

Preface

Each year, PRAXIS undergoes a rebirth of editing staff, publication ideas, and emerging issues in human security. Our goal this year was to select articles based on their contributions to field research, their exploration of new relationships across human security topics, and the quality with which the authors communicated ideas.

For the creation of this year's PRAXIS, we focus on Africa's search for justice and development. The articles contained in this section contribute to the understanding of international involvement in African development, post-conflict justice and understanding, and the plight of refugees in seeking empowerment and fairness.

Emil Nagengast, Associate Professor of Politics at Juniata College, explores the relevance of the African Union (AU) for improving human rights and good governance on the African continent. Corinne Self, a second-year Master's degree student at The Fletcher School, looks at the expanded efforts to harmonize and coordinate international aid following the Rwandan genocide. Also, in Rwanda, Jessica Walker-Keleher, a Ph.D. candidate at Fletcher, conducted field research in assessing the role of that country's education system in aiding the diffusion of racial stereotypes that supported the internal conflict. Finally, Cristina Remond, a Research Officer with the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, investigates Somali refugees living in Kenya as they try to thwart domestic violence and improve their overall human security.

Collectively, these articles and the other articles presented in our twenty-first edition of PRAXIS illustrate a 21st century outlook on human security—incorporating perspectives of development, health, international aid, nation-building, and the environment. We hope that PRAXIS serves as a springboard for further discussion, research and discovery into the complexities of human security.

Thank you to the Senior Editors and Staff Editors who worked tirelessly in selecting and editing the articles presented in this year's edition and to Professor Uvin for your guidance throughout this process, and thank you to the authors for contributing your ideas, talent and research to the advancement of human security studies.

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