

FOREWORD

This is the fifth issue of the ELSA Malta Law Review. This publication goes to show the tenacity with which the ELSA Malta Law Review Editorial Board has ensured that this Review continues to be published, not only on a regular and timely basis, but also contains articles of high academic quality whilst touching diverse areas of the law. This is thanks to the hard work put in by successive Editorial Board team members of ELSA Malta Law Review.

I commend such a publication not only to students studying law at the Faculty of Laws to whom it is primarily addressed but to all those people who nurture love for the law. This volume thus appeals to members of the legal profession and to the judiciary, to persons with a keen interest in the law even if not necessarily having read law at the Faculty of Laws of the University of Malta and who are Melitensia avid readers. This issue is, however, not only restricted to papers introspecting Maltese domestic law but to other spheres of law such as European Union and International Law. Indeed, Maltese Law is enriched through coming into contact not only with its civil law and common law legal sources but also with other legal families such as International Law and European Union Law. These two legal traditions have evolved considerably since the Second World War so much so that, due to their immensity, require the production of legal studies and commentaries in their own right.

Of course, without the contribution of the authors who have submitted an article for publication in the fifth issue of the ELSA Malta Law Review, this work would not have become a reality. Hence their public spiritedness has to be praised for thanks to such people who find the time to share their legal knowledge with us, following in depth reflection and assiduous writing, such publications materialise. As Dean of the Faculty of Laws I fully support, encourage and cherish the publications of legal materials which not only throw light upon the thorniest legal issues and intricate quandaries but which also enlighten those nebulous and often complex branches of the law which are awaiting to be unravelled by authors and publications of such an august nature.

Law students and Maltese society in general are lucky to be able to benefit from diverse legal contributions contained in this volume ranging from subjects related to illicit drug trafficking to gender identity, the Crimean crisis in International Law to Constitutional Rules and Principles, medical liability to drunk-driving in traffic law, and awarding of civil damages to private maritime security companies. This is, indeed, quite a wide ranging breadth of topics which brings with it a breath of fresh air in the study of the law.

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