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## **INTRODUCTION**

# **EMERGING CHALLENGES IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

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We are delighted to present this year's publication of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, which includes two of the best essays in English and in Spanish recognized in the 2019 Human Rights Essay Award competition. A third winning essay will be included in Volume 35, Issue 3. It is satisfying to think that this competition allowed a number of participants an opportunity to expound their thoughts on so many important topics and areas of the world. We hope these participants are able to use their articles as mechanisms for change.

The quality of the essays was outstanding, making the final decision difficult. We would like to recognize everyone that participated in the competition and mainly the two winners, Lillian Robb from the Netherlands and Tomas Ignacio Pascual from Chile. In addition, a final decision would not be possible without the exceptional work from the members of the Honor Jury who read and evaluated the articles.

The goal of this publication and of the competition is to provide an academic venue for scholarly legal writing by human rights experts and activists. By publishing their work, we seek to contribute quality legal writings on particular topics of relevance to the development of this dynamic area of the law. The book also reflects the diversity of

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cultures and languages that characterizes our interconnected world. By publishing articles in English and Spanish, we enhance and broaden the voices that shape international human rights and humanitarian law in the future.

We want to thank Frank E. Waliczek, Editor-in-Chief, and Raymond Navarro, Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Book Editor, of the *American University International Law Review* (AUILR), for their dedication and hard work, which make this project a reality. Publishing in two languages is especially demanding and we would like to recognize the efforts put forth by the AUILR staff in this project. It is imperative to acknowledge the vision of its editors to foresee that the future of the international community rests on our ability to enrich our views with other people's ideas and cultures.

Finally, we want to thank the AUILR staff and volunteers who diligently worked throughout this endeavor.