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ON THE COVER

To some, the Italian flag waving above the Mediterranean Sea is a symbol of home,
and to others, a symbol of refuge.

A LETTER FROM

THE EDITORS

The third issue of the UCSC Journal of International Society and Culture was completed by a completely remote team of editors scattered throughout the world. Our team had to quickly evolve into a dynamic virtual operation without sacrificing the quality of our work. The journal was always created to be a collaborative and innovative space to showcase exemplary student scholarship and this issue is no different. However, we want to acknowledge and validate the real and heavy burdens that this pandemic has inflicted upon our campus community, our authors, and our editorial team.

In addition to being students, employees, and editors, many of our staff members were suddenly caregivers, babysitters, and educators. The ability for students to separate their home life and their academic life evaporated and so too did many of the physical campus resources. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated housing and food insecurity for vulnerable students and their families. But still, our amazing team continued to show up for every meeting, every call and every deadline. We really cannot overstate the dedication and collective resilience of our editing team, our authors and our advisors.

This issue will be dedicated to the memory of one of our founding advisors that sadly passed away earlier this year. Dr. Maya Karin Peterson was one of the first professors we approached when formulating the idea of this journal and she was fundamental in it's approval and growth. Her guidance, excitement, and expertise were not only crucial to our team but to cultivating an atmosphere which bolstered creative student scholarship. Many of our editors began as young writers in her history courses and we are deeply saddened by the loss of such a kind and intelligent person. Dr. Peterson contributed heavily as an advisory editor for this edition before her passing and we cannot begin to express our gratitude.

We hope that dedicating this edition to her is a small way of paying tribute to her legacy, a legacy that will live on in our future publications and in the lives of the thousands of student scholars whom she has inspired.

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