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The second issue of our journal continues to highlight groundbreaking research across multiple disciplines, reflecting the intersection of education, literature, international relations, and law.

In the field of language learning, this issue presents studies on online blogging versus conventional teaching methods in EFL classrooms, as well as strategies to enhance coherence and cohesion in academic writing. These contributions offer valuable insights into improving writing instruction in Lebanon and beyond.

Literature remains a focal point, with analyses of historical fiction in Alison Weir's *The Marriage Game* and spatial dynamics in *Middlemarch* and *Jude the Obscure*. These works explore the interplay between history, fiction, and narrative space, enriching our understanding of literary artistry.

Political and international legal discussions also take center stage. The case of Palestine's pursuit of international recognition presents an empirical analysis of statehood, while the definition of war crimes within international agreements sheds light on legal accountability. Additionally, the impact of artificial intelligence on warfare, particularly through drones, raises critical ethical and strategic concerns.

Our final article in Arabic addresses water security and development in the Nile Basin, examining the impact of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam on Egypt, Sudan, and Ethiopia. This study contributes to the ongoing discourse on regional security and resource management.

As we continue to bridge disciplines and perspectives, we invite our readers to engage with these thought-provoking discussions that shape our understanding of the world today.

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