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On September 11-12, 2014, the Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies hosted its annual symposium entitled “Law and the Globalization of Austerity” at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana. The scholars in this symposium examine three main topics: (1) the legal means by which a policy of austerity came to be implemented as the dominant governmental response to the global financial crisis that began in the United States in 2008; (2) the political context of such policy initiatives, including contests over particular elements of the policy, alternatives to austerity, or both; and (3) the effects of austerity policies on particular communities, social sectors, and institutions of governance. The resulting articles draw on multiple academic disciplines, case studies, and field research to analyze the effects of and potential responses to austerity around the world.

Issue 2 also includes a review of Henry Shue’s book Climate Justice and four notes from student authors on diverse and exciting themes including constitutional design, human trafficking, doping in sports, and intellectual property legislation in the European Union.

The Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies is grateful to the authors whose work is published in Issue 2 for their scholarly contributions and ongoing commitment to the study of globalization and its relevance to law throughout the world.

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