Editorial

Dear Readers,

Welcome back to *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals*!

Sadly, the last issue of the 18th Volume marked the end of almost a decade of Pierre Bodeau-Livinec's involvement with the Journal. Our friend Pierre first took over the role as the Journal's Managing Editor from Loretta Malintoppi and later became its Editor-in-Chief. Freya Baetens remembers well how he contacted her in January 2019 to ask her to join him as Co-Editor-in-Chief for the Journal: the call lasted more than an hour – not because Freya needed that much convincing, but rather because Pierre had so much to tell her about his beloved LPICT. The same applies to Régis Bismuth who was appointed Co-Editor-in-Chief following Pierre's departure in the fall of 2019. Again, over a long phone call, Pierre expressed his deep-rooted attachment to the Journal, as well as his gratitude to all those working hard to ensure the quality and international renown of this publication.

It is in itself a daunting but exciting challenge to follow in the footsteps of such a great colleague and friend. Under Pierre's auspices, the Journal's readership has expanded, allowing it to obtain and maintain its position among the world's leading sources of research on international law and dispute resolution. Among his many accomplishments, Pierre increased the number of manuscripts submitted to *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals* and managed to open up the Journal to a variety of authors with different backgrounds. Last year, with the support of Marie Sheldon from Brill, Pierre and Freya launched the first edition of the Rosalyn Higgins Prize – which immediately became popular among scholars interested in developments at the International Court of Justice.

Pierre is an outstanding academic and friend whom we are sad to see leave. But, fortunately, we know that we will not lose him as a reader and are looking forward to many more engaging conversations with him now that he has kindly accepted our invitation to join the LPICT Editorial Board. Dear Pierre, on behalf of the entire Journal, its editors, authors and readers: our heartfelt thanks for your invaluable involvement, all the best for the future, congratulations on your new position as the Director of Studies of the International Law Association and, to some extent, welcome back to where you belong!

We are very excited to present in this issue articles by scholars from the area of international dispute resolution, which offer the latest information and reflections on developments in several international courts and tribunals. This volume features, again, a variety of topics: ranging from litigation strategies, to interpretation issues, to legal culture. We are particularly pleased to be able to include the article “A Strategy of Non-Participation before International Courts and Tribunals” by Peter Tzeng – the first runner-up to the winner of the Rosalyn Higgins Prize. Moreover, the section in this issue on ICJ research includes a piece by Marco Dimetto, entitled “Interpretative Disputes with Regard to Provisional Measures at the ICJ: Is there a Normative Gap?”.

Scott Falls addresses a topic which recently has given rise to much discussion – the dispute settlement clauses included in free trade agreements (FTAs) – in “Outsourcing FTA Dispute Settlement Administration to Third-Party International Arbitral Institutions: Opportunities and the Role of the Permanent Court of Arbitration”. Furthermore, Andreas Kulick offers us a fresh perspective on the requirement of a dispute in “Let’s (Not) (Dis)Agree to Disagree!? Some Thoughts on the ‘Dispute’ Requirement in International Adjudication”. Last, but not least, Tommaso Soave’s article “European Legal Culture and the WTO Dispute Settlement: Thirty Years of Socio-Legal Transplants from Brussels to Geneva” comes at a time when WTO dispute resolution has come under fire. These topics are, once again, a marvellous display of the wide range of areas covered by the Journal.

We are both excited to begin this new adventure together and look forward to building on and developing the Journal’s legacy. To say it in the words of Pierre Bodeau-Livinec: Longue vie à *The Law and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals*!

Freya Baetens and Régis Bismuth