

# Editorial

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Welcome to the second issue of 2017 of the European Journal of Law and Technology. In this issue we present three articles and a book review.

Galindo considers search engines and their role in the discussion of freedom and the Internet. It is a unique and thought provoking piece of work, and extremely ambitious in its scope. It suggests that a tool such as thesauri could provide a means by which to provide possibilities for Internet freedom. This could make search engines more responsive and transparent, thereby enabling users to be able to understand to a greater degree the manner in which search results are reached at. The approach of Galindo would have applications outside of the field of search engines as well, especially in the interconnectedness of devices and the ever widening reach of the Internet and digital devices.

Dongen, Yegros, Tijssen and Claassen discuss the relationship between the IP and scientists, in particular their motivations and engagement with the commercialisation of research within Europe. It contains much empirical research and provides an intriguing insight into the day to day reality of the relationship of IP to research. Those of us working within the University setting will have encountered attempts to commercialise academic research, and so it is interesting to have data that exemplifies the relationship between the scientist and commercialisation. The article, in effect, ultimately also gets us to think about how similar factors may also play a role in other IP regimes and areas.

Lodder and Polter's article focuses upon ISP blocking and filtering. This is becoming increasingly important within recent years, as blocking orders and filtering are becoming common techniques to counter Internet piracy. They argue that blocking injunctions are not the most effective way to regulate piracy on the Internet. Instead, they argue that the underlying issues should be addressed. An example would include the reasons for the cost of cultural products. They fear that the future direction of IP law in the EU is moving in the wrong direction.

Finally, Griffin offers a review of the book, *Research Handbook on Digital Transformations* edited by F Xavier Olleros and Majlinda Zhegu (Edward Elgar, 2016).