Foreword

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Student-run journals are by no means the feature on the UK legal scene that they are in the US, and there is room for the view that this is no bad thing. On the other hand the energy, drive and organizational skill of the editors and their committee have been remarkable, as evidenced by the contributions here. They have added something—with elan and vitality—to international law at Cambridge.

As to the theme of the Conference, discussion on the relations between the individual and international law more often than not focuses on whether the individual is a ‘subject’ or an ‘object’ of the international legal system. The relationship between the individual and international law is more complex than this (not necessarily helpful) inquiry suggests, however. The individual interacts with international law as judge, as scholar, as participant in adjudicative proceedings, as negotiator of international agreements and in many other capacities. The contributions in this issue of the *Cambridge Journal of International and Comparative Law* provide critical insight into this multifaceted relationship and highlight the potential for the individual to be not merely an object or subject of the international legal system, but an agent of change.

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