

## Presentation of the Journal of Law, Market and Innovation

We are living in an era of great change and speed.

The increasing convergence of the physical, digital, and biological worlds has paved the way for changes that have overturned every aspect of our lives. In the 18th century in England, the introduction of the steam engine overturned production processes, making them faster and much more efficient (first industrial revolution). At the end of the 19th century, electricity and oil gave a boost to the renewal of industry. This led to mass production (second industrial revolution). In the 1950s, the emergence of computers and digital technology laid the foundations for the global era and today's automation and technology-driven economy.

Today's scenario is based on a mix of technology, digitalisation, and automation. And it is within this hyper-connected framework that researchers in law are called upon to respond and meet new challenges as they arise. Our future is approaching rapidly. Mankind has experienced tremendous improvements in quality of life resulting from the progress of knowledge, economic growth, and stronger institutions, among other factors. Compared to the past, this new phase has unique characteristics. The processes of continuous technological change have been underway for some time, but the recent emergency linked to the Covid-19 pandemic has inevitably acted as an accelerator. 'Innovation' in all its different forms will dramatically affect the well-being of both present and future generations. In the context of the JLMI, the word 'innovation' covers both the digital transition, the green and circular transition, and the social and economic transition.

In order to offer to the international community of academics and professionals a venue where the debate on these forms of innovation can thrive, a diverse group of researchers from different legal disciplines has decided to join forces to launch the Journal of Law, Market & Innovation (JLMI). The JLMI is an international academic, fully peer-reviewed law journal, to act as a cutting-edge forum to discuss all legal issues pertaining to 'innovation' and how it affects global and national markets.

Both the advisory board and the editorial board are international, which reflects the vocation of this Journal to reach out globally in terms of both jurisdictions considered and targeted audience. The rooms where the editorial process is mostly handled are anyway the virtual and physical ones of the University of Turin and of the Turin Observatory on Economic Law and Innovation (TOELI), established at the glorious Istituto Universitario di Studi Europei (IUSE).

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