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## **From the Editor**

On behalf of the *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review* (HICLR), we proudly present our Summer 2019 Issue of Volume 42. This issue includes three revolutionary articles from scholars and practitioners, and one excellent note written by our very own Dylan Fukai, HICLR submissions editor.

This issue begins with Professor John Mukum Mbaku's article on the abuse and exploitation of children in Africa, where he investigates the historical and socio-economical context (including war fares, internal and foreign actors, international criminal gangs, and religious practices) that gave rise to such abuse. Professor Mbaku then calls for a fundamental institutional reform with the prescription of rule of law as an international legal instrument, in an effort to protect and restore the human rights of African children.

The following two articles and the note address the cutting-edge developments in international and comparative health laws. Laura Karas, Robin Feldman, Ge Bai, So Yeon Kang, and Gerard Anderson discuss the current status of legislations on disclosure of the pharmaceutical industry's funding to patient-advocacy organizations in the U.S., Europe, Australia, and Canada. Professor Chih-hsiung Chen explores Taiwan's Patient Right to Autonomy Act and compares it with a similar legislation in Korea and contrasts with the highly-limited regulation in Japan. Lastly but not least, Dylan Fukai in his note examines the current organ donation system, and analyzes and draws specific attention to the government regulated commercial organ market.

We would like to conclude this issue with a deep and heartfelt expression of gratitude to our authors, our exceptional staff, our faculty advisors, and Hastings scholarly publishing director Tom McCarthy. We continuously thrive to promote high quality scholarship and academic excellence in international and comparative laws.

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