Note from the Editors

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We are delighted to announce that we have two more distinguished colleagues to join the Journal's editorial team as of this issue.

Professor Micklitz is one of the most highly regarded and influential scholars working in the field of consumer law, and we are sure that his engagement with the Journal's planning and production in future will be of immense benefit to all those involved in our work—including most of all ultimately our readers. Professor Micklitz is currently Professor of Economic Law at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy (<http://www.iue.it/LAW/People/Faculty/CVs/Micklitz.shtml>). There he teaches courses on private law, both in a comparative context and with reference to the growing impact of the EC's internal market project. His impressive expertise is amply demonstrated by reference to his publications, which range over fields such as international and European economic law, comparative law, and private law. Consumer lawyers know him best for his many major and sophisticated publications in the field of EC consumer law in particular—books, journal articles, and reports, in English, in French, and in German.

Professor Micklitz's current research embraces concern for what he calls the “visible hand” of European private law—which engages questions of regulatory strategy and instruments—as well as, still more broadly, inquiry into the place of “social justice” in EC law, an area of inquiry which has occupied Professor Micklitz profitably for some considerable time. A German national, Professor Micklitz wrote his Habilitation thesis in Bremen and he previously taught at the University of Bamberg, from which he is currently on leave while holding his position at the EUJ in Florence. But intellectually he is a true European, and we are delighted to welcome him to the Journal's editorial team.

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Dr. Christian Twigg-Flesner is already a valued member of the Journal's team, having served as Law editor of our Book Review and Notes section for some years, but we are now delighted to announce that he joins the editorial team to provide yet further intellectual strength, particularly in the field of legal scholarship. Dr. Twigg-Flesner is a Reader in Law at the University of Hull, in Northern England, having previously worked at the University of Sheffield, where he completed his doctoral work (<http://www.law.hull.ac.uk/people/staff/twiggflesner.html>). His principal publications explore the developing "Europeanisation" of contract law—this indeed is the title of his book published in 2008 by Routledge—Cavendish—and he has written extensively and influentially on matters such as consumer guarantees, pre-contractual information duties, and the challenge of implementing EC Directives into national law.

Fully in line with the Journal's tradition and aspirations, Dr. Twigg-Flesner's work involves active engagement with the transnational development of consumer law and policy. He is a member of several research groups and networks, including the "Acquis Group," which concerns itself with the systematic arrangement of the EC's legislative activities in the field of private law, and the Joint Network on European Private Law, funded by the EU's Sixth Framework Programme. He has also been a visiting Professor in Germany, at the Universities of Bielefeld, Münster, and Osnabrück. We are delighted that Dr. Twigg-Flesner has joined the editorial team.