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## Editor-in-Chief's Introduction to the Autumn Issue of Volume IV of the De Lege Ferenda

It is with great pleasure that I introduce the Autumn Issue of Volume IV of De Lege Ferenda. Conceived as the Cambridge Law Review's supplementary undergraduate law journal, De Lege Ferenda serves as a platform for undergraduate students to make their first entry into academia. The high quality of submissions combined with the rigorous review of the Editorial Board have made De Lege Ferenda, in a short period of time, one of the most successful undergraduate law reviews worldwide.

As with the Spring Issue, for the Autumn Issue we received a record number of high-quality submissions. The articles published in this Issue deal with a wide range of contemporary legal topics and jurisdictions. Nirmalya Chaudhuri ("Artificial Intelligence and International Law: Towards a New Accountability Framework") writes on the contentious topic of the legal regulation of artificial intelligence. After discussing various modes of accountability under international law, he argues that none of the legally established mechanisms can satisfactorily ensure accountability for actions of AI entities. For the author, absolute State liability could be a possible solution, which would entail holding the State accountable for transnational consequences caused by the actions of AI entities used by the State, its citizens, and corporate nationals. According to the author, the proposed accountability regime, which closely mirrors that governing outer space activities, could go a long way in international regulation of AI without hindering technological progress.

In her article "Planning Challenges and Environmental Claims by Interested Parties Under Aarhus: Still Prohibitively Expensive?", Giselle Vega

provides an analysis of the litigation costs for interested parties under the Aarhus Convention. The article focuses on the prohibitively expensive character of appeal processes concerning environmental claims against planning decisions made by public authorities and discusses possible reforms.

Daniel Mooney writes in the areas of constitutional law and property law. His article “Balancing Private Property and The Common Good: Is the Irish Constitution a Barrier to Rent Control?” examines the constitutional jurisprudence arising out of conflicts between private property and the common good. It concludes by positing that Ireland’s constitution is not a barrier to rent control and that a well-drafted legislative scheme would in fact be in keeping with the constitution’s aim of balancing private property with the exigencies of the common good.

In her article “How Ante-Nuptial Agreements Perpetuate Male Dominance: A Critical Feminist Analysis of *Radmacher v Granatino*” Beatrix Mosey critically evaluates the Supreme Court’s decision in *Radmacher v Granatino* which dealt with the enforceability of ante-nuptial agreements in the United Kingdom. The article presents a critical feminist analysis detailing the ways in which the newfound enforceability of ante-nuptial agreements can be viewed as a tool permitting heterosexual men to legally reinforce dominance over their female spouses.

In the last article of this Issue, (“Horizontal Enforcement of Queer Rights in India: A Constitutional Solution”) Satyajit Bose and Rhea Paul explore constitutional questions that arise in the enforcement of queer rights in India. The article examines whether the Constitution of India provides any protection to queer sexual minorities against private acts of discrimination. It argues that a remedy may be found in Article 17, which prohibits the practice of untouchability by both State and non-State actors. To that end, the article presents normative and historical arguments in favour of an expansive interpretation of Article 17, which would encompass all forms of group exclusion rooted in the notions of purity and pollution.

Overall, the five articles included in the Autumn Issue of *De Lege Ferenda* constitute exceptional pieces of academic work that enrich the literature in their respective fields. They provide valuable insights into the selected areas of research, constituting enjoyable reads that would be of interest to British and international, academic and professional audiences alike. I owe heartfelt thanks to the Managing Board and to our team of Associate, Senior, and International Editors for their dedication and work during these challenging times. Despite the difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns, the Editorial Board worked tirelessly to ensure the highest standards of quality for this Issue. I would also

like to express my gratitude to the Honorary Board for their invaluable guidance and to the Cambridge University Law Society for their continued support, without which this Issue would not have been possible. I wish the incoming Editorial Board every success with the fifth volume and I look forward to the future growth of the *De Lege Ferenda*.

Despoina Georgiou  
Editor-in-Chief

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