Dear Reader,

I am excited to present America’s Rebalance and Russia’s Resurgence, the fourth edition of ExPatt: Patterson School’s Magazine on Foreign Affairs. As an affiliated Patterson School organization, ExPatt Magazine strives to represent the same standard of academic rigor, respect, and camaraderie that the School upholds through its interdisciplinary scholarship in international diplomacy, commerce, development, intelligence, and security. Accordingly, ExPatt’s Editorial Board has diligently selected, reviewed, revised, and edited essays which meet this high standard of excellence and represent the themes which we study.

The fourth edition of ExPatt concentrates primarily on Asia, illustrating the diplomatic and economic developments of the region. The feature, Travis Cady’s “Secrets of the Trade,” skillfully dissects the complexities of the negotiations surrounding the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Leslie Stubbs uses historical context to frame the current administration’s pivot to Asia, in “From Ike to Obama.” Harry Richart’s essay shifts the focus towards Europe; his essay examines the evolution of German counterterrorism efforts. Further east, Clay Moore’s and Kate Miller’s articles analyze the dynamic situation of Eurasian affairs and the consequences of unrequited promises. ExPatt ends its fourth edition with two pieces focusing on development, Portia Watson’s reflective photo essay on traditional Thai medicine and Danette Smith Cook’s “Misdiagnosed,” which detail the health crises confronting Southeast Asian nations.

This edition of ExPatt is the climax of a tremendously successful semester, with the establishment of a bi-weekly blog, a 2,000% increase in average social media post reach, and the launch of an alumni speaker and podcast series. I am extremely grateful to the good humor, creativity, and talent of the brilliant individuals which comprise the ExPatt Magazine’s Editorial Board. Above all, I am beholden to my co-manager, without whose meticulousness, mirrored passion for enthusiastic debate, and ceaseless puns, this magazine would’ve been a Travis-ty.

Thank you for your readership, and I hope you enjoy America’s Rebalance and Russia’s Resurgence.

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