

## Foreword

I was delighted to be asked to write the foreword to the inaugural Hull Law Review. In these challenging times, it is important to recognise that our students as well as seasoned academic staff have views, values, perspectives and opinions based on well considered research which need to be heard. Our law students set out their thinking not only on existing law, but also on what might/should/could happen next. In doing so they challenge with confidence and compassion, the way in which Law, whether International or otherwise works and how the world might be better served in the future.

To mention some of the papers in this volume, Farid examines the principles of distinction and proportionality in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and explores the complex relationship between them. Her approach demonstrates a considered and measured response to how current thinking, might be developed to ensure that these principles steadfast upholding humanitarian values.

Kumar takes a long look at the relevance of the Montevideo Convention and carries out a robust critique of its value in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and the challenges of international law. In doing so their article asserts that the convention is no longer relevant to understanding the nature of statehood.

Yuhang Xing, in their article which explores the nature and extent of Anticipatory Self-Defence in Taiwan. In doing so they reflect on the increasing nature of international conflict and the complexity of its application across different jurisdictions and the difficult of garnering a consensus drive approach to the law. Emphasising that the changes in which warfare is carried out, cannot mean that we ignore rigorous legal and ethical standards.

Onojobi challenges us to understand the relevance and applicability of legal frameworks which relate to the relatively recent developments in marine geoengineering. In doing so, Onojobi explores the relevance of existing legal instruments and frameworks which seek to govern existing regulatory oversight and identifies that there are gaps which existing approaches fail to address. His proposal for new and targeted legal frameworks is well considered and lends itself to careful reflection.

Falade takes an interesting look at an everyday activity within law courts, the administering and making of an oath. He explores this supposedly well understood activity, with critical attention and detail which challenges the traditional underpinnings of the oath process and draws careful conclusions about its continued value to judicial proceedings.

Singh, in the final submission, tackles in an ever-changing world how, if at all, Group identity can be compatible with the Rule of Law, in his thought-provoking article he challenges current thinking in a novel approach.

I am immensely grateful to Dr Jashim Chowdhury, who has worked tirelessly with the students, across all year groups creating the space, opportunity and understanding of the process of publication, not to mention the inevitable final push to complete the Review. I am confident that this will be the first of many Hull Law Reviews, reflecting the diversity of the research community within Hull Law school and in doing so will demonstrate how staff and students can work together to create a publication of High- quality research and scholarly work.

To the extensive team of students who gave up valuable time to learn and understand more about the publication and writing process, I thank you all. I hope that this will be the stepping stones for you and your future careers.

I look forward to what happens next, to the creativity, innovation and imaginative thinking that the next generation of scholars will bring to the Hull Law Review in the future.

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