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## Editor's Note

David Curran

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### Editor's Note

This special edition of the *Journal of Conflict Transformation and Security* contains four articles drawn from the Istanbul Human Security Conference, and it is introduced by Professor Nergis Canefe. The four articles cover key debates in the field of human security, offering perspectives from the Middle East and East Asia.

This edition of JCTS includes another two articles which further demonstrate the breadth and depth of the contributions to the journal. The first provides an examination of negotiation commencement in civil conflicts and the second is an essay on the methodological dynamics of collaboration between academics and journalists.

After this edition, JCTS will be welcoming a new editorial team. I sincerely wish them the best in taking on JCTS and building on its reputation as a space where scholars at all levels can engage in contemporary debates in the human security field. Moreover, I would like to thank all those who have provided support over the past five years of editorship and those authors who have published in the journal's pages.

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