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The Amsterdam Law Forum Editorial Board

The board of Amsterdam Law Forum (ALF) hereby proudly presents its third and final issue edited and published by its current editorial team. It has certainly been a year full of changes, controversies, and silver linings that have provoked and inspired stimulating and innovative ideas and opinions in our social, as well as academic environments. As such, we are delighted to present this 2021 Autumn Issue as a collection of two thought-provoking commentaries and an opinion piece on three cutting-edge issues within the transnational legal field.

In our first contribution, Tina van der Linden critically reflects on the European Commission's 2021 proposal for the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence, published in extension of its 2019 'Guidelines on Trustworthy AI'. While welcoming the European legislator's efforts to acknowledge the potential risks to society that emanate from the use of AI, the author fundamentally challenges the Commission's bureaucratic approach and advocates for the application and enforcement of existing regulations.

The second contribution, authored by Alessia Nicastro, focuses on the European Court of Human Rights' *Talpis v. Italy* case on domestic violence. Preceded by an analysis of the cases' legal framework and jurisprudential significance, the author reflects on the lack of action by the Italian authorities and their failure to adequately respond to and prevent cases of domestic violence. Moreover, the author touches upon the internationalisation of national cases on domestic violence.

In the third and final contribution to this issue, Ciara Murphy assesses the effectiveness of the United Nations Human Rights Council on the basis of its review mechanism for member-states' human rights records - the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). Predicated on the assumption that the "UPR is only as effective as the Member States allow it to be in their engagement, trust, and cooperation", Murphy probes into the factors influencing the Council's relationship with Asia and Africa and the factors hampering its collaboration with China and South Africa, specifically.

On behalf of the whole editorial team, we would like to thank all authors for their contribution to this issue. With the upcoming transition and the inauguration of a new editorial board, we wish to extend our sincerest gratitude to our editors, Georgina Booth, Myra Colis, Merel Gerritse, Marisa Gubbels, Nienke Heijne Makkreel, Anastasia Karatzas, and Ornella Varanini, for their sustained effort throughout this academic year. We are truly thankful to have had you on the editorial team and are appreciative of all your help and support. On that note, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Anastasia Karatzas for her tremendous contribution to this issue and the overall functioning of the journal. We wish all our editors the very best for their future academic endeavours and professional careers.

On a final note, we would like to welcome the incoming 2021/2022 editorial board of ALF and wish its members success for their upcoming projects. Constituting the journal's 2020/21 editorial board has been a profoundly enriching experience for which we are immensely thankful. Furthermore, we sincerely hope to cross paths again with all editors, authors, and

peer reviewers that we had the pleasure of working with during our tenure. For the time being, we wish you all a happy year end.

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