

Foreword to Issue 1/2022

This issue of the Journal of Law, Market & Innovation is a joint initiative with the Master of Laws in International Trade, within the Turin School of Development. The Master is jointly delivered by the University of Turin (Law Department) and the International Training Center of the International Labour Organisation in partnership with the University Institute of European Studies (IUSE), UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT.

Planned on an annual basis, such dedicated issue of the JLMI focuses on international and comparative approaches to trade law with the goal of offering challenging ideas, critical insights and new perspectives. The interdisciplinary approach adopted within the Master is also reflected in this issue's contributions. Each one addresses its topic from a specific area of law while considering the international, supranational or transnational legal dimension of it. Contributions from the Alumni of the Master programme are particularly welcome. However, each submission undergoes the same blind peer-review process. A Call for papers is published every year to collect proposals on a given trade-related question, but spontaneous submissions on relevant topics are accepted and processed as well.

The current issue deals with *The Interplay of Physical and Digital Trade Law*. It is intended to discuss to what extent technology and digital trust are changing global trade law, and what are the implications of the interplay of physical trade and the digitalisation of the economy for the regulation of global trade. The editors of the issue are the scientific coordinators of the 2020-2021 edition of the Master programme, University of Turin's dr Elena D'Alessandro, Professor of Civil Procedure, dr Lorenza Mola, Professor of International Law, and dr Cristina Poncibò, Professor of Comparative Private Law, together with dr Riccardo de Caria, Professor of Comparative Public Law as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the JLMI.

The issue also features the first Innovation Letter of the JLMI, dedicated to the new Foreign Investment Law in China.

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