

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Commemoration

Introduction

As *The Yale Journal of International Law* and its predecessors, *Yale Studies in World Public Order* and *The Yale Journal of World Public Order*, mark twenty-five years of publication, we pause to look back on the history of the *Journal*. We would like to share with our readers W. Michael Reisman's address delivered at *YJIL*'s twenty-fifth anniversary banquet, a list of the publications' ten most-cited works to this point, and a collection of commentaries for the first five pieces on this list. In this collection, there is a commentary from the author of each piece and from a legal scholar engaged in research in the field. The commentaries evaluate the initial pieces and their impact, taking into account the developments in international law since the time the pieces were published. It is hoped that this perspective on the *Journal*'s past, in both the address and the commentaries, will be of interest not only for those with close ties to *YJIL*, but for those following the development of international legal scholarship more broadly.

The twenty-fifth anniversary also gives *YJIL* an opportunity to express our gratitude to all those whose contributions make its publication possible. First, we thank the Yale Law School for its support. We are grateful that the administration recognizes the significance of student journals to the development of legal scholarship and the process of legal education. We are also highly appreciative of the assistance we receive from the law school's Business Office, particularly through the work of Barbara Johnson and Joseph Lynch.

The law school faculty is another integral source of support to *YJIL*. We are indebted to the international law professors at Yale both for their support of *YJIL* and for their teaching. We were delighted that Professor Reisman, who has encouraged the *Journal* from the beginning, delivered remarks at our celebratory banquet. The law library staff provide tremendous assistance with difficult and essential details of our operation, from locating obscure foreign sources to locating space for sourcecites. Daniel Wade has a particularly longstanding relationship with *YJIL*, having written our Noteworthy New Titles section from 1989 to 1992. We also would like to express our appreciation to Fred Shapiro for compiling the list of our most-cited articles.

Most importantly, we want to thank all the editors who have worked on the *Journal* during its twenty-five years. Each individual's work has been essential to producing a publication that furthers international legal scholarship. The editors' efforts often go unnoticed, and it is unfortunate that they are too numerous to name individually here. We would like to mention that we were pleased to have the former editors-in-chief Eisuke Suzuki, Patrick DeSouza, and Carl Liederman join us at the anniversary banquet.

Finally, there would be nothing to commemorate had it not been for the dedication of Eisuke Suzuki, the founder of the *Yale Studies in World Public Order*, and those who worked with him on the first editorial board. Their wisdom in developing a journal for the study of international law and its underlying policy has been reaffirmed with each issue *YJIL* publishes.