

Preface

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We find ourselves in turbulent political times, where sharp divergences in ideas and opinions have stifled discussions and represent a challenge to intellectual tolerance. Rather than cultivating a dialogue with others and challenging our own way of thought, we become more and more comforted by those who already echo our beliefs. The walls of our mind grow narrower, and our horizon smaller.

It is in this context that I introduce the new partnership with *Bocconi Legal Papers*, Bocconi University Official Law Review. I am heartened by the opportunities that may spring forth from this new connection. Most importantly, I am hopeful that we may remain faithful to cultivating the academia and intellectual discourse that may challenge the fear of the “other” we find around us.

As regards the topic of the current issue, while UK authorities have in the past favoured settlements instead of prosecuting corporate entities, prosecutors and regulators have recently committed to a more robust approach in cases involving dishonesty, money laundering, and breaches of integrity. This has been spearheaded by legislations such as the Fraud Act, and the Criminal Finances Act. The Serious Fraud Office and the Financial Conduct Authority have led the way in this field of law.

Going forward, we are planning future joint publications, starting with this coming academic year, as well as conferences and workshops. It is our hope that we will be able to provide new opportunities for students to learn and grow.

In conclusion, I would like to thank *Bocconi Legal Papers* and its *Editorial Board* for the consideration and support: it is an honour to work closely with leading academic institutions across Europe. I very much look forward to cultivating this partnership, and I wish you all the best in your academic endeavours.

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