

**Guest Editors - Anne Wagner & José Manuel Aroso Linhares**

Law involves spatial dynamics, and as such law is like an integrated circuit with two main lines of development, at times autonomous, at others conflicting with each other to reveal a new vision of reality. This integrated circuit thereby enables the Law to grow with the life surrounding it, while simultaneously reviving concepts sometimes far too deeply rooted in a predetermined time period. Yet the Law as a living organism has the ability to territorialize a concept, while also creating alternative trajectories or deterritorialization routes for more modern and contemporaneous visions. In this way, this two-stage integrated circuit may be a source of either promise or struggle in addressing and understanding new visions of the Law. Hence, we also need to speak about these lines of resistance - i.e., refusal/hindrances of evolution or adaptation, as well as about these lines of transformation - i.e., acceptance of an evolving world with new conceptions of the past living reality. All this without forgetting a meta-discursive plan or perspective, in which the different contemporary conceptions of law and legal discourse, while considering these lines of resistance and transformation, significantly overlap and conflict: the plurality of these conceptions is actually dynamized by two unmistakable irreducible poles, one of them giving law a purely instrumental identity (within the limits of a pragmatic functionalization), the other one reinventing the symbolic and practical-cultural possibilities of its discursive autonomy (as well as the inter-semiotic claim that this autonomy demands).

Contributions may address the spatial dynamics and cultural changes that could be read as a source of legal tension but also as a place of cultural (ex)changes in contemporary law and legal theory.

Submissions should be addressed to Anne Wagner ([valwagnerfr@yahoo.com](mailto:valwagnerfr@yahoo.com)) and José Manuel Aroso Linhares ([linhares@fd.uc.pt](mailto:linhares@fd.uc.pt))

- Abstracts of 300 words by 15 September 2023.
- After selection, final papers (no more than 10,000 words) should be submitted by 15 February 2024.