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

The Cambridge Law Review is now in its fourth year. It has been, and will continue to be a busy year for the journal—which will now publish two issues annually; in spring and autumn. Work has also been put towards developing a new website for the journal as well as its subsidiary undergraduate journal, *De Lege Ferenda*: www.cambridgelawreview.com.

The journal continued to benefit from a team of disciplined and dedicated editors and the guidance of our Honorary Board. I owe my thanks to each of them, and especially to the Vice Editors-in-Chief, Neli Frost and Rabin Kok; and this issue's tireless and exceptional Managing Editor, Hope Williams. Without them, this issue would not have been possible. We also welcomed a small number of international editors this year—students from universities in common law jurisdictions around the world. Many of submissions received in the few years since the journal was started have been from authors outside England and Wales, focused on domestic issues within their respective countries, many of which we can learn from generally. These international editors provided important insight and jurisdiction-specific knowledge where needed. They will continue to play a vital role in the issues and volumes to come, helping to ensure the highest standards of quality.

I would also like to thank the Cambridge University Law Society for their continued support, especially President for the 2018–2019 term, Gabriel Wang, for establishing long-term support that ensures the journal's independence and quality; the Editor-in-Chief for Volume III, Yen Jean Wee, for her invaluable and continued guidance; and Craig Slade of Crucible Creative for his excellent work on the publication.

With that said, I am pleased to present the Spring Issue of Volume IV, comprising legal scholarship in a variety of disciplines. From the Uttarakhand High Court's step towards ecocentrism in granting legal personality to the Ganga and Narmada rivers and their ecosystems; a rights-based analysis of the problems with Northern Ireland's restrictive abortion laws; an inquiry into the shortcomings of Hong Kong's legislative framework in manging the meaningful participation of accused persons suffering from mental, intellectual, or cognitive disabilities; to a paper which considers the recognition of 'irretrievable breakdown' as a ground for Christian divorce in Pakistan.

These papers may spark interest or inspiration for readers to go down similar, further, or comparative lines of inquiry, or they may not. However, their quality of scholarship and distance from the traditional subjects taught in law schools around the world serves actively as a reminder to students and young lawyers to broaden their intellectual horizons. Much can be gained from greater participation in areas where law, society, and environment intersect; areas in which there are no clear doctrinal answers, no elegant and theoretically satisfying solutions, and where the only way forward is through discourse, debate, and will. We are proud to publish such thoughtful pieces to this end.

I look forward to presenting the autumn issue later in the year.

Jared Kang
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