Call for Applications to Join the 2022-2023 Editorial Board

About Theoretical Inquiries in Law

Theoretical Inquiries in Law (TIL) is a biannual English-language law journal published by the Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law at the Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University. The journal specializes in the application of insights developed in other disciplines, such as moral and political theory, epistemology, history, cultural studies, social sciences, economics, and game theory, to legal problems. The range of issues dealt with by the journal is virtually unlimited, in line with its commitment to the cross-disciplinary cultivation of ideas. Contributors to the journal are distinguished legal scholars working in different interdisciplinary fields, but the journal strives to offer a forum for contributions to legal theory by scholars working in disciplines outside of law as well.

Well-known and widely cited in Israel and all over the world, TIL is ranked fifth in the category of jurisprudence and legal theory worldwide and first among all non-U.S. law reviews.

Each year TIL publishes one volume comprised of two issues, each containing articles dedicated to a distinctive topic. In line with the journal’s ultimate goal, each issue seeks to contribute to groundbreaking research and provide novel insights into its dedicated topic.

The issues that will be edited by the incoming editorial board are Controlling Minority Shareholders (Issue 25.1, guest editors: Prof. Assaf Hamdani (TAU), Dr. Kobi Kastiel (TAU)), and Third-Party Litigation Funding (Issue 25.2, guest editors: Prof. Ronen Avraham (TAU) Prof. Joanna Shepherd (Emory), Prof. Tom Baker (Penn), and Prof. Anthony Sebok (Cardozo)).

The work on every issue starts with an international conference held by the Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law and organized by prominent scholars who serve as the issue’s guest editors. The articles presented in each conference are later edited by the editorial board members.

The 2022-2023 Editorial Board

We welcome second-year students and above to apply to the position of editorial board members for TIL’s 25th volume and be a significant part of TIL’s long recognized academic success.

Through their work, members of the editorial board are exposed to cutting-edge legal research by leading scholars from all over the world. This will allow them to glean into the legal topic studied in each issue for advanced insights. Working as members of the editorial board will develop board
members’ critical thinking, academic and legal English proficiency, and expertise in the Legal Bluebook citation system – valuable skills for those who seek a career in legal academia as well as for those seeking to practice law in an increasingly globalized world.

Members of the editorial board will participate in the aforementioned international conferences and will have the opportunity to accompany and associate with the participating authors. After receiving the articles, board members will be involved in the editorial process, which includes, *inter alia*, substantive comments on the argument made in the article, technical editing of footnotes, and proofreading of the final text.

Members of the editorial board are entitled to four academic credits for their work and are committed to a tenure of approximately a *year and a half* (December 2022 to March 2024). The work includes attending training sessions, editorial meetings, as well as meetings aimed at deepening the board members’ understanding of the topic studied in each issue. Meetings are scheduled with consideration of the board members’ other obligations as students. Please note that the editorial board’s work continues over summer break; however, students are permitted to participate in any foreign exchange programs while being board members (the editorial process can continue remotely).

**Application Process**

To apply, please submit the following by e-mail to Ms. Sharon Vered Shaked, at Cegla@tauex.tau.ac.il, by Wednesday, 9 November 2022, at 12:00:

1. Résumé / CV (in Hebrew or English)
2. Current grade transcripts
3. Take-home assignment (in Hebrew or English)
4. E-mail address, telephone number and photograph

Selected applicants will be invited to an interview, which will take place from the 22nd of November until the 1st of January 2023. The interview, which will be held in Hebrew or English according to the applicant’s choice, will include an acquaintance with the applicant, as well as a discussion on the take-home assignment.

Note that the assignment should reflect the applicant’s own work and skills, and TIL editors reserve the right to disqualify applicants who are suspected of cheating on the take-home assignment.
Please note that applicants who seek to apply to more than one journal will be asked to rate their preferences after the last interview via an online questionnaire that will be sent to the applicant by email. Preferences will be taken into account only after the interview period and will not be revealed to the law reviews prior to the final allocation of successful candidates between the journals.

Good luck!

Prof. Ronen Avraham, Editor in Chief
Dan Largman, Executive Editor
Mor Divshi, Yahel Gerlic, and Liam Barir, Junior Editors
Instructions for the take-home assignment

Read the article *Constitutional Consequentialism: Bargain Democracy versus Median Democracy* by Robert Cooter (available [here](#)). Write one paragraph summarizing the article’s main argument, and up to four comments, in Hebrew or English, according to the instructions below (note that providing four comments isn’t a must, three excellent in-depth comments are better than four mediocre comments).

Each of the paragraphs – the article’s summary and the comments – should contain approximately 120 words each (the assignment itself should not exceed 600 words limit).

In your comments, we expect to hear how you think the article could be improved. One or two of your comments should address the argument as a whole, while the other comments should focus on specific aspects or parts of it.

We suggest addressing some of the following issues in your comments:

1. Can the article’s readers understand its main claim and contribution to the current literature? What changes can be made to emphasize these aspects? Is the article’s research question explanatory, normative or critical?

2. Is the article’s main argument clearly structured? Can the article’s readers understand each of the argument’s steps and stages? How can these aspects be rendered clearer to readers? Highlight incoherence in the line of argument, the structure of the article or its flow.

3. Is there any missing information from the article that would contribute to its argument? How and where should such information be incorporated into the article?

4. Is the article suffering from issues of repetitiveness, logical flaws, etc.?

5. Is the article’s methodology well-established? Is the chosen methodology fitting to answer the research question?

6. Does the author address possible critiques (potential counterarguments) in a satisfying manner? In this regard, we suggest focusing on critiques from within the article’s selected field, rather than on critiques made from other fields. For example, an article that adopts a philosophical approach should address critiques made from the same philosophical approach rather than from an economic analysis of law perspective, and vice versa.

7. Does the article answer the question it poses? Does the article provide sufficient evidence to support its argument?

8. Do not address any grammatical errors.

Please note that you will be required to discuss the assignment and the article in the interview.