

PREFACE

2007's Volume XI of the Singapore Year Book of International Law continues to provide a platform for Asian, Southeast Asian, Singapore and international scholarship. It maintains our aim of publishing engaging and significant pieces on issues of international law of contemporary regional and international interest.

The articles for this year's volume cover the latest developments on the prohibition of force and the law of state responsibility. Sir Michael Wood, formerly Legal Adviser to the U.K. Foreign and Commonwealth Office, puts his views in print while Hofmeister considers the implications of the new "terrorist harbouring" doctrine. In the trade law field, Charnovitz discusses a new trade and environment paradigm while Gao provides one of the first comprehensive surveys of China's WTO experience since the 2001 accession. Elsewhere, Zou provides a rare and useful overview of the evolution and development of South China Sea studies in China, and Patel reviews the recommendations made in recent decades to enhance the effectiveness of the International Court of Justice.

In the Notes section, we have incisive, expert commentary from Briggs on a noteworthy Singapore private international law ruling, a highly informed account of the WTO's latest FTA transparency requirements by Jo-Ann Crawford of the secretariat, and two new authors—Adeyeye and Jones—writing on corporate social responsibility under international law and the English House of Lords decision in *Jones v. Saudi Arabia*, respectively.

Two familiar scholars, Duxbury and Linton publish their latest research in the ASEAN Features section. Duxbury applies a theoretical lens in her discussion of ASEAN's contemporary approach to international dispute settlement while Linton assesses Cambodia's Extraordinary Chambers.

The Year Book also continues its mission of providing a resource on developments in Singapore in the Regular Features section. Our aim has again been to provide a comprehensive overview of such developments in relation to both public and private international law, and to provide timely analyses of the latest Singapore judicial rulings on international commercial arbitration.

The current editorial board has now served continuously for four years from the inception of the Year Book and the time has come for new leadership and a new team. In addition to our authors this year, we would like to thank Tey Tsun Hang, the Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Michael Ewing-Chow, Jolene Lin and the other executive, non-executive and associate editors of SYBIL as well as the Dean and Faculty of Law at the National University of Singapore. Their efforts and unflinching support have again made this year's volume possible.

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