

## Editor's Note

Welcome to the inaugural volume of **Mapping Politics**, Memorial University's student journal featuring the work of students and recent graduates in the Department of Political Science. As you peruse the journal, either online or in its paper format, you will be able to observe the breadth of research being undertaken by students in the department, covering the political spectrum from local issues to Canadian politics to international relations and everything in between. Myself and the entire editorial team were excited and impressed by all of the nearly forty submissions we received this winter, and our peer-reviewers on the selection panel made it clear that their decisions on which papers to include in the journal were indeed difficult ones.

We believe that the issues discussed within the pages of this volume of the journal are thought provoking, innovative, and hope they may even promote further research on the topics. Discussions of Cambodian nationalism and theoretical considerations on St. John's recycling programs intermingle letting you, the readers, create a mental roadmap of where politics and the study of political science is headed in the future. As students of the discipline, we are on its front lines, seeking out the newest and most provocative insights into our field of interest. Thus, the articles you see published here are not only novel, but often represent a glimpse of what political science research will look like in the years ahead.

It is, of course, necessary to thank those who provided us with the opportunity to get our ideas heard. It is oftentimes difficult for students to find an appropriate venue for their best work, and **Mapping Politics** serves as just that. Its publication would certainly not have been possible without the generous support of the Department of Political Science at Memorial University, as well as the undergraduate students' union (MUNSU) and the Political Science students' society. Thanks also to Lisa Goddard and the Queen Elizabeth II library for their assistance in the electronic publication of this journal, as well as to faculty advisor Dr. Amanda Bittner for her continual encouragement during what has been a lengthy and intensive project of realizing the journal's publication.

We hope you enjoy this first volume of **Mapping Politics**, and highly encourage you to submit a paper to next year's publication if you are reading as a student or recent graduate, so that the political map we have created will become even bigger and better next time around.

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