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**EDITORIAL**

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**Changes in the EJLS**

I start this editorial with good news – after a few years of discussion and planning the EJLS has a new website. This is a project that has been in the making for some time and I am glad that it has now been successfully completed.

As it is becoming practice in the EJLS, in the beginning of every academic year we have a call for new members to our board. I would like to welcome Alastair MacIver, Dienneke de Vos, Mikhel Timmerman and Stavros Pantazopoulos. This addition comes in good time as we had a few members who have already left and some who will be leaving soon, including myself, our Executive Editor Rebecca Schmidt and our Managing Editor Alexis Galan. Emma Linklater and Lucila Almeida will respectively assume the Executive Editor and Managing Editor positions.

Since this is my last editorial as the Editor-in-Chief, I would like to thank all members of the Board for their hard work towards a better EJLS; it has been a pleasure to work with you. Jan Zgliniski will be the next one in charge of guiding the Journal's activities as the new Editor-in-Chief.

**In this Issue**

This issue opens with an article by Federico Fabbrini discussing how comparative law can inform the discussion about the constitutionalization of international law. He argues that past experiences of federal governance, legal practice and political thought can provide a framework to understand the developments that are occurring today on a global scale. In the second article, Ulf Linderfalk explains the functionality based theory of meaning and argues that its use in international legal discourse can advance many areas of investigation. Still within the boundaries of international law, Fabienne Quilleré-Majzoub shows that is necessary to distinguish between water streams that are exclusively within a national sovereignty and those that cross more than one sovereign and shows the inadequacy of applying the 'natural resource' concept to international water streams.

Moving to the area of European Law, Donatas Murauskas discusses the arguments for temporality in the context of the Court of Justice of the EU in the procedure of a preliminary ruling from the perspective of a consequences-based argumentation. In the following article Alberto Vega analyses the legal status of Eurostat documents such as press releases, manuals, recommendations or decisions in particular cases. Jack Wright Nelson follows with an article that aims to clarify the conceptual origins of the Law of Unjustified Enrichment in the *Draft Common Frame of Reference* (Book VII). In the last article in the European Law Section, Corri Longridge makes the case for a comprehensive approach to criminal justice in the EU.

The last three articles are by Svetoslav Salkin, J Alberto del Real Alcalá and Václav Janecek. In his article, Svetoslav Salkin presents a model that can be used as a framework to analyze litigants' outlay decisions in the process of a legal battle. Entering the debate between

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inconclusive law or the completeness of the law, J Alberto del Real Alcalá argues that Hans Kelsen and Ronald Dworkin converged in denying legal indeterminacy, even though starting from complete opposite positions. Finally, in the last article, Václav Janecek examines the concept of exemplary damages from a comparative approach, analyzing English and Czech law, reinterpreting the concept in a more coherent and acceptable manner that would make them immune to '*ordre public*' objections in private international law.