

*Editors-in-Chief's Introduction
to the Spring Issue of Volume V of the
Cambridge Law Review*

It gives us great pleasure to present the fifth volume of the *Cambridge Law Review*. The journal has grown from strength to strength over the years, and this year was no exception. We started strongly with the recruitment of an impressive team of editors of diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise. Under the guidance of the Honorary Board, they worked tirelessly to bring this issue into fruition. We owe our thanks to each and every one of them, especially to the Vice Editors-in-Chief, Despoina Georgiou and Pedro Schilling, as well as the Managing Editor, Timothy Lee. Our review process has also benefitted from the efforts of a dedicated team of international editors – the journal attracted a substantial volume of submissions from jurisdictions beyond England and Wales and our international editors played an instrumental role in providing important insight into the laws of these jurisdictions.

This year, we also established new partnerships with law journals run by other universities in the UK – such as the Oxford University Undergraduate Law Journal and the London School of Economics Law Review. We hope that the incoming Editorial and Managerial Boards will continue to build on these relationships in the future. We have also deepened our collaboration with the Cambridge University Law Society, which has offered us tremendous support over the years. In this regard, we would like to express our gratitude to the executive committee led by President for the 2019–2020 term, Erica San. We would also like to thank the Editor-in-Chief for Volume IV, Jared Kang, for his invaluable and continued guidance; and Craig Slade at the Crucible Creative, for his excellent work on the publication.

Volume V of the journal comprises scholarship from a variety of disciplines – from an examination of the recent developments on the law on the freedom of the high seas and its implications for coastal States; a paper which justifies the need for international criminal responsibility for corporate entities; a recommendation for a communicative sentencing framework in the punishment of atrocity crimes under international criminal law; a scrutiny of the murky public-private divide under Section 6 of the Human Rights Act; to a comparative analysis of ‘wrongful life’ and ‘wrongful birth’ cases in Germany and the UK. We are proud that many of the selected articles this year have not only demonstrated incisive and thoughtful legal analysis but also displayed creativity in developing unique and novel recommendations or proposals in addressing particular legal issues. As with previous years, the international and comparative perspective adopted by the various articles also serves as a reminder to students and young lawyers that much legal discourse can be gained beyond the traditional subjects taught in law schools around the world. It is hoped that the breadth and depth of the scholarship here will inspire British and international, student and professional audiences alike.

We look forward to publishing the autumn issue later in the year.

Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of Sir John Laws, who passed in April this year. Sir John Laws sat on the Honorary Board of the *Cambridge Law Review* and was a source of invaluable support and guidance. We are forever grateful for his contributions.

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