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## Preface

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PREFACE

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The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the University of Miami International and Comparative Law Review (ICLR) provides an opportunity for reflection on some of the ways in which international and comparative law have changed during the last quarter century. In the inaugural issue (at that time the Journal was named the University of Miami Yearbook of International Law) Victor Marroquín-Merino, the first Editor-in-Chief, wrote a Foreword, dated December 1991, in which he noted that the establishment of the review reflected the interest of University of Miami students in international law, and then-recent dramatic changes in international law:

Many Miami students... had been attracted to the University by its strong reputation as a center for research in international law. We wanted to have a journal where we could write and edit articles about the European Community, the Soviet Union, Japan, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, even Australia. International law had changed dramatically in the last few years, and there were many things we could talk about: international trade, human rights, the

environment.<sup>1</sup>

Although the name of the journal at that time referred to international law the aim was also to understand lawyers from other jurisdictions: the journal was to engage with transnational and comparative law as well as international law:

We knew that a good understanding of foreign law, especially of foreign legal terminology, would be of great help to us in our professional careers as international lawyers.<sup>2</sup>

In the years since the founding of the review the world of international and comparative law has continued to change. The articles in this anniversary issue reflect the ongoing interest of University of Miami faculty and students in international and comparative law in a changing world. In particular, the two faculty contributions to this issue, Bernard Oxman's analysis of the South China Sea Arbitration Award and Stephen Schnably's discussion of the Weaponization of Human Rights Litigation, demonstrate the high level of scholarship and engagement which is characteristic of the University of Miami faculty.

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<sup>1</sup> Victor Marroquín-Merino, *Foreword*, 1 U. MIAMI Y.B INT'L L (1991) available at: <http://repository.law.miami.edu/umiclr/vol1/iss1/2>

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*