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Preface

For several years, International Student/Young Pugwash (ISYP) has sought to introduce critical issues of global affairs to members of future generations of scholars and policy-makers. Through this volume of the ISYP Yearbook 2007, we thus continue our endeavour of highlighting and analysing issues germane to the survival of humankind.

The contributions in this volume focus on a foundational topic of the Pugwash movement, namely, the risks of nuclear proliferation. Thus, Immaculate Motsi presents some of obligations and possibilities posed by the report of the Commission of Weapons of Mass Destruction; Moeed Yusuf deliberates on the consequences of the nuclear pact reached between India and the United States; Sebnem Udum discusses the complexities of Turkey's relationship with nuclear weapons as seen from the main theoretical standpoints of international relations; and Hans Tolkoen and Arthur Petersen analyse the role of Pugwash in the Middle East, particularly in connection to the conflict between Palestine and Israel.

This issue, however, also reminds us of the wide perspective one must adopt when confronting international conflict. The roots and multifaceted fuels of war are assessed, in different manners, by numerous authors. Hence, Kate Marvel and Jean-Andre Okito Lokake introduce the efforts of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in increasing the opportunity of access to high-quality courses for graduate and undergraduate students in Africa; Eli Lipetz looks into the role of the market for opium in Afghanistan; Antoinette Hildering writes of the state of international law in relation to the abuse of power; and Aleksandra Dzisiow engages with a timely issue, that is, the relation between Islam and the so-called West.

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