

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

It is a tremendous pleasure to present this year's issue of *The Atlas: Undergraduate Journal of World History*. It has been four years since the last issue was published. This past year, the History Students' Association undertook an effort to revive the undergraduate journal and ensure that its legacy continues.

The Atlas received an impressive number of submissions, covering a myriad of topics in the wide-ranging labyrinth of history. *The Atlas* Editorial Staff would like to thank all who submitted. Our selection process was very difficult, as there were a great many excellent papers, and we encourage everyone whose paper was not selected to put forward a submission next year. We were impressed by the quality of undergraduate research and writing in the humanities at UBC, and we believe that *The Atlas* exhibits this hard work and academic excellence.

As it is a humble goal of *The Atlas* to raise the profile of the study of History at UBC, this year's issue of *The Atlas* represents a broad range of historical analysis. The eclectic mix of topics and conceptual approaches is a testament to the ability of the authors. For this year's issue, the editorial staff took a multi-disciplinary approach, encouraging and accepting submissions from students from a wide variety of Arts backgrounds, including Sociology, International Relations, and Classical Studies.

We at *The Atlas* would like to acknowledge that this project could not have come together were it not for the strong encouragement and support of our sponsors, advisors, and most importantly, our fellow students. To everyone, a big 'Thank You!'

Sincerely,

Tim Burkhart, *Editor-in-Chief*

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