## **Editorial Preface**

Through this issue, Anukarsh is fulfilling one of its founding goals to initiate our students into academic and creative writing. In these pages, you will find a diverse selection of writings that reflect the rich and varied voices of our Global Leaders' Alliance fellows covering a range of issues from international relations to contemporary politics. These contributions stand testimony to the fact that Anukarsh is a globally oriented, transdisciplinary magazine.

At a time when the world seems to be growing more divisive and polarized, writing can prove to be a powerful tool for bridging the gaps between different communities and cultures. Through these essays, we can explore the complexities of the human experience and find common ground with others. I hope that the works contained in this issue will inspire you as much as they have inspired me, and that you will join with me in celebrating the vision of our contributors.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to each and every one of our GLA fellows for their valuable contributions. I especially want to thank Ms. Ritika Kapoor and Ms. Remya for their dedication and hard work in helping me collect and edit this issue.

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