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We take pleasure in presenting to our readership vol. 31 (2025) of the Comparative Law Review. It is the final outcome of a year of collaborative work of the many people involved in the process. It all starts with our Contributors who choose our journal to present their research and submit manuscripts. This year, we have received almost 60 scientific submissions. A constant rise in submissions every year proves that CLR has become a recognisable and valued legal journal. CLR's Scopus CiteScore value and rank have been growing steadily since 2020, reaching 0,6 (706th out of 1105) and H-index 5, according to the metrics for 2024.

CLR vol. 31 (2025) includes 10 geographically and thematically diversified contributions that successfully went through the peer review. As always, we particularly welcome contributions from developing countries and female scholars. CLR is open to all branches of the law. Therefore, as in previous issues, published articles concern both public and private law-related problems. All the articles discuss current problems and may serve as reliable sources for further comparative research.

We are honoured to welcome new members of the CLR Academic Board – Mrs. Kateřina Ronovská, Professor at Masaryk University in Brno and Vice-President of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic, Mr Souichirou Kozuka, Professor at the Gakashuin University in Tokyo, and Mr Massimilliano Piras, Professor at the University of Cagliari.

Traditionally, our deepest gratitude goes to the Reviewers (listed at the end of this issue) who devoted their time and effort to peer-review the submitted articles. It should be highlighted that CLR is a non-commercial endeavour with no APC and open-access fees for the Authors in place. This policy means that our Reviewers kindly agree to work *pro bono*. It is now our practice to include a roll of honour to express particular appreciation for detailed reviews that included specific suggestions and comments and gave the Authors an opportunity to improve

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their papers or reconsider some aspects of their research. Our special thanks go to: Martin Löhnig, Thomas Bundschuh, Przemysław Osóbka and Yuri Bilousov. We also wish to thank Mr Christopher Wright for another year of successful cooperation with our journal and his professional copy-editing and proofreading.

The last point to be raised in this Editorial is CLR's AI policy that was adopted by the Editorial Board in reaction to the challenges posed by the growing uses of AI powered tools by researchers. The policy is available on CLR's webpage.

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