

## FROM THE EDITORS

Lawyers use power – through the positions for which the legal education is required, and through expertise. That is why all lawyers need the understanding on how law works as a system. Law is based on a set of fundamental mechanisms of power. For the same reason, law is systematic and has built-in mechanisms of fairness. Learning to understand this construction takes time and effort that cannot be directly monetised. Still, it is essential for an intelligent, adaptable, and humane society.

Recent development in Finland shows that the usage of, for example constitutional principles, in public discourse may change quickly. Both inside and outside academia, a good understanding of law guarantees that lawyers can defend the basic mechanisms of fairness within law when the society changes. The law review tradition opens channels for discussion to facilitate this understanding.

At Helsinki Law Review, we warmly welcome submissions that ambitiously approach the most difficult questions within law, and not only from the point of view of practical problems, new legislation, or recent case law. As always, we encourage you to submit articles and topical commentary on the more pragmatic issues within law. In addition, in 2016 we seek to publish more articles and essays that observe the law from further afar, and use academic tools to understand law as a system. It certainly looks like this understanding will be needed in the future.

Helsinki Law Review looks forward to your submissions!

On behalf of the Board of Editors,

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