EDITORIAL

We take pleasure in presenting Vol. 32 (2026) of the *Comparative Law Review* to our readership. 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. Each year, we receive a large and still-growing number of over-50 manuscripts, which makes the publication process competitive. CLR's Scopus CiteScore value and rank have been growing steadily from 0.1 (2021) to 0.7 (2025).

CLR is open to all comparative topics and all branches of law, but from time to time, the Editorial Board places special focus on a particular topic. This was the case with the Call for Papers for this issue, where we announced that we would particularly welcome submissions dedicated to freedom of assembly and related issues, such as freedom of speech. Other submissions were also accepted for peer review if they discussed current and pressing topics of interest to a wide readership. CLR vol. 32 (2026) includes 9 scholarly articles, out of which 7 offer a comparative perspective on freedom of assembly and freedom of speech in countries such as Georgia, Japan, India, Germany, Ukraine, and Poland. The two other articles discuss pressing global or regional (European) problems: judicial independence and nuclear liability regimes.

This year, *Comparative Law Review* and the wider academic community suffered a profound loss with the passing of Professor Brigit Toebes (1969–2026) on 8 May 2026. Professor Toebes was Professor of Health Law in a Global Context at the University of Groningen and an internationally renowned scholar in the fields of health law, human rights, and public international law. Her research on the international human right to health made a lasting contribution to the development of this field. Shortly before her passing, on 20 April 2026, she was appointed Officer of the Order of Orange-Nassau in recognition of her exceptional contribution to academia and society. Professor Toebes was a valued mem-

ber of the Academic Board of *Comparative Law Review* since 2017. We are deeply grateful for her association with our journal and will remember her not only as an eminent scholar, but also as a committed member of the international academic community. We extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and students.

As always, our deepest gratitude goes to the Reviewers 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 APCs and open-access fees for the Authors in place. This policy means that our Reviewers kindly agree to provide reviews *pro bono*. Last but not least, we wish to thank Mr Christopher Wright for ensuring that the accepted submissions abide by the proper standards of academic English. In this issue, Mr Wright has proofread 7 articles, while 2 were corrected by external proofreading providers.

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