Editorial

We hereby proudly present the second issue of Retskraft – Copenhagen Journal of Legal Studies. Since the first issue, which was published in the autumn of 2017, we have experienced an increasing attention and interest in our journal, which has led to a growing number of subscribers to our journal. We are now honored to count the Danish Supreme Court, along with other Danish courts, as subscribers to Retskraft – Copenhagen Journal of Legal Studies.

In relation to the growing interest in our journal, we have also experienced an increase in the number of articles that have been submitted to the editorial board of the journal and we have therefore also had a good opportunity to choose from a wide range of topics and to choose the articles that were the most eligible for publishing. We are very grateful for all the submissions.

In January of 2018, we held our first official event, which focused on jurisprudential assignment-writing and was an attempt to provide students with methods and advice on how to write an assignment or article within the field of law with a more specific critical perspective than is otherwise taught at our Faculty of Law. The speakers of the event were associate professor Mikkel Jarle Christensen, who is an invaluable support to our journal, associate professor Anne Lise Kjær and former contributor Amalie Paludan. The event was well-visited and the students were appreciative of the event and the possibility of gaining additional information on how to write a good assignment or article, aside from the advice they have received on the individual courses.

The event was a clear expression of one of the fundamental aims of Retskraft – Copenhagen Journal of Legal Studies, which continues to be; to spread and encourage a culture of academic writing on the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen. In that regard, it is therefore important for the journal, that students whose articles have been chosen for publishing, are given productive criticism so that they are able to learn and incorporate this criticism into their articles. In that regard, we are most thankful for the work of our peer-reviewers who have helped make this issue come together by providing valuable feedback for the students and for providing our journal with a mark of high quality.
As mentioned above, the articles in this second issue of Retskraft – Copenhagen Journal of Legal Studies are broadly based on different fields of law. In relation to the ongoing climate changes and the related access to new areas of the world, Sanne Severinsen has written an article on the regulation of access to genetic resources through a comparative analysis of regulation in Denmark and Greenland. Regarding the growing interest for artificial intelligence, or AI, and its possible implications for the legal world, Thomas Julius Buocz has written an article about the introduction of AI-technology to the judiciary. Lea Emilie Dam has written an article about the legal problems of gender identity-changes in relation to obtaining legal parenthood as a father and the accordance between Danish national legislation and the European Convention on Human Rights. Christopher Ejlersen has written an article on the elements and points, to which the Danish courts are keen to attach great importance, when examining § 67 of the Danish Bankruptcy Act, in regard to the question of setting aside payments made to business overdraft facilities. And last, but not least, Line Liv Lütken and Line Lehmann Lin has written an article about the term “environmental information”, as it is defined in the Directive on public access to environmental information and as it appears in the Danish implementation hereof, in an effort to analyze the scope of the aforementioned term.