

## EDITORIAL COMMENT

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Issue 42.3 of the *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION* brings to its readers another excellent slate of four articles and one impressive bibliography. This issue naturally contains a complement of book reviews, edited by **Thomas Mills**, as well as the indispensable *International Calendar*, edited by **Aslihan Bulut**.

**Elisa Arcioni** and **Andrew McLeod** lead off the issue with an analysis of the place of foreign law in Australian High Court decisions. The authors consider to what extent, and how, Australian High Court judges rely upon or otherwise use foreign and international legal materials in Australian constitutional cases. They trace the frequency of foreign law citation in Australian constitutional cases and analyze the ways in which those materials are used.

Next, **Christina Glon** provides a succinct review of the current—and convoluted—state of European Union law related to data protection in the EU. Data protection law in the EU is synonymous with information privacy. Ms. Glon also undertakes the task of describing proposed reforms to EU data protection that could replace the existing patchwork of laws, regulations and other legal instruments that form the foundation for the present law of data protection.

Citing examples from social media and popular culture, **Stefan Kirchner's** article also exams aspects of the realm of data protection, but from a different perspective. His interesting thought piece focuses on cross-border governmental interference of privacy rights of internet users. Among other things, he concludes that international law and the framework of laws governing cyberspace are inadequate and incomplete to protect individuals from cyber spying or other cybercrime. Ultimately, Kirchner argues that portions of the foundational documents establishing the European Court of Human Rights offer a possible foundation upon which state, if not individual, obligations can be established. Ultimately, he believes this could ensure the protection not only of individual privacy, but also of communication rights.

**Roslyn Fuller's** interdisciplinary article focuses on the interaction between information and communication technology and international law. The author's goal is to open a dialogue between these disciplines and the practitioners in each that focuses on the ways in which information and communication technology can enhance participation in international legal structures, particularly through the possibilities associated with big data.

Finally, we are pleased to publish a truly wonderful bibliography of the critical, primary documents that reveal the state of international law and the steps leading up to and into the first two years of the First World War. The biblio-

graphy was compiled by **Peter Macalister-Smith** and **Joachim Schwietzke**. Yes, I'm pleased to report that the authors will provide a second installment that will contain documents from the final years of the First World War in a subsequent publication of the IJLI.

This issue of the IJLI is full of great reading, excellent research and astute analysis. Find a comfortable chair, good lighting, sit back, relax and enjoy!

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