

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The Editors of the *Maryland Journal of International Law and Trade* present the first law review issue devoted to a survey of recent literature published in international and comparative law.

The survey has been divided into three broad categories: Public International Law and International Relations, Private International Law and Comparative Law. Each of the first two categories has been subdivided into specific subject matter categories, such as "Theory and Practice of International Law," "International Relations and Economics," "Conflicts Among States and Peoples," "Land, Air and Water Use and Planning," "International Business and Trade," "International Commercial Transport," "International Monetary Law" and "Conflicts of Law and Transnational Litigation." Within some of these sub-categories, the subject matter is subdivided even further. At the end of each sub-category are squibs on books received by the *Journal* or the University of Maryland Law Library. We hope that this arrangement will enable our readers to develop their own comparative analysis of legal trends. The Editors have sought to present a survey which is diverse, not only in terms of subject matter reviewed, but also in terms of perspectives presented by the reviewers. Reviews were contributed by professors of law, professors of economics, private practitioners, government practitioners, and foreign practitioners. In total, seventy-one books have been reviewed in this survey.

The Editors hope that this issue will be the first of many *Journal* issues devoted to international and comparative literature. The Editors would like to express their gratitude to the staff and advisors of the *Journal* who supported this first effort and to the administration of the University of Maryland School of Law for their continued support. We sincerely encourage our readers to write us with any comments, criticisms, or suggestions they may have as to the substance or organization of this issue.