

Editorial

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The second volume of the LJMU Student Law Journal represents a selection of the work of our students across the academic years 2020-21 and 2021-2022.

The eight peer-reviewed contributions cover a diverse range of topics including euthanasia and assisted suicide; family formation; domestic abuse; family breakdown and access to justice; racial discrimination in the UK; intersectional discrimination in the fast fashion industry; corporate social responsibility, data protection and the right to privacy; and the circular economy and plastic recycling

The contributions share a number of common themes. They place the law in historic, political, economic, and scientific contexts that highlight tensions between law, individual values, social norms, market forces, and technological advancements. The analyses of the micro and macro contexts in which law exists draw attention to deep rooted and complex social inequalities and power imbalances and challenge notions of individual, corporate, and State accountability. The contributions analyse legal developments in the UK as well as at regional and international level and examine their impact. They call for further reforms and discuss how this could be achieved. They aim for fairer, proportionate legal responses that protect and respect people and the environment in an ever changing world.

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