



Call for Submissions to the *University of New South Wales Law Journal* Issue 42(3)

‘Conceptions of Ownership’

The *UNSW Law Journal* is currently welcoming submissions for Issue 42(3). The Issue will be solely thematic, with articles directed to the theme ‘Conceptions of Ownership’.

Ownership has an ostensibly settled meaning in the context of western liberal property law, but its meaning, significance, and content is differently conceived immediately outside of this narrow sphere of observance. Pre- and post-invasion Indigenous law conceptions of ownership are an important example of this. More recently, technological advances may have implications for ownership and how it is changing through the rise of collective consumerism and the sharing economy.

Given the historical and cultural backdrop of a wide variety of conceptions of ownership that are largely unacknowledged in modern western common law, and the potential implications for changes in ownership meanings and behaviours that the exigencies of the sharing economy foreshadow, this thematic seeks to address itself to the wide array of past, present and potential future meanings of ownership.

The meaning of ownership has an obvious relevance in the field of property law, but its significance radiates across numerous other areas of law and spheres of existence. The idea of ownership is relevant to private law, contract, tort, criminal law, environmental law and international law, amongst others. The present symposium will seek to elicit articles that tackle notions of ownership from perspectives other than and in contrast to the traditional western ‘bundle of rights’ paradigm, both from a historical and cultural perspective, and from the perspective of a wide range of both property and traditionally non-property-centric areas of law.

A symposium taking a broad approach to interrogating notions of ownership might give rise to the following discussions, amongst many others:

- The proliferation of plagiarism and how this might relate to perceptions of ownership;
- A study on no-fault systems of tort and how they deal with, impact, or are impacted by notions of ownership;
- Implications for ownership raised by the shift in digital distribution of software to licensing of use rather than sale;
- Data ownership as a future mechanism for privacy protection in big data analytics; and
- Discussion of whether economic, civil, social and cultural human rights could be facilitated by framing certain types of ownership as fundamental human rights.

The submission deadline for the thematic Issue 42(3) is **1 March 2019**. Publication of Issue 42(3) is set for late September 2019. The *Journal* also accepts submissions on any topic for our general issues. Submissions for the general issues 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](#).

The *Journal* is also now accepting submissions for the entirely online publication which launched in 2017 – the *UNSW Law Journal Forum*. The *Forum* aims to promote discussion and debate by publishing short, scholarly pieces that make a timely contribution to legal scholarship in Australia. Such pieces could include essays, case comments, legislation comments, article responses, book reviews, and audio-visual recordings. The *Forum* is not a blog and is subject to peer review and the same rigorous editing process as articles published in our print publication. Pieces accepted for publication will be hosted on the *Journal*'s website, as well as being available on all the major databases that currently host articles published in the *UNSW Law Journal*. Detailed information about the *Forum*, accepted submission formats, editing and the publication process is available online at the *UNSW Law Journal* [website](#).

Articles for the print publication of the *Journal* must be between 7000 and 13 000 words in length (excluding footnotes). Pieces for the *Forum* must be less than 5000 words or 30 minutes in length. The style guide for the *Journal* is the current edition of the *Australian Guide to Legal Citation*, available [online](#), as supplemented by the latest edition of the *Journal*'s '[Additions](#)'.

The *Journal* is an independent, peer-reviewed publication. Although all submissions received are subject to peer review, decisions as to publication remain at the discretion of the Editor, in council with the Executive Committee of the *Journal*.

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 42(3), 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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