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*"All we can know is that we know nothing. And that's the height of human wisdom."*

— Leo Tolstoy, *War and Peace*



As we write this and you read it, the war in Gaza razes on. We have been deluged with the continuous news of senseless killings and loss of innocent lives in that region since October 2023. The international sphere of politics is tainted in red like never before. The moral compass to question conflict and violence seems to have been lost in the bigger picture as the United Nations tries to press for a ceasefire, in vain. Who is right or wrong, which side is saying the truth – none of those matters – when we look at the larger picture of decapitation of human lives, especially children. War and peace, as is the title of Tolstoy's famous book, reveal the true nature of all dealings. Joshua Krook, talking on the Futility of War states that, "The reality is that violence is not some emergent outcropping, that appears out of nothing, spontaneously. Evil is not a birth defect. Evil is made out of complicity, silence, excuses and lies. When Hannah Arendt talked of the banality of evil, she meant those who are too silent to say anything when the time for saying things is most desperate."

Within that sombre background, our newsletter's The World Perspective examines the relevance of human security and the European Union's Traceability Laws. In India Matters we put the spotlight on the Uniform Civil Code passed in the state of Uttarakhand and revisit Gandhi's Hind Swaraj. The Gender Perspective column in this issue focusses on gender inequality amongst tribal women in Jharkhand – the field work of one of our MA students. In Approaching Research, our Ph.D. scholar speaks of her field work woes amongst women migrants in Bengaluru during the pandemic and after. At the end we bring you the review of a book on Fiscal decentralisation, our Centre event reports, and our Students' Corner.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we have putting it together for you.

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