

# Editorial Comment

Dear Reader,

It brings us great pleasure to present to you the fifth annual volume of the Kent Student Law Review. Since its inception, KSLR has sought to showcase the forward-thinking critical thought for which Kent Law School is renowned.

First and foremost, we would like to thank our outstanding editorial team – Nilaza Adhikari, Leo Aiken, Michael Annor, Giulia Chiesa, Andrew Clarke, Aysu Haker, Warona Jolomba, Prabhjot Manak and Anneka Oh. Without their tireless and thoughtful editorial work, this volume would not have been possible. We wish them the utmost success in the future.

We are particularly proud of the variety of perspectives, viewpoints and voices present in this volume of KSLR. It aptly reflects the varied patchwork of backgrounds and experiences on which Kent Law School's rich academic culture is built. For this, we are indebted to six exceptional KLS students whose work has been selected from a remarkably strong pool of submissions.

The following papers reflect the length and breadth of KLS's multidisciplinary outlook and the extent to which KLS students embrace this variety. They explore themes as varied as gendered approaches to torture and cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment of punishment (Anamika Misra), the increasing self-governance of the modern gambler (Calum James Murray) and the use of countertrade in the Sino-Congolese barter deal as a possible facilitator of development (Marilyn Onukwugha). We also see an analysis of the potential of 'de-growth' as an alternative lens for conceptualising international development (Alessandra Muratori), an exposition of flaws in US legislation targeting arms trade corruption (Nilaza Adhikari) and reflections on the state of human rights compliance in Zimbabwe (Langa Rose Mpofu).

We sincerely hope that you enjoy engaging with their work as much as we have.

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