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Editor's Note:

Not many articles in International Perspectives are unrelated to Canada. This issue we have three. One gives us a look at how the practical urge to create jobs and to trade has compromised the doctrinal urge to deregulate and to privatize. Michael Henderson of York University sees here a curious revival of mercantilism. Another article with no Canadian center offers an update on relations between India and Pakistan. Ashok Kapur of Waterloo University finds that those two countries are gradually moving less far apart. The third entry is an engaged prescription by Camille Habib of Dalhousie University for a solution to Lebanon's self-destructive bent — the idea of federation, until recently not an eligible option.

Other writings here delve into our self image — how we think we are seen — and are seen — by some of the outside world's press. Terrence Keenleyside of the University of Windsor does that, and B.H. Barlow of the University of Regina takes us back to the US election campaign, and shows us what it revealed of the place of Canada in America's consciousness.

Then there are the ways we try to do right — or at least good. South Africa is a universal testing ground for the battle between intentions and deeds, and enables us to find out how well we do in delivering on our fine words. Kim Nossal of McMaster records a problem of managing the momentum of good intentions.

Disasters and mean governments breed refugees. That affects Canada, because we find ourselves having to decide whether we want to receive them. Some of that problem might be avoided if we got involved in more preventive action, something in which the UN could also be a principal. David Lenarcic of Toronto has a proposal.