

## EDITORIAL

As the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic sweeps the world, the international community has begun to pay more attention to “vaccine diplomacy” to initiate a global health governance regime. China already launched the “consul application” to set up a “new platform for healthy, safe and orderly human interactions” in the context of the “Health Silk Road.” China blames the US for its vaccine monopoly, actually providing Sinovac and Sinopharm vaccines for more than 80 developing countries. China’s action is based on positive “moral realism” for reshuffling the current global alliance system to be a truly leading country in the post Covid-19 world. Responding to China’s proactive pandemic diplomacy, the US advocates waiving the IP rights to the vaccines to share them with its allies in Asia and Europe more easily. The US and China already anticipate a global competition in the post-pandemic era which is reminiscent of the Cold War of the previous century. In this changing period, a primary role of international law is to set up normative templates to fill the power vacuum for peace in future generations.

This issue addresses Competing Maritime Jurisdiction under the UNCLOS as the thematic subject. Mr. Jiancui Qi and Professor Pengfei Zhang review State Jurisdiction over Ships at Sea with special references to Enforcement Failures and Remedies. Professor Ngo Huu Phuoc discusses Compulsory Dispute Settlement Entailing Binding Decisions under the UNCLOS in case of Vietnam. The <Articles> section contains two research papers. Professor Hae Kyung Kim tackles State Terrorism as a Mechanism for Acts of Violence against Individuals focusing on some assassination cases. Two young lawyers, Mr. Mujeeb Emami & Ms. Rehna Gul examine Diversity in the Formulation of Fair and Equitable Treatment in International Investment Agreements. The <Regional Focus & Controversies> section deals with Pandemic Diplomacy for the post Covid-19 era. Dr. Xinxiang Shi & Professor Xiaou Zheng co-author The Obligations of China and the Role of International Law in the Context of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Professor Hazmi Rusli and other authors investigate Securing Malaysia’s Borders from Covid-19: Legal Considerations to the Influx of Rohingya Migrants. In the <Student Contribution> section, Mr. Chandaphan Suwijak authors the Legal Challenges to the Construction and Operation of Small Satellite Constellations with Dr. Shouping Li. In the <East Asian Observer> section, Professor John Riley addresses A Multilateral Approach to Investor-State Dispute Settlement

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