

# LETTER FROM **THE EDITORS**

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We are pleased to introduce the third issue of the fourth volume of the *Brazilian Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, a scientific journal of the *Brazilian Network of Empirical Legal Studies*, which aims to foster and develop empirical research in the area of Law in Brazil since 2011.

We maintain our commitment to accomplish a high-quality journal that represents Brazilian and international research. All articles published in this number undergo a rigorous double-blind peer review process, respecting as far as possible the regional and thematic diversity that characterizes the empirical research in law.

We would like to acknowledge and thank everyone that contributed to this Journal. We are grateful for the gracious and qualified participation of the peer reviewers and the members of our Editorial Board, which includes representatives from prestigious institutions in many countries and different states in Brazil. We are also thankful for the dedication and effort from our editorial team, without whom this issue

would not have been possible. We would like to voice our deepest gratitude to everyone that contributed in order to assure this Journal would be an instrument for the development of its relevant scientific mission.

This issue inaugurates a new section of the journal, in parallel with the main research papers' section. Besides interviews, translations and reviews, we are now also publishing transcriptions of academic events. We begin the series with the event "Rethinking access to Justice: old problems, new challenges", which took place in April 30th 2017, at FGV Direito SP. The session was led by professors Leslie Shérida Ferraz, Daniela Monteiro Gabbay, Kim Economides, Frederico Almeida, Maria Cecília de Araújo Asperti. Ana Carolina Chasin, Susana Henriques da Costa, Luciana Gross Cunha, Élide Lauris e Bruno Takahashi.

Happy reading!

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