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This issue completes volume 36 of the *International Journal of Legal Information*. The issue does not adhere to any particular theme, though it is full of interesting reading material. The *International Journal of Legal Information* endeavors to bring you the world. Accordingly, in this issue there are articles that focus on the whole of South and Southeast Asia, Ghana, India, and even the world's oceans.

There are four feature articles. The first is a thought piece that anchors the whole issue. Authored by **Diane Desierto**, the article reviews the nature of legal discourse in one of the most vital and dynamic regions in the world. According to Desierto, "Postcolonialism in South and Southeast Asian conceptions of international law is an ongoing dialectical project of re-visioning international legal thought and its normative directions – towards identifying, collocating, and applying South and Southeast Asian values and philosophical traditions alongside the Euro-American ideologies." This is fascinating, important stuff. Read it.

Following Desierto's article is a piece co-authored by **Emmanuel Darkey** and **Harry Akullah** on the complex nature of copyright law and its effects on libraries in developing regions, specifically Ghana. The article is a companion piece to an article authored by Darkey in issue 36.1 that focused on law library services and collections in Ghana.

The next article in this issue of the IJLI is written by **Rebecca Farrer**. It explores microfinance initiatives (MFI) from a couple of key perspectives, emphasizing the human rights issues embedded in these initiatives. The emphasis of MFI programs on women in developing countries leads Farrer to consider the programs in terms of women's rights and indigenous rights. She also discusses MFI as an approach to poverty in terms of economic rights.

The issue is rounded out by a fine bibliography by **Amy Burchfield**. Burchfield's bibliography focuses on whales and international whaling. Whaling is a perennial issue among many countries. It is highly controversial and fraught with legal, ethical, logistical, and diplomatic issues. Burchfield's bibliography is a recommended resource for anyone doing research in this area of the law.

Of course, we also have our two regular segments: Book Reviews and the International Calendar. **Thomas Mills** has edited a number of book reviews that will help you identify items as suggested reading or for collection development purposes. I am pleased to announce that **Aslihan Bulut** has joined the editorial staff, stepping into the shoes formerly occupied by **Lyonette Louis-Jacques**. She will continue to collect and edit the International Calendar. Ms. Bulut is enthusiastic, a delight to work with, and we welcome her to the editorial staff.

There is something in these pages for everyone. I hope you enjoy this issue!

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