

Editorial

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Issue 27 of the *Revista de Internet, Derecho y Política* includes a specialist feature comprised of several articles on the legal implications regarding the comments made on social networks and how they are used. The number of crimes committed via social networks is on the rise, on the one hand due to the existence of new platforms that are ideal for perpetrating certain crimes and, on the other, due to the appearance of anonymity that the use of social networks allows. Nevertheless, acting against this situation is not easy, given that one of the main problems relates to the difficulty of proving cases as required for judicial proceedings.

Firstly, Laura Díez, in her article entitled “Libertad de expresión en las redes sociales” (“Freedom of expression on social networks”), tackles the topic of whether the limits of freedom of expression are different in the event that the same message is transmitted via social networks rather than traditional communication channels. Next, in the article “Los delitos de odio en las redes sociales” (“Hate crimes on social networks”), Josep Maria Tamarit analyses the jurisprudence of the High Court in terms of hate crimes. The third article, by Carmen Tomás-Valiente, deals with “Delitos contra la intimidad y redes sociales (en especial, la jurisprudencia más reciente)” (“Privacy offences and social networks (in particular, the most recent case law)”), focusing on legal and criminal justice issues that are specifically raised due to the use of a social network in committing actions that possibly fall within crimes relating to the discovery and disclosure of secrets.

In turn, Beatriz López, in her article “El delito de estafa cometido a través de las redes sociales: problemas de investigación y enjuiciamiento” (“Fraud committed via social networks: research and indictment problems”), explores the main problems encountered during investigations and the prosecution of fraud crimes committed via social networks. Next, Vicente Guzmán, in his article entitled “Juicios paralelos en las redes sociales y proceso penal” (“Parallel trials in social networks and criminal proceedings”), studies how social networks help to magnify parallel trials and multiply the eventual breaches of fundamental rights. Finally, in the article “Regulación legal y valoración de fuentes de prueba digital (correos electrónicos, WhatsApp, redes sociales): entre la insuficiencia y la incertidumbre” (“Legal regulation and weighing up digital evidence (emails, WhatsApp, social networks): caught between insufficiency and uncertainty”), Teresa Armenta offers a viewpoint on technological resources as a source of research in criminal proceedings.

Furthermore, this issue also includes two further articles. The first, by Ingolf Pernice, entitled “Risk management in the digital constellation - a constitutional perspective (part II)” describes the new risks that the digital revolution is creating, alongside multiple opportunities for communication, business

and political participation. Secondly, Ana María Delgado and Rafael Oliver have published the article entitled “Some tax considerations regarding the collaborative economy”, in which the impact of the collaborative economy is analysed, together with the need for its regulation and, ultimately, the importance and implications of the tax system in this new reality.

Finally, this issue also has a section that presents a selection of the new regulations, prepared by Jordi García Albero, as well as another section, prepared by Patricia Escribano Tortajada, which gives an overview of the most recent jurisprudential rulings. Furthermore, overviews of the most recent academic knowledge dissemination activities organised by the Legal Studies and Political Science departments of UOC are also published.

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