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In spite of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the editorial team at the SOAS Law Journal has continued to commit to the publishing of Volume Eight. The articles featured this year not only reflect the Journal’s tradition of showcasing diverse scholarship, but also the hard work and cooperation of the exceptional authors behind them. We would therefore like to begin by thanking all those involved in the production of this Volume.

This year Liu breaks down and evaluates the concept of public apology in the realm of transitional justice for indigenous peoples in Australia. Saxena and Karanja critique legal regimes in India and Africa respectively. In India, the statutory age of consent is challenged with emphasis on its effect on the adolescents who are subject to it. Karanja, with particular reference to Kenya, proposes the nationalisation and decolonisation of foreign investment regimes for the greater benefit of the African states who command them. Johnson and FU look to the future and the implications of technological and medical advancements. Johnson uses postcolonial sci-fi literature to envisage the future operation of lethal autonomous robots in relation to the law. FU considers the impact of the much-awaited COVID-19 vaccine on questions of personal freedom and liberty in Hong Kong.

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