

Editor's note

Our new cover is meant not only to be aesthetically pleasing, but (along with the subtitle) to reflect the change in *International Organization's* thematic orientation and content over the last decade. We have completed a transition from a journal devoted to the study of international organizations, particularly the United Nations, to an international journal of "political and economic affairs." Our new breadth of interests is reflected in recent special issues as well as in our choice of regular articles.

The new cover is also meant to symbolize the fact that *International Organization* is more open to good research and new ideas, on a variety of international political and economic questions, than it has ever been. We are anxious to publish work that might conventionally be considered "comparative politics," insofar as it has an international dimension: the special issues on foreign economic policy and dependency are testimony to that. We seek to publish first-rate quantitative articles as well as articles whose only numbers identify footnotes and pagination. We seek out normative essays as well as papers in a more positivistic empirical or theoretical vein.

The diversity of the journal's interests is represented in the Editorial Board. Only five of the twenty-four current members were on the masthead four years ago. No "clique" runs this journal: indeed, several of the newer members of the Board are hardly acquainted with one another.

Yet no matter how diverse and open-minded its editors, no journal can maintain a high level of quality without first-rate manuscripts. We hope that the new look of the journal, as well as its content, will encourage readers who are engaged in research on world politics and economics to send us their manuscripts. We offer no honoraria (except for certain solicited articles) but we do provide extensive and careful anonymous reviews of manuscripts by two referees (and sometimes, although not anonymously, by the editor as well); and on the average, we send out those reviews, and our decision, less than six weeks after receiving a paper. Furthermore, in order to expedite publication of accepted manuscripts, we maintain only a miniscule backlog. Authors can therefore expect their manuscripts, once they have been accepted in final form, to appear in *International Organization* within nine months.

We will continue to publish thematically-oriented special issues; indeed, four such issues are at various stages of development. Yet this does not in any way diminish our interest in reviewing unsolicited manuscripts. Our new cover is intended to have a welcoming look not only for readers, but for authors as well!

Robert O. Keohane

In Memoriam

RUPERT EMERSON

(1899-1979)

Pioneer in studies of nationalism, national self-determination, and international organizations. Scholar of impeccable integrity, devoted and beloved teacher, compassionate and gentle man.

**Chairman, Board of Editors,
International Organization
1956-1960**