

EDITORIAL

This second part of the 2022 volume of the International Journal of Mental Health and Capacity Law has a focus on criminal matters in its two research articles: but, consistently with the breadth of coverage we wish to encourage, they are very different aspects of criminal law, written from different perspectives. In the first article, Catherine Weeks and Trever Broughton examine the new offence introduced by the UK Parliament to deal with assaults on emergency workers: their conclusion is that, at least in its early years, it has not achieved its objective. The second article, by Daryl Yang, examines sentencing in Singapore from the context of what should be happening in light of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In addition, there are reviews of three books. Alex Ruck Keene explains why he finds *International Perspectives on End-of-Life Law Report*, edited by Ben White and Lindsay Wilmott to be “essential” reading for those interested in the topic. He also reviews a book that could be seen as linked, *The Right to be Protected from Committing Suicide*, by Jonathan Herring, which Alex explains will be placed onto the reading list for his course on Law at the End of Life, being a “stimulating, important and nuanced contribution” to the topic. Herring’s book is reviewed jointly with Anna Nilsson’s *Compulsory Mental Health Interventions and the CRPD*, which analyses whether the prohibition of detention based on disability in Article 14 of the CRPD can be reconciled with such detention when medical treatment or protection from suicide or self-harm or harm to others is deemed necessary and the person cannot make a decision about that treatment, even with support. I have also read Nilsson’s book and am happy to recommend it. The literature review of the competing positions of those who argue that compulsion in psychiatry must end because it breaches fundamental rights in a discriminatory fashion, and those who suggest that this would be antithetical to rights, is excellent. She then applies a proportionality framework to seek to negotiate a solution between these apparently irreconcilable positions: that makes an important contribution to the debate in this area.

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