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Letter from the Editor

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Dear Reader:

The world seemingly grows more complex with each passing day. This complexity is particularly apparent within the legal fields of immigration and refugee law. As more people cross borders around the globe seeking safety and refugee from war, poverty, violence, and climate change, the need for a dedicated publication on these issues only grows. Seeing this need, students at American University Washington College of Law have collaborated to publish the *Refugee Law & Migration Studies Brief* with the aim of collecting articles on varied subjects unified by the theme of human migration.

This inaugural issue presents articles from practitioner and student writers on subjects such as the advancement of migrant rights through local government initiatives, the effectiveness of the European Union Agency for Asylum in Greek refugee hotspots, comparative treatment of Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and a circuit split over the inclusion of “Guatemalan women” as a particular social group to claim refugee status.

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Sincerely,

Isabella Zink
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