Editor's Note

I would like to express a word of gratitude to our authors, peer reviewers and our graduate editorial team for their contributions to Volume 13 of the Journal. Volume 13 was put together in 2020, which was a particularly challenging time. We were adjusting to a deadly global pandemic and periodic lockdowns since early 2020. We also experienced a summer of global protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd, which led to demands to address racial injustice in the United States and elsewhere. We have paused and adapted and we are delighted to have many excellent articles for Volume 13.

The articles in these first two issues of Volume 13 address important topics, from pornography to regional trade agreements, and from mental health to family law. The articles also cover various regions of the continent, from Nigeria, to Ethiopia, to South Africa. This volume presents a range of voices, including both well-established and newer scholars.

This second issue of Volume 13 begins with a discussion of the laws, or absence thereof, on the controversial topic of revenge pornography. While this article is about Nigerian law, other jurisdictions face similar challenges. The second article is about financial crimes, which is also a topic of wide-ranging application. It focuses on the effects of money laundering and terrorism on African economies, with Nigeria and South Africa as case studies. The third article provides a review and discussion of freedom of religion in relation to broadcasting licenses in Nigeria and the final article analyzes the proposed Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

The first issue of Volume 13 contains a similarly diverse range of topics. The first article tackles mental health in Nigeria and the effects of outdated laws, such as those that criminalize suicide. Mental health is a topic that is not often openly discussed but is increasingly recognized as a topic of tremendous significance. The second article offers an analysis of the scope and authority of the Public Protector in South Africa, while the third article, which arises from a research project focused on Ethiopia, analyzes the role of civil society organizations in promoting sustainable development. The final piece in this issue is about family law, and more specifically, rehabilitative maintenance in South Africa.

We hope you enjoy reading these articles.

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