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Editor's Note

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he inaugural issue of the *Harvard Generations Policy Journal* is a first-of-its-kind publication for the Harvard community and the nation. It is intended to provide a stimulating forum in which citizens and national leaders are inspired and encouraged to participate in intergenerational collegial dialogue about the policy challenges inherent in the aging of America's baby boomers and world populations. To prepare our country and avoid a demographic catastrophe that could reshape our social, cultural, economic, and political agendas, we must develop a radically new vision that transcends outdated policies and generational biases. The *Harvard Generations Policy Journal* will play a significant role in institutionalizing "out-of-the-box" thinking and innovative, multidisciplinary "systems" policy development to address the anticipated societal transformation wrought by the nation's aging baby boomers.

The *Journal* is a collaborative effort of the Global Generations Policy Institute and the Harvard Generations Policy Program.

The Global Generations Policy Institute is a cutting-edge social enterprise which I now head and which I founded while a Research Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. The Institute's primary missions are (1) to alert the world, our nation, its leaders, and citizens to the unprecedented challenges we will be facing with the aging of the nation's baby boomers; (2) to lead the nation in developing and implementing innovative, systems-focused national policies that address these challenges; and (3) to initiate, sponsor, and fund international, national, and grass-roots public, legislative, and world-leader public service programs that promote and facilitate informed policy debate, dialogue, and development

concerning the aging of the nation's baby boomers and the challenges of a maturing global population.

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