

Editorial: Our New Name and Mission

Dear readers,

This issue comes with two major changes for the journal:

For one, we are very happy to announce an important expansion of our editorial board, making it more international, more diverse and, so we hope, making our journal even more plural and open to different perspectives. We are welcoming Fabia Fernandes Carvalho Veçoso (Melbourne/São Paulo), Anuscheh Farahat (Erlangen), Isabel Feichtner (Würzburg), Florian Hoffmann (Rio de Janeiro) and Arun Thiruvengadam (Bengaluru) to our team and are excited to work in a truly global team of editors.

This reconfiguration of our team is accompanied by a rethinking of our name. While we cherish the German name of the journal “Verfassung und Recht in Übersee” (VRUe), the former English title does not fully reflect the self-understanding and changing context of the journal any more. As of this issue, the journal thus appears under the English name “World Comparative Law” (WCL). We think that this name captures the essentials of our mission, which we also have reformulated as follows:

WCL/VRUe analyses developments in constitutional and public law in states and regions outside Europe and North America (in what used to be called the ‘Third World’) as well as their regional and international integration. Founded in 1968 and inspired by the ideals of “decolonization” and fair cooperation, the Journal also has a special interest in the entanglements between “Global South” and “Global North”, including the presence of the “South in the North”. Looking beyond the surface of globalization, WCL/VRUe promotes scholarship that uncovers the particularities of legal configurations as well as their interdependencies in an interconnected world.

The journal seeks to publish theoretically and historically informed studies of law in context, but is equally open to contributions from social sciences and from practitioners. It has a particular interest in analyses that compare several legal orders but is equally attentive to studies in international law and its impact on Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as comparative international law.

Unchanged is our mission to address authors and readers in all world regions and to serve as a forum of mutual exchange. We publish research articles, shorter reports about current events or conferences as well as book reviews. All manuscripts undergo a double-blind peer-review and can be submitted in English, and exceptionally in German, Spanish and French.

Philipp Dann for the editors, April 2019