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To celebrate our twentieth anniversary, the Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies held an agenda-setting conference on April 5-6, 2012, focused on global legal studies in the broadest sense. The call for participation formulated law as a site where globalization takes aspirational and institutional form, encounters critique and contestation in distinctive ways, and shapes the practice of law as both academic discipline and professional art. The conference yielded exciting papers and a highly engaging conversation—one result of which is this symposium issue, entitled “Globalization and the Law: The Next Twenty Years.”

In the spirit of the occasion, we invited some contributors to early issues of IJGLS, as well as new participants, to help us take stock of settled, unsettled, and unsettling questions about globalization and law. We also presented panels on globalization from diverse international perspectives beyond the United States, featuring scholars from law schools in Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, and South America.

IJGLS was the first interdisciplinary journal specifically dedicated to globalization and law. It is also one of the few law journals that is peer reviewed; it has two editorial boards—comprised respectively of students and faculty. As always, the Journal looks to develop themes that are at the cutting edge of interdisciplinary scholarship on law and globalization.

The Journal’s twentieth anniversary has occasioned many acknowledgments as we felt renewed appreciation for the many student and faculty colleagues—in and beyond Bloomington—who have made IJGLS what it is today as a journal and as a community of scholars. In this context, I wish to acknowledge what I feel as a special debt of gratitude to Professor Jost Delbrück. Professor Delbrück is the former director of the Institute for International Law at the University of Kiel, Germany, and former judge of the Administrative Court of Appeals at Lüneberg. Already a renowned scholar, author, and teacher of international law and German constitutional law when he joined the Indiana University faculty in 1991, Professor Delbrück played a crucial role in helping to shape the IJGLS at its founding, and in informing and inspiring its interdisciplinary themes and directions. For most of these past twenty years, until his recent retirement, Professor Delbrück came
to Bloomington from Kiel to teach courses on International and European Community Law, as well as Globalization and Law. He continues to contribute to IJGLS with ideas and sage counsel. It is a pleasure to acknowledge Jost Delbrück with deep appreciation for all he has done and continues to do to ensure the scholarly success of this Journal.

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