

PREFACE

Dear Reader,

It is with great pleasure that we present this new edition of the Journal, the first of 2018.

The wide-ranging subject matter of the articles in this edition is a suitable testimony to the Journal's status as a platform for the full range of legal and jurisprudential scholarship, offering a glimpse of the enormous range of interests on the part of the many excellent new and established scholars who submitted their work. The diverse array of jurisdictions discussed across these pieces also reflects the Journal's identity as a 'citizen of the world'.

Themes running through many of the articles include the issues arising from the confluence of social, political and technological changes, and the legal mechanisms by which their impact may be managed. The responses are, as might be expected, diverse. Some authors argue that existing rules and structures should be given the opportunity to be tested against these new challenges, while others consider that the time has come for reformed laws or new institutions to face the future. We believe that these assessments, while sometimes controversial, will also serve to highlight areas of fundamental importance and to provoke considered debate and fresh thinking.

We owe a tremendous debt to all of those who have worked to bring this edition to print. An extremely healthy level of submissions required a significant contribution of time and effort from the already busy LLM and PhD Laws student members of the Editorial Board, who responded with impressive commitment and skill. Our particular thanks go to those members who then also undertook the extensive work of editing and finalising those submissions which were selected for publication.

We must of course express our thanks to the authors themselves, both for the excellent quality of their submissions and for their active and constructive engagement with the editorial process; we hope they, and the whole team, are suitably proud of the result. We were also delighted to note that a majority of the articles selected for publication were written by women.

We are particularly pleased to thank our sponsors Blackstone Chambers and Slaughter & May for their continued generosity. We are also particularly pleased to thank our Faculty Editor, Daniela Simone, and to Professor Virginia Mantouvalou. Finally, we are very pleased to have this opportunity to thank our sponsors Blackstone Chambers and Slaughter & May for their continued generosity.

We very much hope that you find this edition informative, challenging, and enjoyable.

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