

# MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Given the urgency of current events, TWiP decided to change this month's theme and address the unfolding of events in Palestine as the world faces the COVID-19 pandemic. Difficult and painful decisions must be made as we are vacillating between numbness and concern that may reach panic. Leading world powers are confronted with their limitations and, sometimes, hubris. Thanks to prompt action initiated by the Palestinian Authority, Palestine has been spared the worst, hopefully not only for the short term. Hundreds of Palestinians, returning from all over and currently in quarantine in Jordan, are about to return to their loved ones. Others still work in Israel, where the disease is spreading. As the country is under lockdown, livelihoods have been threatened if not destroyed. Only one thing seems certain: once this is over, life will not be the same. Can we avoid the worst – and use the chance to make our societies more just and fairer?

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From the entire team at TWiP, we wish all our readers good health! We hope you are practicing physical distancing and staying connected. Please consider everyone, including yourself, a potential carrier of the coronavirus and act accordingly – with kindness and compassion. Much of the outcome of this pandemic is in our hands. Sacrifices are unavoidable; let us unite in concerned action for the well-being of all!

Sincerely,

**Tina Basem**

