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# THE CLARION FROM THE EDITOR

It is my honor to present to you this issue of the Clarion. After an extended hiatus, Yeshiva University's undergraduate journal of political science returns to present a strong compilation of articles from students and faculty.

The Clarion's format has fluctuated over its two decades of publication. Our previous issue, published in 2003, had a magazine format, combining articles with interviews with leading political figures, and making significant use of photos. This year's Clarion returns to a more traditional academic journal format. We made our format more dynamic by retaining our focus on academic political science while including interviews with two of America's leading academics: Yale's Robert Dahl, the dean of American politics, and Daniel Pipes, a historian who left the university to found the influential Middle East Forum thinktank. Many thanks to those scholars for their time and contributions.

In the past, the Clarion has had a welcome but unpredictable presence on the undergraduate academic scene at Yeshiva University. This edition is a first step towards, with hope and hard work, this journal's steady semiannual publication. It must be followed up by dedicated effort on the part of its staff and submissions on the part of political science students on campus. As the university's department of Political Science has begun to expand and flourish in recent years, so may the *Clarion* be strengthened and improved in the years to come.

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