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EDITORIAL

From its inception, the ambition of the Journal of Civil Law Studies was nothing less than becoming a reference periodical for the civil law in English, promoting a comparative approach. As our website advertised right from the beginning,

The *Journal of Civil Law Studies* is a peer-reviewed, online and open-access periodical, published by the Center of Civil Law Studies. LSU Law students participate in the editorial process once papers have been accepted for publication. First published in 2008, it promotes a comparative and interdisciplinary approach to the civil law in Louisiana and in the world.¹

The Journal is now ten-years old, well past the startup age. Present volume 10 publishes a note on the history of the journal during these first ten years, signed by Agustín Parise, Executive Editor and co-founder, with Olivier Moréteau, Editor-in-Chief. Parise points to the fact that the hybrid nature of the Journal “is especially valuable, since it makes [it] both a forum for legal scholarship and a laboratory for the development of research and writing skills in future generations of civilians and comparatists.” Regarding content, he notes that the Journal “serves as a forum for civil law scholarship that derives from academic discussion and debate,” which explains why a number of issues have published conference and workshop papers. He adds that “a number of articles have dealt with foundational aspects of the law, such as legal culture, legal language, legal systems, and the transformation and interpretation of the law.” Volume 10 is no exception. Angelo Chianale revisits notarial acts as written evidence, questioning whether things are really so different in the common law. Carlo Vittorio Giabardo addresses the civil contempt of court doctrine in the common law, wondering why it has no equivalent in the civil law. Zhe Huang critically examines social obligations on Chinese collective-owned land. Asress Adimi Gikay and

1. *Journal of Civil Law Studies*, LSU LAW DIGITAL COMMONS, at <https://perma.cc/QA77-9AHA>.

Cătălin Gabriel Stănescu question the reluctance of civil law systems in adopting the Uniform Commercial Code Article 9 “without breach of the peace” standard when allowing the secured creditor to take possession of the collateral upon the debtor’s default. These articles offer food for thoughts in various areas of the law, in every case with a comparative analysis. The same can be said of the essay by Alina-Emilia Ciortea on the duty of physicians to disclose medical risks to their patients: comparative discussion leads to the proposal of a better standard.

Other features are present in the volume. *Civil Law in Louisiana*, inaugurated in volume 5, publishes case notes written by LSU law students under the supervision of a professor. *Civil Law in the World*, inaugurated in volume 6, publishes national reports on recent evolution in multiple civil law jurisdictions. This time, we feature France with a report on the French revision of contractual obligations by Mustapha Mekki. Over a few years, no less than thirteen jurisdictions were explored, two of them more than once. A list of eighteen national correspondents appears on the masthead, and it will expand in the years to come. There is also a book review on key actors of Louisiana law during the period that follows the Civil War.

All this is the fruit of hard work and dedication. With the help of authors and advisors from all continents, the input of committed student editors, and the skills of multilingual staff, the journal is now well established to start a second decade of existence. Whether it lives up to the founders’ vision and meets the readers’ expectation remains to be seen. All involved in authoring, peer-review, editing, and producing will value the readers’ feedback. Do send your tenth anniversary wishes and comments to the editors, emailing at more-teau@lsu.edu. Happy reading.

The Editors