On behalf of the entire editorial staff, it is my pleasure to present the 35th anniversary edition of the Fletcher Forum of World Affairs. Over the past three-and-a-half decades, we have provided analysis and insight on the most pressing issues of the day. Our pages have been graced by luminaries and academic heavyweights from Kofi Annan and Susan Rice to Tom Lantos, Alex de Waal, and Gareth Evans. Today, I am proud to continue this great Fletcher tradition and unveil Issue 35.1.

We begin with an examination of the diplomatic future of the European Union after the Lisbon Treaty, in conversations with Baroness Catherine Ashton, high representative of the Union for foreign affairs and security policy, and Ambassador João Vale de Almeida, the head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States. Historian, analyst, and journalist Thomas de Waal completes our European coverage with a discussion of foreign involvement in the South Caucasus.

Jarret Brachman, counterterrorism expert and managing director of Cronus Global, teams with Alix Levine, analyst for the Anti-Defamation League, to explore the phenomenon that is Anwar al-Awlaki, the latest and greatest celebrity jihadist, and his role in the radicalization of potential terrorists through mass media. The other side of public diplomacy is the subject of a piece by Katherine Brown and Tom Glaisyer, both from Columbia University, as they offer advice on strengthening U.S. statecraft.

An unlikely trio of states and their diverse circumstances are featured in three separate pieces on India, Haiti, and Venezuela. John Ciorciari, professor at the University of Michigan’s Ford School of Public Policy, reviews India’s quest for great-power status and the global implications for a fragile region. Brendan McNulty, a fellow at the Inter-American Development Bank, covers post-disaster education in Haiti, while Venezuelan journalist Alejandro Tarre details relations between Hugo Chávez and the legislative branch in the context of Venezuela’s September elections.

Josef Ackermann, chairman of the management board and the group executive committee of Deutsche Bank, returns our focus to the global level with an introspective take on the future of the financial system and the challenges it holds. Particularly apropos to the financial sector is a piece by Astier Almedom, a professor at The Fletcher School, on the nature of resilience. David Carment and Yiagadeesen Samy, of Carleton College, complete our features with an in-depth examination of the Millennium Development Goals as a metric for fragile states, and Amy Woolf, of the Congressional Research Service, rounds out the issue with her review of The Twilight of the Bombs, the latest offering from Richard Rhodes.

I hope you will find this issue as informative and useful as I have. If a particular piece resonates with you, I invite you to share your opinion by submitting a letter to the editor. Producing a journal is not an easy task, and without a strong team it would be impossible. Thank you to the administration, faculty, and staff of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, the writers who contributed to this issue, and to the entire editorial team at the Forum—especially our miracle-working Managing Editors, Elise Crane and Tim Ridout.

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