

## Editorial

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For the first part of Issue 18 this year, we have chosen two very distinct topics. Despite the difference between each of the two areas of law that the articles touch upon, we can certainly say that they are both interesting and very relevant. The topics that I talk about are international humanitarian law and, at the other end of the spectrum, consumer law within the EU context.

Insight into the first category is provided to us by a man who can absolutely be deemed as one of the highest order experts within this field: Yoram Dinstein. Professor Dinstein takes us through the ins and outs of direct participation in hostilities. He adds clarity and precision to a subject matter that - in a world dominated by politics and the media - has been tainted by unnecessary factors, when all it really needs is a matter-of-fact assertion of the law as it stands. This makes Professor Dinstein's contribution a refreshing and honest piece taken directly from a lecture that he gave earlier this year and where simply the engrossed faces of the audience spoke a thousand words.

Thereafter, Chris van Dam does well to follow on from Professor Dinstein's lecture piece by discussing extra-territorial law enforcement in combating non-state actors. Recent real-life events, in a global society that is ravaged by both inter and intra-state conflicts, demonstrate that the use of force that is truly legitimate and legal is not always a clear-cut determination. Chris brings it back to its core roots by assessing self-defence from a historical perspective to begin with and then assesses the modern day. This dual historical – modern approach adds a more accurate insight into a truly remarkable subject.

Finally, it is at this point that this TLR issue goes from being Mr. Hyde to transforming into his extremely different, more humane counterpart Dr Jekyll, as we touch upon a calmer topic in comparison to our pieces on armed conflict. Isabel Lamers discusses consumer law within the EU

context, but takes this investigation further by conducting a transformation of her own and making it into an almost-comparative study, where she assesses the allocational systems in both the EU and the US. Many of you will agree with me when I say that this piece contributes greatly to the field of consumer law and is thus, definitely worth a read.