

Editorial

The *Human Rights Law Commentary* is an annual on-online journal produced and edited by students within the School of Law at the University of Nottingham. It publishes outstanding academic work and offers its wider academic and professional readers informed, articulate opinions on current international human rights issues. The Commentary is legally oriented; centred around human rights practice and related disciplines.

Due to increased internet accessibility, online journals have become essential for students, practitioners and academics alike. This easy access allows a global audience to benefit from the latest research and developments in the field of human rights law.

In this edition of the *Commentary*, we sought to cast light on some of the most pressing and important human rights concerns worldwide. Thanks to the contributions of legal and human rights practitioners and students from around globe, we have been able to cover human rights issues in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

The 2006 *Commentary* presents timely, thematic articles ranging from global to regional and country specific issues. It begins with a review of the potential of humanitarian intervention on the basis of state responsibility. The second article moves to a discussion of the rights of migrant domestic workers in the Middle East. The third article addresses the need for the Security Council to expand its role in the promotion of human security as a part of the larger human rights regime. The fourth article exposes gaps in the implementation of the rights of the child in Northern Ireland. In the fifth article, the author uses Peru's past anti-terrorism legislation to exemplify the danger inherent in current state efforts to combat terrorism. The next article examines the pivotal role of human rights NGOs in regional human rights courts. The final article addresses the arbitrary discrimination against 'criminal tribes' in India.

We, the members of the Editorial Board, also reflect a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. We strongly hope through this commentary to meet the ambitions and aspirations of our readers worldwide, and to initiate a healthy set of discourses and debates around the issues touched on within.

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Sincerely,

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