine arguments from different viewpoints. We extend our thanks to all who submitted papers and to Memorial University for the opportunity to grow as leaders and fellow scholars of our peers across Canada. Finally, to our readers, we express our appreciation for the time taken to consider this issue of *Mapping Politics* and encourage future and current students to submit their work in the volumes to come.

Best regards,

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## **About the Journal**

*Mapping Politics*, a student-led journal, is hosted by the Department of Political Science at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador. We currently accept submissions in all areas of political science and related fields from undergraduate and master's students at universities throughout Canada.

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