

## EXECUTIVE STUDENT EDITOR'S NOTE

On behalf of the Editorial Committee of the ILI Law Review, I am pleased to extend our warmest greetings and introduce the Special Issue of 2023 on *Rethinking Rights and Justice for Non-Humans & Environment*. At the outset, I wish to express our profound gratitude to the entire Editorial Committee and our esteemed faculty advisors for their unwavering support. The Editorial Committee has diligently strived to refine the editorial processes, aiming to ensure a highly efficient and rewarding experience for both our valued authors and dedicated reviewers. This collective endeavour has elevated the Journal's standing and visibility within the academic community in a relatively short period.

I would like to express the deepest appreciation to all our authors for their valuable contribution and acknowledge the peer-reviewers' generous assistance, which the authors and Editorial Committee frequently received throughout the process. The backbone of any good journal is their reviewers. We have been blessed with some of the most talented, efficient, and dedicated academicians, researchers and other professionals who have been associated with our journal and constitute a multi-disciplinary community of peer reviewers. They all deserve special mention for giving us their valuable time and helping ILI Law Review in achieving great milestones.

In this special edition 2023, we aim to guide our readers through a thought-provoking exploration of the complex terrain of contemporary ethical discourse. A selection of stimulating readings from various scholars, legal professionals, and students have been included. In the current issue of our journal, the authors have tenaciously explored the realm of essential concepts, evolving norms, and moral justifications that form the basis of the compelling argument for non-human entities, as well as the dimensions of environmental justice. We investigate the boundaries of animal rights, including "Representing Nature: Rights, Crimes, and Diplomacy," "Exploring the Case for Multispecies Justice," "Humanist Dimensions of Machines" etc. Each of these explorations reveals valuable insights into the dynamic ethical issues that influence our interactions with the surrounding world. As readers delve into the articles included in this issue, they will encounter a diverse array of concepts that challenges not only established perspectives on justice, morality, and the rights of not just human beings, but also other entities coexisting on our planet. It is our goal to ensure that this compilation

elicits a sense of enlightenment and stimulates deep introspection, somewhat akin to the profound impact it had on us during its creation.

Around six of the articles published have been selected out of a Webinar presentation on 'Rethinking Rights and Justice for Non-Humans' which was held in 2022, at School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Overall, forty articles were considered by the Editorial Committee for this issue, which went through three stages of screening process; initial screening, plagiarism test and blind peer reviews. As per ILILR's policy, the team followed a double-blind peer review process for each entry where identity of authors and reviewers were not revealed to each other. For this Special Issue, the entire review and revision process took around seven-eight months. The review process engaged around ninety subject experts and each entry went through two to three blind peer reviews. Case comments and book reviews are processed in a similar manner. The entire review process is carefully structured so as to minimize possibility of bias, conflict and any competing interest.

We extend our appreciation to our readership for your continued support and engagement with the ILI Law Review. Your active participation is instrumental in fostering the growth and development of our scholarly community.

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