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In its first issue of every year, the JLMI hosts a section focused on international and comparative approaches to trade law, with the goal of offering to the readers challenging ideas, critical insights, and new perspectives. Such section is the result of a collaboration with the Turin School of Developments 'Master of Laws in International Trade Law, a post-graduate program jointly run by the Law Department of the University of Turin and the International Training Centre of the ILO in partnership with IUSE, UNCITRAL and UNIDROIT. This year's trade law section is devoted to 'Economic Sanctions and Innovation'. It focuses on the impact of technological innovation on governments' economic sanctions against other countries and/or specific individuals. The section consists of the Innovation Letter by Professor Antonino Ali and of two articles. Two perspectives especially come into relevance: first, the role of innovation and technology in the design and enactment of sanction regimes; second, the way sanctions target, concern or involve innovation and technology.

This issue also features articles on: anti-money laundering laws; blockchain in monitoring the sanctioning regimes; "Big Tech" Responsible Business Conduct; on the question whether impeding competition is anticompetitive; on the revitalisation of the Essential Facilities Doctrine in EU Competition law; and on Sanctions, Open Source Software, and Opposing Trends in Sovereignty.

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