

Editorial

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Welcome to the first edition of our *Journal of Self-Regulation and Regulation*.

This new journal serves as an outlet for researchers investigating how individuals and organizations regulate their (inter-)actions, thus allowing us to address a broad range of social phenomena of high public relevance.

We are dedicated to support high-quality work crossing disciplinary boundaries. Due to the fact that each discipline has its own „style of publishing“, we allow for different formats of contributions, ranging from comments and essays over data-based research papers to literature reviews. The journal welcomes contributions in both English and German.

We plan to publish two volumes each year. One will provide the reader with a collection of papers that all center around one general theme. This will be an invited issue with guest editors. The other volume(s) will be collections of individual peer-reviewed papers, edited by the research council of Field of Focus 4 from Heidelberg University – an interdisciplinary group of nine senior scientists (see www.uni-heidelberg.de/fof4 for more information).

We decided to start with a thematic collection that nicely demonstrates the variety of perspectives which can be taken on a truly „hot topic“ of our modern times: One year ago, two colleagues from the Department of Political Science from Heidelberg University raised the important question: „Who governs the internet?“ It seems self-evident that this issue can only be investigated successfully if social, economic, political, and legal experts work together. Hence, an interdisciplinary group was formed that organized a series of weekly public lectures to be held by well-known experts in the field, each addressing the same question from a rather different theoretical viewpoint. This lecture series attracted a large audience of about 100 listeners each week, including researchers and students, local authorities, members of the press and ordinary citizens. Given the great success of this lecture series, we asked the organizers to collect all individual contributions and to publish them in the first volume of our journal.

We hope that the readers will find this issue interesting and feel inspired to consider the *Journal of Self-Regulation and Regulation* as a potential outlet for their own work. For the moment, we are still in a phase of experimenting to find the best way to organize our journal. Comments and suggestions are thus highly welcomed. Support us in broadening our perspective to meet some of the great social challenges that we are faced with today by providing high-quality interdisciplinary research!

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