
Editorial

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Biographical notes: Sylvia Kierkegaard (AB Mass Communications, M.Economist, PGDipl. Private Law, PG Dipl. EU Law, LLB, LLM, MSC Intl. Business Summa cum Laude, Diploma in Theology, MA, PhD) obtained her education from Denmark, the UK, the Netherlands and the USA. She is the President of the International Association of IT Lawyers, a PhD and MSc External Examiner and Supervisor, and a legal expert-adviser to numerous initiatives by the European Union, the Council of Europe and other institutions in various countries. She is an editorial board member of over 20 international journals and also the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of International Commercial Law and Technology* (doaj-access) and the *International Journal of Private Law*. She also regularly guest edits other journals of Inderscience.

Problems of international dimension require international efforts. The *International Journal of Private Law* (IJPL) is a much-needed academic forum for international intellectual discourse and dialogue on the issue of private law.

The objective of IJPL is to establish an effective channel of communication between policy-makers, government agencies, academia, research, legal practitioners, universities and businesses concerned with practical legal issues prevalent in private law. The aim is to attract the highest level of research results, to provide valuable insight into matters of broad intellectual and practical concern to the legal and business communities and to meet the highest quality standards.

The immediate goal is to enable readers to obtain quality legal analysis that is easily accessible and, best of all, succinct. IJPL provides an effective resource for comprehensive analysis of contemporary law issues to practising attorneys, academia and the business community in a manner that fosters the intellectual development of students and professionals.

The IJPL will publish cutting-edge scholarship from a variety of international perspectives, based on the foundation of traditional principles of rigorous academic discourse, which will reflect the developments in the legal system and the rapidly expanding and important area of private law.

It breaks new ground on legal issues, provides an in-depth discussion of current developments and timely issues, particularly those with a cross-border focus, and offers a survey of the law in areas of particular interest to our international readership. Finally, the articles are also directed at business lawyers unfamiliar with the substantive area, as well as articles on technical legal issues.

The journal contains a diversity of materials, including case notes, peer-reviewed papers, commentaries, opinions, debates, book reviews and reports. It is envisaged that this journal will give rise to thoughtful discussion and rational analysis, and lead to fundamental changes in the law itself – *i.e.*, to be responsible, perceptive and fair.

Ultimately, the journal is for you. We welcome you readers and invite you to fully participate in the journal by sending us your commentaries and submitting your articles.