

EDITORIAL

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Hence, this issue has only three pieces. However, they reflect our aim to be a place for international and comparative scholarship. We open with an interesting note on recent developments in Chile. How different jurisdictions give effect to standards founded in international documents is of interest, and accounts of similar reform proposals would be welcomed as submissions. The second article, which started life as a thesis but has been successfully translated for publication, reports the results of research into how psychiatrists in India operate a new statutory regime that was designed to implement a human rights model of mental health practice. This is complemented by the third piece, a review of a book written about the Indian legislation.

These all provide food for thought and avenues to explore. We are grateful to the authors, editors and peer reviewers, and the staff at Northumbria University Newcastle who take the final steps in the open access publishing process; and we thank those of you who take the time to download and consider these pieces.

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