

**EDITORIAL: LOOKING FORWARD**

Being an Oxonian, I chose to adopt the Oxford names for the terms of the year to denote our quarterly issue. Michaelmas coincides with the start of the academic year and, for the courts of England and the United States, the start of the legal year. Not just across the pond does the name unify legal traditions, Michaelmas is also the only term name used by both Oxford and Cambridge. The Supreme Court of the United States does not adopt the name for its autumn term but it does, by no coincidence, begin its legal year on the first Monday of October, which is often the feast of St Michael and All Angels. I was recently told that even some American law schools adopt the Oxonian trilogy of terms, Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity.<sup>1</sup>

For *The Journal Jurisprudence*, October and Michaelmas is also the start of a new year for us. Now into our fourth year, the Journal grows with each day and astounded me with its reach. I was proud to find a copy an early issues in a used book store in Melbourne some weeks ago, diligently underlined by what I imagine to be a young scholar. There are cycles to the legal year and cycles to legal knowledge, and I hope that this issue will be highlighted and scribbled upon for years to come.

Jurisprudence has, unlike many fields, a generally unified history. Although one could point to the many camps of scholars, from Hart in England to Posner in Chicago and Stone in Sydney, there has always been an exchange of ideas in the

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<sup>1</sup> E.g., <http://www.cooley.edu/prospective/calendar.html>  
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recent history of legal philosophy. Although early jurisprudential scholars were far away geographically, international collaborations and the coincidental dawn of high speed communication brought them together. Therefore, I can say with confidence that legal philosophy shares one history and together we look forward to a bright future.

We are pleased to show how international collaborations can ensure the future of jurisprudence. This issue contains articles from three distinguished scholars from different parts of the world and shows both the intellectual and theoretical diversity of legal philosophy in the modern age.

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