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FROM THE EDITOR

As Carolina's campus fully blooms, I am reminded of all the hopeful turning points in world history that have happened in the spring. There is something inspiring about the warmer weather, conversations in nature, and longer, sunnier days after winter. To me, this particular change in season is a reminder that even in a world with chaotic and often tragic events, there are reasons to hope that people, including students, have agency to improve lives around the world.

In this Spring 2023 issue of the Journal of Foreign Affairs at Carolina, our undergraduate authors and editors have yet again collaborated to bring fascinating and thoughtful analyses of global affairs to our campus readership. The articles analyze lasting legacies of history ("Power, Ideology, and Human Rights," "The Strength of Democracy in Argentina"), recent political and economic trends ("The Power of the Press," "Brexit"), and contemporary debates ("Two Perspectives on Civilian Nuclear Energy").

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Sincerely,

Hannah Rubenstein

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Editor-in-Chief

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