

Editorial Note

The sixth issue of *Católica Law Review* proposes for reflexion four texts of particular scientific interest. All of them are the result of invitations addressed to their authors.

In the doctrinal part, this issue includes texts of JEREMY SARKIN (Nova-Lisboa) and GRAŻYNA BARANOWSKA (Polish Academy of Sciences), Robert Esser (Universidade de Passau), ROBERT J. CURRIE (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University) and LAURA ELLYSON (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University). GERMANO MARQUES DA SILVA (Católica-Lisbon) provides a comment on a specific judicial question.

The *Católica Law Review* gathers articles of well-known scholars on current wide-ranging themes. JEREMY SARKIN and GRAŻYNA BARANOWSKA's contribution analyses enforced disappearances against groups as state policy and discusses effective strategies for their prevention and avoidance. ROBERT ESSER reflects on the prohibition of torture and the difficulties involved in its enforcement, from the historical roots of torture as a phenomenon to the current international context bound to its absolute prohibition. ROBERT J. CURRIE and LAURA ELLYSON identify the difficult harmonization between extradition requests and the right to a judicial decision within a reasonable time and consider in particular the specific contribution of the Canadian experience.

Even though this issue is dedicated to criminal law, it is important to note that all articles address transversal matters, and that therefore they should be under the attention of lawyers from different areas.