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### Editorial Foreword

The College of Law has always been a platform for numerous international conferences where various topical issues are raised. The College of Law chose a timely theme for its annual conference held on 27-28 January 2020, which is related to "Law and Media: Horizons and Challenges" aimed at highlighting the important role of media in its traditional and modern forms in various fields. Qatari law has guaranteed constitutional protection for media freedom in article 48: "Freedom of the press and media, shall be guaranteed in accordance with the Law," which demonstrates the strength of the existing relationship between the media and the law, and the importance of studying legal media regulation.

The conference sessions continued over two days, during which various research papers were presented and distinguished by their fruitful legal debate. This special issue of the International Review of Law comprises a set of papers presented at the conference, which were peer-reviewed in accordance with Qatar University Press' policy.

This issue discusses six research papers. The first paper (Mzoughi and Gdiri) discusses "Legal regulation of the media between requirements of freedom and restrictions of protection". While the second research paper (Bentria) studies "Small Communication Satellites: A Promising Space Industry Needing Insurance". The third study (Mahgoub and Rashed) focuses on "Civil liability from the damages caused by the advertising message to its audience - A Comparative analytical study in the Qatari and French laws". As for the fourth research paper (Mansouri), it is concerned with "Protection of Personal Data in Social Media - Comparative analysis". Meanwhile, the fifth research paper (Benbadra) seeks to address a recent topic related to "Youtubers": "Towards a new legal status?" Lastly, the sixth research paper (Ellamey) focuses on "Criminal protection from disinformation during electoral campaigns in light of the legislative criminal policy - A comparative study with Egyptian, Qatari and French legislation".

The editorial family thanks all researchers for presenting their papers, and their contribution to enhancing the academic value of the International Review of Law. We hope that these studies will reach the largest number of readers who draw on knowledge and research, in the Arab world and the world at large.

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