

EDITORIAL

Since our first call for papers, nearly five years ago, *The Journal Jurisprudence* has sought out and cultivated alternative formats for the expression of jurisprudential discourses. We wrote, “The Journal also welcomes and encourages submissions of articles typically not found in law journals, including opinionated or personalised insights into the philosophy of law and its applications to practical situations.”

After five years, I am pleased to include a piece by the essayist and lawyer Stephen Kruger who has skilfully attempted to answer our challenge. In his ‘A Packet of Purported Legal Humor’, Mr Kruger invites us into an alternate legal world, which parodies many of the tribulations of modernity. I welcome his contribution and recognise that he is a brave author who dares us to reconceptualise legal writing.

Additionally, I welcome Dr Xanthe Mallet of the University of New England, who has the honour of being the first scholar to review a work of fiction in these pages.

Richard Hanania, a law student at the University of Chicago, who has proven himself to be a young scholar of tremendous potential, reviews a more serious work on the rule of law in Afghanistan. Mr Hanania previously wrote for the Journal in Vol. 13 on the rule of law and humanitarian interventions, an article that was received enthusiastically by our readership.

Dr Joaquín González Ibáñez of Alfonso X University, Madrid, is a great friend of the Journal, who was particularly helpful in providing translations for volume 15, the special edition on international law. He is an authority in the Spanish-speaking world, and beyond, and it is a great honour for us to include his landmark work on the international rule of law in this edition.

The work of Jurgen Habermas has been an important point of debate in the Journal. Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Thomas Kupka of the University of Bremen and Donna M. Lyons of New York University have all discussed Habermas’ work in these pages. I welcome the contribution of Dr Claudio Bozzi in this current edition and his research adds new depth to the growing intellectual history of Habermas in legal philosophy.

Finally, Mr Alexander Green of University College London writes on a topic dear to my heart: conceptions of ownership from Roman law to equity and to modern common law. Much of my own research has been in this area and Mr Green's article adds significantly to the field. Many scholars have attempted to answer difficult questions in this area of law, particularly related to the definition of property. He inspires new ways of thinking and I am certain that property scholars will receive this article with great interest.

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