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EDITORS' NOTE

It is with great pleasure and a sense of occasion that we welcome readers to the inaugural volume and issue of *Transnational Criminal Law Review*. The plan to found this publication was formulated a decade ago in discussions between Neil Boister, Rob Currie and Advisory Board member Tom Obokata. It was based on the simple premise that, while there were both journals dedicated to international criminal law *stricto sensu* and those which might publish material concerning crime and international law, it would be useful to have a law journal dedicated to the emerging and increasingly important discipline of transnational criminal law.¹ The founding editors now number the undersigned six and are supported by a prestigious and generous Advisory Board.² We are also grateful to the Leddy Library at the University of Windsor, which provides our open-access platform, and to the University of Canterbury for financial support towards copy-editing.

It is our hope that this fully peer-reviewed and open-access journal will become the primary platform for literature in this field. In particular, we are determined to escape the constraints of North American/Euro-centrism and are committed to publishing as fully “global” a range of material as possible. It is this goal that motivated us to create a modestly innovative feature: a regularly-occurring “Regional Reports” section that will contain brief notes on treaty practice, cases, legislative updates and other relevant state practice. We are grateful to have the assistance of a stalwart group of regional rapporteurs,³ though we continue to seek even broader coverage.

The plan is for primary editorial duties to revolve among the Editors-in-Chief for each volume. The current volume (Volume 1, issues 1 and 2) is being edited by Boister and Currie, who decided to start things off with a thematic issue on a matter of foundational importance to transnational criminal law: extradition. Our rough plan is to do one thematic or “special topic” issue per year, as well as one of “general” interest, and we also foresee the possibility of special issues arising from conferences on relevant topics. All of this may change as—we hope!—the journal grows.

We hope you are as excited to read this work as we are to present it. Please feel free to contact the editors with questions,⁴ and naturally we welcome submissions⁵ from all and sundry.

¹ For an explanation of what “transnational criminal law” covers, see *Transnational Criminal Law Review*, “About the Journal,” online: <https://ojs.uwindsor.ca/index.php/nlj/about>. And see Neil Boister, *An Introduction to Transnational Criminal Law* (2nd edn, OUP 2018).

² See *Transnational Criminal Law Review*, “Editorial Team,” online <https://ojs.uwindsor.ca/index.php/nlj/about/editorialTeam>.

³ For a list, see *ibid*.

⁴ See *Transnational Criminal Law Review*, “Contact,” online: <https://ojs.uwindsor.ca/index.php/nlj/about/contact>.

⁵ See *Transnational Criminal Law Review*, “Submissions,” online: <https://ojs.uwindsor.ca/index.php/nlj/about/submissions>.

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