

Editorial

It has been a distinct honour to serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal* over the last seven years.

In my first editorial, I was commenting on the remarkable evolution that the field of international arbitration has undergone in the last forty years both in terms of practice and scholarship. Arbitration's evolution has intensified during the time of my editorship and has influenced the ways in which public discourse on arbitration is currently conducted. While originally the new ideas in international arbitration were mainly introduced through publication in few academic journals and reviews, today's thought-leadership takes a variety of forms. Important discussions on international arbitration are formulated at an ever-increasing number of conferences, symposia and events; keynote addresses set out thought-provoking proposals; the number of journals and reviews specializing in international arbitration has greatly proliferated; even online blogs produce short yet interesting posts. It is through all these different forms of publications that today commentators engage intellectually with the global community to develop our understandings of arbitration doctrine and practice.

As a result of the proliferation of commentators as well as of the means and forms of publication, the space of public discourse in international arbitration has become significantly crowded. I am proud that, against this evolving background, the *Journal* maintained its distinct identity, expanded its audience and continued to contribute to the practice and scholarship of arbitration. I am even prouder that the *Journal* has, all these years, been a forum of truly diverse authorship giving space to both distinguished commentators and new voices from around the world.

As I am stepping down as the *Journal's* Editor-in-Chief, I want to thank my deputy editors and the editorial board. It has been a pleasure working with them and I look forward to collaborating again in the future. More importantly, I look forward to seeing the *Journal's* continuous success under its new editorship.

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