

FOREWORD

I am delighted to introduce the Spring edition of the UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence. It is a pleasure to act as Faculty Advisor to such an excellent publication. The journal continues its tradition of providing space for the finest young scholars to present original ideas and share the fruits of their research, alongside the work of more established scholars. Once again, the editorial team received a great number of submissions of outstanding quality. The articles selected for this issue reflect a range of methodologies including doctrinal, jurisprudential and economic analysis. They cover a broad range of topics and deal with problems of contemporary importance.

The contributions to this issue touch upon many different areas of law including: human rights, international humanitarian law, refugee law, corporate law, insolvency, financial regulation, defamation and Islamic law. They discuss timely issues with scholarly sophistication. A number of articles, for example, engage with the continuing reverberations of the Global Financial Crisis, the contested edges of human rights protections and ongoing challenges to global peace, security and wellbeing. The authors investigate the rich web of interaction between law and society; and provide in-depth analyses attuned to underlying ‘big questions’ of political, moral and legal significance.

The biannual publication of the journal is supported by a Faculty Advisory Board and a lively student-run blog. The chief reason for the journal’s ongoing success, however, is the dedication and hard work of the large team of volunteer students who run it. The experience of editing scholarly work, collaborating with peers and working towards a common goal is valuable, but entails much hard work behind the scenes (selecting papers, editing, proof-reading, marketing and much more). This publication would not enjoy its continued success without those who, with enthusiasm and diligence, have generously devoted so much of their time and energy. A particular mention must be made of the Academic Editors (Luis Felipe Viveros and Niko Pavlopoulos), Managing Editor (Conor Crummey) and Deputy Managing Editor (Lauren Chaplin) who oversee, guide and support the process from beginning to end. The whole editorial team has much to be proud of in this publication, which makes a very positive contribution to ongoing debates of contemporary significance. I have no doubt that the journal will continue to grow from strength to strength in future issues.

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