



Editorial

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Once again, I have been honored with the distinct privilege to serve as Guest Editor of a Special Issue of Qatar University's *International Review of Law*.

This Special Issue represents the leading edge of emerging scholarship on international investment treaty and trade law. The goal of the Special Issue was to select an elite group of thought provoking and stimulating papers addressing novel issues. The authors are innovative scholars representing a diverse geographic area; diversity and fresh thinking are the cornerstone of intellectual vitality. Only scholarship that satisfied the most demanding reviews were accepted; each paper was rigorously investigated and evaluated by at least two world-renowned experts who subjected the submissions to vigorous critique resulting in numerous papers being rejected by the reviewers. Being published in this issue is truly a mark of a well-deserved distinction.

I would like to thank His Highness, the Emir, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, who has wisely continued the efforts of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Father Emir, and Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, at diversifying the Qatari economy away from carbon based wealth. These efforts have already produced meaningful results in the business, academic and cultural spheres. Thank you also to the Qatar University College of Law Dean, Dr. Mohammed A. Al-Khulaifi for his support of the journal.

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specially honored and thank the Dean of the University of Sharjah Law School, Dr. Bashar H. Malkawi, an esteemed expert in international economic law and trade, who has graciously written a Guest Foreword for this special issue. I also thank the Managing Editor, Saffiyah Al-Nuaimi who deserves enormous credit for putting the issue together and overseeing the issue, coordinating with the authors and ensuring the editorial process is of the highest quality. I have worked closely with Saffiyah on a prior special issue as well and Saffiyah has always been invaluable throughout the entire process.

Thanks to our eminent peer-reviewers who – while unknown to the authors – are all world-renowned experts in international law and investment treaty arbitration. I thank our experts for the enormous effort expended in reading and analyzing these articles and offering their excellent insights and critiques. I trust that this special issue's articles will serve as a springboard for further scholarship and discussion on the respective topics.