



Call for Submissions to the *University of New South Wales Law Journal* Issue 40(4)

‘Cyberspace and the Law’

The *UNSW Law Journal* is currently welcoming submissions for Issue 40(4). The Issue will comprise both a thematic component and a general component. The topic for the thematic component is ‘Cyberspace and the Law’.

In recent years, there has been an exponential growth in the capabilities of cyberspace technologies. These include advancements in hacking, cyber warfare, FinTech, Blockchain, and cryptography. The development of these technologies will have a profound impact on society, by changing the way that people communicate, transact, and store and access data. Indeed, the current era of human history is likely to be characterised by the continued reach of the Digital Age.

In light of new technological developments in this area, the *Journal* believes that now is an appropriate time to further explore this area. Therefore, the thematic component of this Issue invites contributors to consider the relationship between cyberspace and the law. There are two main aspects to this thematic component.

First, the *Journal* invites submissions that consider how new developments in the realm of cyberspace technology fit within existing legal frameworks, and potential problems this may cause. This tension is largely inevitable, given that centuries of common law developments and principles are now being applied in the context of new technology. Articles may wish to consider areas of law where traditional principles can be seamlessly applied to a modern cyber context, or where there is likely to be a more tumultuous relationship.

Second, articles may also consider how the law must change to accommodate these developments in cyberspace technology. These policy discussions may come from statutory regulations, international conventions, or public and government policy on cyber security. These discussions could either be focused on domestic issues, or include a comparative component. Articles may consider regulatory changes proposed to deal with existing problems, or explore areas where more proactive change is necessary.

Some specific areas that authors may wish to consider, but are in no way limited to, include:

- jurisdictional issues in cyberspace;
- how civil or criminal law principles operate in the context of cyberspace;
- issues posed by anonymity in cyberspace, including evidential issues;
- an analysis of new ‘regulatory’ approaches to cyberspace, such as the Tallinn Manual;

- how Blockchain, and its derivative applications such as smart contracts and etherum, fit within our current legal framework and whether further regulation is needed;
- regulation of FinTech;
- new hacking technology, such as the Stuxnet malware;
- the rapid growth of cryptography technology;
- e-government initiatives, the most notable example being the Australian 2016 census;
- general regulatory and jurisprudential issues posed by cyberspace, such as the time lapse between the development and implementation of new technology and the response of the law; and
- future directions in Australian cyber security policy and law.

The submission deadline for the thematic component of Issue 40(4) is **1 May 2017**. Publication of Issue 40(4) is set for late 2017. In addition to submissions for the thematic component, authors are welcome to submit on any topic for the general component. Submissions for the general component will be considered on a rolling basis, and will be published in a forthcoming Issue of the *Journal*. Any changes to these deadlines will be indicated on the *Journal*'s website at <http://www.unswlawjournal.unsw.edu.au>.

Articles must be between 7000 and 12 000 words in length (excluding footnotes). The style guide for the *Journal* is the third edition of the *Australian Guide to Legal Citation*, available online at <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/mulr/aglc>, as supplemented by the latest edition of the *Journal*'s 'Additions', available at <http://www.unswlawjournal.unsw.edu.au/submission>.

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The *Journal* does not publish articles that have been, or will be, published elsewhere, either in identical or substantially similar form. If articles are posted on online repositories, such as SSRN, they should be removed at the time of submission to ensure the anonymity of the peer review process.

If you are interested in, or have any queries about, submitting for Issue 40(4), please contact the *Journal* at law_journal@unsw.edu.au. If you intend to submit an article, it would be greatly appreciated if you could provide some early indication of your proposed topic or area of research. We strongly encourage you to pass on this call for submissions to any colleagues, research network or organisations who may be interested in making a submission.

Yours sincerely,

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