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A LETTER FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

We are proud to present the fifth edition of *HiPo: The Langara Student Journal of History and Political Science*. The process of putting this edition of the journal together has been a valuable learning experience for editors and authors alike, offering us all a glimpse into the (rather rigorous) world of academic publishing. The papers which have been selected this year cover three broad subjects: the intellectual history of Islam; the impact of war and environmental crises on modern European states and their politics; and the notion of sovereignty in modern Canada.

This is the second edition of the journal to have been put together during the global Covid-19 pandemic. Understandably, these conditions have produced new obstacles for us all—as a result, the editorial team which has come out the other side is a small one. Still, this small team has persevered and put together a journal that we can all be proud of. Of course, all that effort would have been in vain if it were not for the vital guidance and assistance provided by Dr. Michael Fulton, along with the support of the History, Latin, and Political Science Department as a whole. But most of all we must thank our contributing authors, whose hard work and scholarship have produced the papers which fill the pages of this journal.

NICK HALME, GIGI WATSON, AND DAESHA YOUNG

A LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

One of the greatest privileges that I have as department chair is the opportunity to write an introductory letter of congratulations to the team who produce *HiPo*. This year, the team have continued to work diligently, despite the ongoing limitations of the pandemic, to produce yet another outstanding issue. Within these pages you will find excellent discussions of a wide range of topics, most of which are directly relevant to concerns that face us in today's world. As always, I would like to extend sincerest congratulations and heartfelt thanks, on behalf of both myself and the department, to the team, the contributors, and the faculty advisors who have worked so hard on this volume. As the journal reaches its five-year anniversary, we also continue to be grateful to the college administration for their ongoing support, and look forward to many more issues to come in the future.

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