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INTRODUCTION TO “INNOVATION LETTERS”: “ANOMALIES” IN THE LEGAL-TECHNOLOGICAL DOMAIN. A SECTION OF THE JOURNAL OF LAW, MARKET & INNOVATION

Reality is much less deferential to disciplinary boundaries than academic departments. Out there, conflicting agents interact in contexts marked by uncertainty, economic competition, as well as political clashes. Legal innovation, technology and economic investments become contested spaces in such rapidly evolving scenarios of competition and conflict over new (scarce) resources.

Especially, law and technology play a substantial role in creatively destroying the order of actions within the economic and political domains. These co-evolutionary dynamics between technology, legal rules and economic plans require novel, creative, audacious approaches and frameworks in order to accommodate the new reality into a robust and adjourned order of ideas. Awareness of these interdependent dynamics is of foundational importance for researchers, policy makers, and industrial leaderships as neither of them can do without the others. Yet, scientific journals wherein publish frontier research or thoughts are often in short supply.

This journal provides for a specific and dedicated interdisciplinary forum for these reflections and research agendas. The “Innovation letters” is the section of JLMI featuring the “anomalies” in emerging activities, technological dynamics or budding theoretical insights that challenge the prevailing order of ideas in law and bordering disciplines. The section is named after successful examples in economics having become prestigious venues for economists (i.e., Economic Letters, Elsevier) to share short – yet rigorous – accounts of theoretical ideas as well as empirical research.

The aim is that of providing legal scholars, social scientists, rule makers, and practitioners with an interdisciplinary forum to quickly signal “anomalous” phenomena, make available innovative theories, or share relevant case law. The focus on anomalies aims at making the section “Innovation Letters” the gateway for interdisciplinary exchange and cross fertilization. Perspectives coming from all the

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spectrum of social sciences are welcome to enrich the scientific conversation with further elements of evolution, continuity and disruption that are present in the contemporary multi-faceted reality.

Scientific contributions for this section are concise (around 2,500 words) and present facts or ideas which do not entirely square with the dominant theoretical frames in use in law and social sciences in general. They can include:

- preliminary theoretical understandings of emerging technological dynamics;
- thought provoking case reports from relevant jurisdictions, or;
- cutting-edge insights from bordering disciplines.

The section “Innovation letters” aims at supplying researchers with an additional tool to know about new technological dilemmas and innovative theoretical insights, to push forward the frontier of their scientific understanding of the legal implications of the technological innovation.