

PREFACE

Dear Reader,

On behalf of the Editorial Board of the UCL Journal of Law and Jurisprudence, we are pleased to introduce the issue for the academic year of 2021-22.

As with the previous two issues of the Journal, this academic year began in unusual circumstances. With the aftershocks of previous waves of the pandemic still fresh in the minds of all, and the threat of further outbreaks following the development of the Omicron variant, we continued to adapt our practices. Editorial meetings were often held virtually, and those which were held in-person took place in masked-up meeting rooms with maximum air conditioning. The uncertainty around how things would develop throughout the academic year, alongside people's cautious desire to return to more normal practices, contributed to our decision to follow in the footsteps of the previous editors and produce only a single issue this year. We believe this decision has helped us to uphold the quality standards expected from the UCLJLJ.

We have selected four articles and one case note for inclusion in this year's issue, which were chosen from a pool of high-quality submissions. These pieces cover a wide range of legal fields, which reflect the diversity of interests held by readers of the Journal.

Our first article will cover an intricate and highly contested issue in contemporary taxation policy, namely the introduction of a European Financial Transaction Tax. In her insightful contribution, Iqra Bawany explains the reasons behind the failures of prior proposals for the imposition of such a tax and highlights the importance of multilateralism in future cooperation initiatives in the field of taxation.

Next, Luminita Olteanu explores the role of the reputation requirement under the uniform EU trademark law on dilution claims. In 'European Dilution: Mapping the Origin And Roles of the Reputation Requirement', Olteanu examines the historical emergence of the reputation requirement in EU dilution law, concluding that the overall design of EU dilution law has been informed by the considerations of Member States' courts.

Our third article, by Lewis Reed, addresses the complex relationship between satire and the right to freedom of expression under the European Convention of Human Rights. By mapping the contours of the concept of satire, Reed offers an original and eloquent analysis, attempting to reinstate satirical expression within the ambit of the right to freedom of

expression, while reconciling the rights of the satirist with the protection of the rights of third parties.

The next contribution, by Jack Beadsworth, offers an original analysis of the rights of irregular migrants in the workplace from the perspective of the expression of their ‘collective voice’. In discussing the social aspects of exploitation, Beadsworth provides a novel understanding of commodification, centring around the inability of irregular migrants to express their ‘collective voice’ in the workplace.

Last but not least, our issue features a case note discussion of an important judicial development in the law of unjust enrichment. In (the aptly titled) ‘The Straw that Broke the Claimant’s Back: An Assessment of the Supreme Court’s Reasoning on FII (No. 2)’ Mimi Al Khalifa provides an insightful analysis of the court’s ruling on the issue of how a limitation period should be determined in cases of payments made under a ‘mistake of law’.

We are truly grateful to the authors for submitting their work to the UCLJLJ for consideration this year, as well as their patience and efforts to revise manuscripts during the submission period and the ‘ping-pong’ stage of editing. A further thanks goes to all of those who submitted papers that did not make it through to the final stage. Competition is always very high for every issue of the UCLJLJ, and we read some truly great articles which another year may have made the cut. We hope that the experience was valuable and, by building on the feedback of our editors, we will come across your work again very soon.

Speaking of whom, our sincere gratitude also goes to members of this year’s Editorial Team, which consisted of PhD researchers and LLM students. Your work in reviewing a vast number of papers during the double-blind peer review was invaluable, and without the work of each of you, we would not be in a position to publish this issue of the Journal.

Finally, we are greatly indebted to the previous Senior Editors (in particular Joshua Bradley, Felipe Osorio Umaña & Thomas Papadogiannis Varouchakis), who offered a guiding hand throughout the editing process, demonstrating their generosity as well as their talent. In addition, we thank Dr. Rory Kelly, our Faculty Editor, and Ian Caswell from UCL Press for his technical assistance throughout.

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