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In October, The Fletcher School will celebrate the 75th anniversary of opening its doors to the first class of students in 1933. To join this celebration, we at *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs* have chosen to mark the occasion with works by alumni authors. From the full-length features to the books being reviewed, each contribution to this *Forum* is written by a member of the Fletcher community, with representation from the Class of 1957 through the Class of 2006.

The pieces in this issue are a mere sampling of the work carried out every day in the United States and across the globe by the thousands of Fletcher alumni in the private sector, in public service, in international organizations, and in non-profits, charitable institutions, and foundations. We recognize that these sectors intersect in a very practical and necessary way. This shines through in the pieces selected for this issue in every field from conflict resolution to communications, security, law, and development.

Leading this issue is a forecast of Fletcher's 100th anniversary by **PETER ACKERMAN**, Chairman of the Board of Overseers. The author applauds the consistency of Fletcher through the decades as well as its ability to grow in response to new challenges. In addition, we interviewed five very diverse alumni: Syrian peace activist **HIND KABAWAT**, the World Health Organization's **KINGSLEY MOGHALU**, President of The Juilliard School **JOSEPH W. POLISI**, Foreign Minister of the Maldives **ABDULLA SHAHID**, and Admiral **JAMES G. STAVRIDIS** of the United States Navy.

Our feature articles raise issues by authors **STEPHEN J. DEL ROSSO** on globalization's impact on philanthropy, **ROBERT FARIS** and **BRUCE ETLING** on information technology's role in democratization, **DAVID L. LARSON** on the balance of power in the U.S. political structure, and **SUZANNE MALONEY** on U.S. policy toward Iran. The shorter "Perspectives" pieces bring to light the particular expertise of **DANIEL E. DOYLE, JR.** on sports diplomacy, **ELISABETH HOFFMAN** on culturally specific reconciliation models, and **WILLIAM F. S. MILES** on the U.S. security interest in West Africa.

Finally, two alumni authors, **ANGELA KACHUYEVSKI** and **SEA THOMAS**, have reviewed recent publications authored by fellow Fletcher alumni. The first is by Ana Trbovich on the dissolution of Yugoslavia; the second is by James Holmes and Toshi Yoshihara on China's growing naval presence.

The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs dedicates this issue to alumni far and wide who have contributed in myriad and necessary ways to international affairs. Of course, we look forward to hearing from our readers by e-mail, letter, and phone. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the compilation in this current issue of *The Forum* and we encourage you to visit our website for selections from this and past issues.

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